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#### HEADLINES

##### Noon news

All networks led with reports on Typhoon Shanshan as it moves slowly up the coast of Tohoku.

#### INTERNATIONAL

##### Peace memorial ceremony held in Nagasaki

All networks, national dailies, Jiji, and the regional papers Nishinippon Shimbun and Nagasaki Shimbun reported on the memorial service held today in Nagasaki to mark the 73rd anniversary of the atomic bombing of the city. NHK reported that the ceremony was attended by about 5,800 people, including hibakusha, bereaved family members, and the representatives of 71 nations. The media outlets highlighted the attendance of UN Secretary General Guterres, who became the first sitting UN chief to attend the annual event. Yomiuri noted that Ambassador Hagerty was also in attendance. According to Yomiuri, Nagasaki Mayor Taue, in his peace declaration, referred to the U.S.-DPRK summit in Singapore in June and expressed hope for the irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

##### Secretary Pompeo reportedly urged DPRK to cut nuclear arsenal by 60-70%

TV Asahi reported at noon that the U.S. Internet news site Vox reported that according to a source close to the denuclearization talks with North Korea, Secretary of State Pompeo has

been asking North Korea to hand over 60 to 70% of its nuclear weapons to a third country within six to eight months. The network said that according to the report, the Secretary has made the request to North Korea multiple times over the last two months, and that North Korea has rejected it every time and shown displeasure over the repeated request.

- [Editorial: Japan must commit to abolition of nuclear weapons](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Editorial: U.S. must find pathways to easing tension with Iran over nuclear deal](#) (The Japan News)
- [Attendance to Nagasaki A-bomb commemoration has 'special meaning,' U.N. chief Guterres tells Abe](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Editorial: Young people finding ways to keep hibakusha memories alive](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)

#### ECONOMY

- [Trade War – Part 4: In talks with U.S., Japan's ministries are not on the same page](#) (Nikkei)
- [FTA and auto tariffs to be focus of Japan-U.S. trade talks](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japan's Financial Services Agency set to update cryptocurrency regulations in speculation countermeasure](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Japan's food self-sufficiency rate stays at 38 pct in FY 2017](#) (Jiji Press)

#### POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on August 8, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Cartoon: Seiko Noda](#) (Asahi)

#### SECURITY

##### **Suga says GOJ to move forward with Futenma relocation plan**

NHK, NTV, TBS, and Fuji TV reported at noon that in response to the passing of Okinawa Governor Onaga on Wednesday, Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga expressed his condolences and said: "Although his positions were sometimes different from the government's, he was a person of strong convictions." On the plan to relocate the Futenma base to Henoko, Nago, Suga said: "When considering how to maintain the deterrence of the U.S.-Japan alliance and remove the danger posed by Futenma Air Station, our view that it is the only viable solution remains the same. We will reduce Okinawa's base-hosting burden step-by-step in a visible manner."

## **DOS official comments on passing of Okinawa leader**

Jiji took up a comment made on Wednesday by an unnamed State Department press official regarding the passing of Okinawa Governor Onaga. The official reportedly said: "We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Governor Onaga, his government colleagues, and the people of Okinawa. We are grateful for Governor Onaga's contributions to our relationship with Japan, and we deeply value our work with him on issues of importance to the people of Okinawa over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the people of Okinawa."

- [Ruling, opposition politicians express condolences on Onaga's death](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Gov't "can hardly read" voters' trend in Okinawa gubernatorial race](#) (Asahi)
- [U.S. conveys condolences after death of Okinawa governor Onaga](#) (Kyodo News)
- [American university student suspected of selling marijuana on Yokosuka base](#) (Kanagawa Shimbun)

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### **Okinawa mourns death of "defiant" leader**

Ryukyu Shimpo and Okinawa Times reported heavily on the sudden death of Governor Onaga, emphasizing that he was relentless in opposing the central government's plan to move forward with the Futenma relocation initiative. They said his death is a "major loss" for the island prefecture because the late governor had strived to uphold his campaign pledge never to allow a new U.S. military base to be constructed in the Henoko district right up until he passed away. Anti-base activists, who were particularly shocked by the passing of their "defiant" leader, have reportedly renewed their commitment to derailing the FRF construction off Camp Schwab. According to the articles, Onaga's All Okinawa Coalition is likely to swiftly conduct internal coordination so as to field a viable candidate for the by-election to pick his successor in late September. The papers mentioned Vice Governor Kiichiro Jahana, locally elected Upper House lawmakers Keiko Itokazu and Yoichi Iha, former Nago Mayor Susumu Inamine, Naha Mayor Mikiko Shiroma, and Morimasa Goya, the chairman of Okinawa's major business conglomerate Kanehide Group, as potential candidates to face off with GOJ-backed Ginowan Mayor Atsushi Sakima.

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