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Statement by Foreign Press Secretary Yasuhisa Kawamura on advancing the plans of settlement construction by Israel

1. The Government of Japan deeply deplores that the Government of Israel is advancing a series of settlement activities even after the Middle East Quartet released its report with the recommendations that called on Israel to cease the policy of settlement construction and expansion in early July.

2. Settlement activities are in violation of international law, and Japan has repeatedly called upon the Government of Israel to fully freeze settlement activities. The Government of Japan strongly urges the Government of Israel to desist from implementing the plans of construction that is undermining the viability of a two-state solution.

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