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The Recent Situation in Gaza

(Statement by Press Secretary Takeshi Osuga)

1. Japan is deeply concerned about the recent rise of tension in Gaza and the surrounding areas, and calls on all parties concerned to exercise maximum restraint.

2. Japan firmly believes that the issues facing the two parties, Israel and Palestine, cannot by any means be resolved by violence, and that they can be resolved only through efforts of both sides to build mutual trust and through negotiations between them. Japan urges all parties concerned to exert their maximum efforts toward resuming the peace negotiations.

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