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Noon news

NTV and TBS led with reports that the UN Security Council is planning to adopt a new sanctions resolution on Monday. NHK, Fuji TV, and TV Asahi gave top play to reports on a major blackout in the Tokyo area this morning.

INTERNATIONAL

Lower House committee adopts resolution condemning North Korea's nuclear test

NHK reported this afternoon that the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee held an out-of-session meeting today and unanimously adopted a resolution in protest of North Korea's sixth nuclear test. The committee condemned the nuclear test by saying that it is "an unforgivable act of violence for the only nation to have suffered atomic bombing" and called on the government to "impose stronger pressure on North Korea so that it will have no choice but to denuclearize."

According to the network, Foreign Minister Kono stressed at the meeting: "North Korea is the one that is threatening to use military force. The United States, based on the U.S.-Japan alliance, is the one that is providing deterrence to prevent that. North Korea's unilateral action is creating tension in the international community." Kono also reportedly said that he will visit the Middle East soon to call for cooperation in reducing the number of North Koreans allowed to work there.

- [Explosive yield estimate of N. Korea nuclear bomb test may be upgraded](#) (Kyodo News)

- [Abe vows to beef up cooperation with India to address N. Korea](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Abe, Trump hold phone talks after N. Korea nuclear test](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Trump's 'red line' on North Korea remains dangerously vague](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Abe maintains closer contact with S. Korea and U.S. than Russia and China over DPRK](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Editorial: Britain must minimize negative impact of withdrawal from EU](#) (The Japan News)
- [DPRK's nuke test sparks outcry from ruling, opposition parties](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Three options available for U.S. to respond to DPRK's provocations](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Expert says DPRK testing U.S. "red line," further provocations possible through Sept. 9](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Analysis: U.S. miscalculations invite N. Korea's repeated provocations](#) (Nikkei)
- [Pyongyang testing global community's resolve](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Editorial: Kim regime brings nuclear threat closer to reality](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Nations must build framework for dialogue to rein in N. Korea](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Editorial: Int'l community needs to pressure N. Korea to abandon nuke tests](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Money-losing N. Korea-Russia ferry service halts operation](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japanese lawmaker Inoki to visit N. Korea again next week: source](#) (Kyodo News)

SECURITY

U.S. air-sampling aircraft arrives at Kadena AB

NHK reported on its website that U.S. military officials said that a WC-135 air-sampling aircraft, which is capable of detecting radioactive materials in the atmosphere, arrived at Kadena AB at about 7:30 a.m. this morning. The network said its camera set up near the base captured an aircraft arriving at the base around the same time. The network also said it has been confirmed that an RC-135S Cobra Ball, which can collect optical and electronic data on ballistic targets, took off from the

base on Monday. The network speculated that the U.S. military is collecting information in the region following North Korea's sixth nuclear test on Sunday.

- [Pay heed to base concerns, Onodera urges U.S. Ambassador Hagerty](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Abe expresses strong interest in Aegis Ashore](#) (Nikkei)
- [Advocacy of Japan's nuclear armament faces domestic obstacles](#) (Sankei)
- [Defense Ministry to create new senior position under SDF Joint Staff in FY18](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japan-South Korea defense hotline may be operational by year-end](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Japan prepping for evacuation of tens of thousands in South Korea](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

POLITICS

Repercussions of North Korea's hydrogen bomb test

NHK's "Close-up Gendai +" on Monday reported on North Korea's sixth nuclear test on Sunday. The program said the North is claiming that it successfully conducted a hydrogen bomb test, adding that the explosion created a magnitude-6.3 tremor, making it the most powerful weapon Pyongyang has ever tested. An expert said it is highly likely that North Korea has developed a hydrogen bomb. The program said North Korea's nuclear and missile development is advancing faster than expected and it is only a matter of time before North Korea is able to miniaturize nuclear warheads. Nanzan University Professor Hiraiwa said North Korea may launch a new type of ballistic missile on Sept. 9 when the country celebrates its National Foundation Day. The program said while the Trump administration is increasing its pressure on the North, China is in a dilemma, quoting former Defense Minister Morimoto as saying that Japan's main focus from now will be to make diplomatic efforts to convince countries to cut off North Korea's sources of foreign currency, including China's oil exports to the nation.

