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## ***SITUATION REPORT No. 20***

### **Japan Earthquake TFJP01**

Monday, March 21, 2011

0530 EDT

#### **FUKUSHIMA DAI-ICHI NUCLEAR ISSUES**

- (U) The Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) temporarily evacuated its workers to assess a fire at reactor No. 3. TEPCO reports the fire was extinguished. *(TFJP01/Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Kyodo)*
- (SBU) Previous reports indicated the Self Defense Forces were spraying water into reactors No. 3 and No. 4. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo e-mail)*
- (SBU) Offsite power was restored to reactors Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 6. According to TEPCO, two diesel generators at reactor No. 6 are running. There is now enough power available to reactors No. 5 and No. 6 to operate the residual heat removal system pumps. *(TFJP01/Department of Energy Situation Report)*
- (SBU) Northeasterly onshore winds are forecast to blow from Fukushima towards Tokyo, with winds likely to shift overnight March 22. *(TFJP01/PACOM e-mail)*
- (SBU) Prime Minister Kan canceled his visit to Fukushima and Miyagi Prefectures March 21 due to inclement weather. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo e-mail)*
- (SBU) Transportation problems delayed the delivery of pumping equipment from Australia to Japan. Three civilian technicians are scheduled to travel with the Bechtel equipment. *(TFJP01/Consulate General Perth e-mail)*
- (U) Tomioka Town, Iwaki City, and Miharu Town in Fukushima Prefecture began distributing potassium iodide tablets to residents before receiving official instructions from the Japanese government, causing confusion among local residents. *(Yomiuri)*
- (U) The Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant was already one of the most trouble-prone nuclear facilities in Japan, even before the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, according to Wall Street Journal analysis of regulatory documents. *(Wall Street Journal)*
- (SBU) The Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare detected radioactive iodine-131 over three times the standard level in the water supply of Iitate Village in Fukushima Prefecture March 20. Although the ministry advised residents against drinking the water, it noted it would not immediately affect human health. *(TFJP01/Japanese Health Ministry)*

- (U) Japan prohibited the sale of raw milk from Fukushima Prefecture. The sale of spinach from neighboring Ibaraki Prefecture was banned due to detected levels of radioactive iodine and cesium surpassing government limits. *(AP, CNN)*

## **CONSULAR ISSUES AND POST OPERATIONS**

- (SBU) The U.S. Government is making potassium iodide tablets available to U.S. military personnel, embassy staff, as well as the general U.S. population in Tokyo. U.S. citizens should wait for specific instructions before consuming the pills. U.S. citizens should attempt to obtain potassium iodide from their employer or physician before contacting the U.S. Government. *(TFJP01/Japan Travel Warning)*
- (SBU) Ambassador Roos spoke with Vice Foreign Minister Sasae to inform him the USG would be distributing the potassium iodide tablets. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo telcon)*
- (SBU) A shipment of 170,000 packages (2.38 million tablets) of potassium iodide is scheduled to arrive at Narita airport March 21. *(TFJP01/PACOM e-mail)*

## **GENERAL OVERVIEW OF AFTERMATH**

- (U) The National Police Agency reported 8649 dead, 2644 injured, and 13,262 missing. *(NPA)*
- (U) Police officials estimate the overall death toll will exceed 18,000 as the Miyagi Prefecture police estimated more than 15,000 deaths in their area alone. *(AP)*
- (SBU) The total number of displaced persons throughout 15 prefectures totals 349,419, with 47,443 in Iwate, 142,381 in Miyagi, and 131,665 in Fukushima. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo e-mail)*
- (SBU) Although there are areas in Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures that have not begun assessments, there are currently 15,688 collapsed buildings in nine prefectures. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo e-mail)*
- (U) Economy, Trade, and Industry Minister Kaieda said overall economic damage tops \$248 billion. *(AP)*
- (U) According to a World Bank report, Japan would need five years to rebuild. Japan's growth will slow only temporarily and should start picking up pace after mid-2011 when reconstruction efforts get underway. The report also estimated "limited impact" on the regional economy. *(BBC, AP)*
- (SBU) The Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry reported approximately 5.8 million gallons of gasoline will be shipped to Tohoku region from 13 oil refineries in western Japan. Japan will also halt gasoline exports and import 132 million gallons of gasoline. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo e-mail)*

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