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## PENTAGON, JAPANESE DEFENSE CHIEFS DISCUSS US, ISRAEL, IRAN CONFLICT

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Japanese Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi discussed the conflict involving the United States, Israel and Iran during a phone call with US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, Japans Defense Ministry said.

Regarding the situation in Iran, Hegseth explained the latest developments and the outlook for the ongoing situation in the Middle East, the ministry said in a statement.

Tensions in the Middle East surged after Feb. 28 when the US and Israel launched joint strikes on Iran.

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