
JAPAN HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCE, FOREIGN MINISTER TELLS NEW TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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Japan will continue to strengthen its defence capabilities given the security situation in East Asia, Japan's foreign minister told his U.S. counterpart in a meeting on Tuesday, his spokesperson said.

The return of U.S. President Donald Trump has prompted expectations that Washington may put more pressure on allies to further step up defence spending.

Spurred by concerns about China's growing military might and nuclear-armed North Korea, Tokyo is undertaking an historic defence build-up.

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