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Clashes in Gaza

(Statement by Press Secretary Norio Maruyama)

1. Japan is deeply concerned about the reports of violent clashes which occurred on May 14 in Gaza between the Israeli security forces and Palestinian demonstrators protesting against the moving of the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, causing more than 50 Palestinian deaths and many injuries. Japan is closely following the developments with concern.
2. Japan calls on all parties concerned not to escalate the situation.
3. Japan believes that the issue should be resolved through efforts of both sides to build mutual trust and through negotiations between them. Japan stresses that all parties concerned need to continue efforts to achieve peace based on a two- state solution.

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