
JAPAN STRESSES US ALLIANCE AFTER TRUMP COST-CUTTING REPORTS

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The Japanese government said on Friday (Mar 21) it was committed to bolstering its military alliance with Washington, after reports said the Pentagon was considering scrapping a plan to expand US Forces Japan.

The United States has around 54,000 military personnel in Japan who currently report back to Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii.

But the countries are planning to upgrade this command structure with a new Japan-based headquarters under an agreement made a year ago between former leaders Joe Biden and Fumio Kishida.

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