
JAPAN SETS UP NEW INTELLIGENCE BUREAU TO BOOST SECURITY

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Japan on Friday launched its National Intelligence Bureau and held the first meeting of the newly established National Intelligence Council, chaired by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, as part of efforts to strengthen the country's intelligence capabilities.

The two bodies were established under legislation enacted in May, aimed at bolstering Japan's ability to respond to increasingly complex overseas threats, according to Kyodo News.

The National Intelligence Bureau will serve as the council's secretariat and coordinate intelligence gathered by the National Police Agency, the Foreign Ministry, the Defense Ministry, and other organizations, with the authority to require them to share information.

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