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Statement by Foreign Press Secretary Yasuhisa Kawamura on the Expropriation of Land by Israel in the West Bank

1. The Government of Japan deplores that the Government of Israel has announced to expropriate nearly 2.3 square kilometers of land south of Jericho in the West Bank.

2. The announcement by the Government of Israel clearly contradicts the ongoing efforts by the international community toward a two-state solution.

3. The Government of Japan strongly calls upon the Government of Israel to refrain from any unilateral act including settlement activity that does not contribute to resuming peace talks and to desist from implementing the above-mentioned announcement.

4. Japan once again strongly urges both sides to act for enhancing mutual trust as well as to continue to make steady efforts for peace.

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