- [Turbulent path awaits new DP chief](#) (The Japan News)
- [LDP hopes for constitutional debate with Maehara's DP; JCP calls for maintaining united front](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Editorial: Review of cooperation with JCP to test new DP leader Maehara](#) (The Japan News)

- [Japan's lower house adopts resolution condemning N. Korea nuke test](#) (Kyodo News)
- ['N. Korean missile falling on Shimane inconsequential,' says LDP heavyweight Takeshita](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Editorial: Govt must allocate budgets wisely for human resources development](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: 100 trillion yen budget tests Abe's pledge to reform spending](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Editorial: FY2018 budget requests reveal more of the same as Japan's debt swells](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Sept. 4, 2017](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Sept. 3, 2017](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Sept. 2, 2017](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Sept. 1, 2017](#) (Nikkei)

OPINION POLLS

- [Abe cabinet's support rating flat at 44%, Kyodo News poll](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Kyodo News opinion poll & results from Tokyo Shimbun](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [39% "not optimistic about Maehara," Mainichi poll](#) (Mainichi)
- [Mainichi Shimbun adds mobile numbers to polling sample](#) (Mainichi)
- [Opinion poll & results from Mainichi Shimbun](#) (Mainichi)

ECONOMY

- [Int'l panel agrees on flexible bluefin tuna catch limit](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Honda agrees to \\$605 mil. settlement over air bags](#) (The Japan News)
- [Hitachi UK reactors to get full Japanese loan insurance](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Flexible caps agreed on for Japan's beloved bluefin tuna](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

- [Two reactors at Tepco's giant Niigata plant close to being restarted](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Tepco, JXTG to partner on power plant, city gas](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Mitsui O.S.K. to invest in India LNG terminal](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [FSA: Most regional banks in the red / Low rates, few borrowers sap loan profits](#) (The Japan News)
- [Insight into the WORLD / Abe's success hinges on wages, investment](#) (The Japan News)
- [MAFF requests 53.1 billion budget to insure farmers' income](#) (Sankei)

SOCIETY

Mega Crisis II – Part 1: Impact of long-period ground motion

Saturday's "NHK Special" reported on "long-term pulses," which were observed for first time near active faults during the time of the Kumamoto earthquakes. The program reported on the finding that such long-period ground motion has the power to instantly damage high-rise buildings in urban areas. According to the program, the risk of long-period pulses had not been anticipated in the past, but it was recently found that cities such as Tokyo, Osaka, Sendai, and Fukuoka are vulnerable to the phenomenon. The program said Uemachi Fault in Osaka poses the highest risk of such ground motion. The program aired a simulation of the damage that could be caused by long-period pulses on high-rise apartment buildings in Osaka.

Japanese skier makes first-ever Denali descent

Sunday's "NHK Special" reported on Japanese skier Daisuke Sasaki, 40, who became the first person in the world to successfully descend the southwest wall of Denali in Alaska.

- [Student volunteers sought for Games](#) (The Japan News)

OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS

Amb. Hagerty underscores importance of U.S. forces in Japan during talks with defense minister

Ryukyu Shimpo reported on Ambassador Hagerty's first meeting with Defense Minister Onodera at the Defense Ministry on Sept. 1. Concerning the deployment of MV-22 Ospreys at MCAS Futenma, Onodera asked the U.S. to give consideration to the concerns of local residents. The paper wrote that while showing understanding for local concerns, Ambassador Hagerty reportedly said the U.S. is hoping to address the issue in a way that enables it to make maximum use of the presence of the

U.S. forces in Japan. The paper claimed that by this remark the Ambassador was stressing the importance of the USFJ. With the recent accidents and problems involving Ospreys in mind, Onodera stated that although he understands that the U.S. is paying full attention to the safety of the aircraft, various concerns have been expressed in Japan. The paper wrote that while saying that the U.S. understands the concerns of local residents, the Ambassador stressed the need to maintain readiness.

