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NUCLEAR NIGHTMARE

• Japanese accused of covering up extent of Fukushima disaster



The nuclear nightmare in Japan is far from over, despite what Japanese government officials may say. Even the former prime minister chimed in recently to say that the new leader is lying about conditions at the Fukushima nuclear power plant when he claims the situation is “under control.” In reality, the toxic, radioactive pollution continues to leak into the ground and the ocean, with some experts even fearing it is leaking into an underground aquifer that provides drinking water to major cities on the island. See our in-depth report on page 4 for more details.

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On March 11, 2011, a massive tsunami wave hit Fukushima, Japan, leaving death and devastation in its wake. This was hardly the worst of it, though. Days after the earthquake that initially spawned the tidal wave, the nuclear power plant located in the town went into meltdown, with multiple reactors overheating and exploding.

To this day, no one knows the true extent of the pollution and devastation caused by the meltdown, as the Tokyo Electric Power Company, the private company that oversees the facility, as well as the Japanese government continue to obfuscate and cover up the disaster.

The situation is so bad that, earlier in September, Japan’s former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi publicly called current Prime Minister Shinzo Abe a “liar” for telling the world that the situation is “under control.”

Koizumi made the statement as he continues to throw his support behind 400 U.S. sailors and Marines from the USS *Ronald Reagan*, who are suing Japan. They developed leukemia and other health problems after being exposed to radiation plumes while helping with relief operations off the coast of Japan.

“When [Abe] said the situation was under control, he was lying,” Koizumi told reporters in Tokyo. “It is not under control.”

He added: “[Abe] believes what he’s being told by nuclear experts. I believed them, too, when I was prime minister. I think Abe understands the arguments on both sides of the debate, but he has chosen to believe the pro-nuclear lobby.”

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