



The Weekly Observer

Oct. 31-Nov. 4

YOUR WEEKLY RECAP OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN!

THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

DPRK Launches Multiple Missiles

North Korea launched at least **seven ballistic missiles** on Wednesday and Thursday. One of the missiles launched on Thursday morning flew a lofted trajectory at a max. altitude of 2,000 km and distance of 750 km.

The missiles were launched either in response to U.S.-ROK exercises or to improve missile capabilities. Japan issued a wrong "**J-Alert**" warning a missile was flying over **Miyagi, Yamagata, and Niigata**. It was later reported the alert may have captured parts of the missile that had fallen off.

G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting

On Nov. 3-4, the G7 foreign ministers met in Münster, Germany. The members underlined their sense of unity and their unshakeable commitment to uphold the **rules-**

based international order and to **protect the rights of all**, including the most vulnerable.

The ministers' statement called on **Russia** to stop its war; condemned Russia for its actions; committed to more cooperation on **economic security issues**; named concerns regarding **Iran** and **China**; strongly condemned the **DPRK** missile launches; and pledged broad cooperation to bring lasting stability in **Africa**.

Opposition Threatens No-Confidence Vote Over UC Issue

On Friday, CDP leader **Izumi Kenta** warned the ruling coalition that the opposition would consider a **no-confidence vote** if it refused to form a **consensus** on a bill to help relieve **victims of the Unification Church**. While the opposition want a **new bill**, the ruling coalition is focusing on revising **existing legislation**.

Cabinet Approval



42% (-1 pt.)

49% (0 pt.)

Nikkei (Oct. 31)

COVID-19 Cases (NHK, Nov. 4)

Total Cases: 22.53 million

Total Deaths: 46,909

Daily (Japan): 34,064 (-10,459)

7-Day Ave.: 49,241 (+11,828)

(1.32x from last week)

Deaths: 59 (-8)

Daily (Tokyo): 3,090 (-430)

7-Day Ave.: 4,638 (+1,169)

(1.34x from last week)

Vaccination Progress (Nov. 4)

First dose: 81.4%

Second dose: 80.4%

Third dose: 66.3% (+0.2%)