
TOKYO 'STRONGLY' PROTESTS PUTIN'S VISIT TO JAPANESE-CLAIMED ISLAND

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Japan on Thursday "strongly" protested Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to disputed Etorofu Island, according to local media.

Japan's Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said the islands are "inherently Japanese territory both historically and under international law, and the government of Japan strongly protests this visit," Tokyo-based Kyodo News reported.

Putin visited Etorofu Island on Thursday, in his first trip to the Russian-controlled, Japanese-claimed island chain off Hokkaido.

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