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# JAPAN MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

NHK, NTV, and TBS led with reports on Typhoon Prapiroon, which is approaching the Kyushu region. Fuji TV and TV Asahi gave top play to reports that the Emperor canceled his official duties today as he is suffering from nausea and dizziness due to cerebral anemia.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **Ambassador Sung Kim meets with North Korean vice foreign minister**

NTV reported at noon that according to South Korean media, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Kim visited South Korea and exchanged views with North Korea's vice foreign minister Choe Son Hui at Panmunjom for about an hour on Sunday. The network said the two officials held behind-the-scenes negotiations on the denuclearization process ahead of the Singapore summit last month, speculating that they may have discussed how to move forward with denuclearization ahead of Secretary of State Pompeo's visit to North Korea on Friday.

- [FM Kono says Japan is in contact with North Korea through various channels](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Abe to travel to Europe, Middle East next week](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Kim seeks Xi's help to end sanctions](#) (The Japan News)

- [Editorial: Japan, U.S. must deepen cooperation to ensure regional stability, prosperity](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial on Sec. Mattis's visit to Japan: Make efforts to enhance the alliance's credibility](#) (Sankei)
- [Editorial: U.S., S. Korea must firmly maintain alliance to deal with contingencies](#) (The Japan News)
- [METI chief says he will convey Japan's position to U.S.](#) (Nikkei, Evening edition)
- [Editorial: Japan should reject US demand to impose embargo on oil from Iran](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Exhibition honoring 150 years of Japan-U.S. baseball history to be shown in Washington](#) (The Japan Times)

## ECONOMY

- [METI chief meets with East Asian counterparts before RCEP meeting](#) (Yomiuri)
- [TPP negotiators to gather next month to discuss expansion](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Mixed reactions to revised TPP](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Boost international cooperation to stoutly protect free trade via TPP](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Prevent protectionism through TPP 11 effectuation](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japan to tighten control over coastal fishing of Pacific bluefin tuna](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Opinion poll & results of Nikkei survey of 100 major companies](#) (Nikkei Sangyo)

## POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on June 29, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on June 30, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on July 1, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Special \4 tril. fund planned for growth areas](#) (The Japan News)
- [Strengths and weaknesses in Abe cabinet: Part 2 – Independents tend to be critical of Abe administration](#) (Nikkei)

## SCIENCE

- [Govt envisions cars in the sky in 2020s](#) (The Japan News)
- [Privately developed Japanese rocket fails shortly after liftoff](#) (Kyodo News)

## SOCIETY

### Oedo – Part 3: Surviving conflagrations

Sunday's "NHK Special" aired the final part of its series on Edo, the former name of Tokyo, saying the city reportedly suffered a conflagration every three years. According to the program, firefighters called "machihikeshi" made great contributions and made it possible for the city to thrive.

## SECURITY

- ["Seiron" column: Expedite return of MCAS Futenma now](#) (Sankei)
- [MOD mulls introducing transport vessels for GSDF](#) (Sankei)

- [Phishing used in recent wave of cyberattacks to steal cryptocurrency](#) (Sankei)
- [Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State: Japan's plutonium stockpile has negative impact on DPRK denuclearization](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Expert: Japan-U.S. cooperation rather than nuclear diversion](#) (Nikkei)
- [Chinese naval vessel spotted near disputed islands, Japan airs concern](#) (Kyodo News)

**OKINAWA  
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**Opposition lawmaker to file criminal complaint against Okinawa Area Coordinator over stray bullet**

Okinawa Times wrote that concerning the discovery of a bullet in a farm shed near Range 10 on Camp Schwab last month, Lower House member Kantoku Teruya and other members of the Social Democratic Party are mulling the filing of a criminal complaint against Okinawa Area Coordinator Nicholson and other members of the U.S. military on charges of damaging property. Teruya told a party meeting in Okinawa on Saturday: "The prefectural police have been unable to enter Range 10 to conduct investigations since the occurrence of the incident. I want to start a new movement to get rid of the dangerous range by filing a criminal complaint." Ryukyu Shimpo ran a similar report.

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