
JAPAN'S TAKAICHI DECLINES TO EXPLICITLY REAFFIRM COUNTRY'S 3 NONNUCLEAR PRINCIPLES

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Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi stopped short of explicitly reaffirming Japan's three nonnuclear principles Thursday as the country marked the 81st anniversary of the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Kyodo News Agency reported.

Speaking after attending the annual memorial ceremony, Takaichi said the government was upholding the longstanding policy and pledged to pursue "realistic and practical" efforts toward a world without nuclear weapons.

But she did not directly commit to maintaining the principles of not producing, possessing or allowing nuclear weapons on Japanese territory as debate grows over the policy amid the current regional security environment.

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