
BIDEN RECOMMITS TO JAPAN'S DEFENSE AMID CHINA TENSIONS

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US President Joe Biden voiced resolute support for Japan's national defense amid long-standing territorial disputes with China, the White House said Wednesday.

Biden spoke earlier in the day with Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga in a telephone call that focused on "the policy issues and global challenges that Japan and the United States will face together," the White House said in a statement.

"They discussed the U.S.-Japan alliance and affirmed its importance as the cornerstone of peace and prosperity in a free and open Indo-Pacific," it said. "The leaders also discussed the United States unwavering commitment to the defense of Japan under Article 5 of our security treaty, which includes the Senkaku Islands."

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