
JAPAN'S NEIGHBORS REACT STRONGLY TO FUKUSHIMA WATER RELEASE DECISION

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China, South Korea and Taiwan expressed opposition Tuesday to Japan's decision to release into the sea water that has been treated but remains contaminated with radioactive tritium, which has accumulated at the crippled Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant.

Beijing called the move "extremely irresponsible," with China's Foreign Ministry saying in a statement that Japan had made the decision "unilaterally" and that releasing the water would "hurt the interest of the people in neighboring countries."

Tokyo "should not arbitrarily start to release (the water) until it reaches an agreement with related countries and the international community," the ministry added, suggesting China could take measures against Japan's move.

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