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[Pressure Stabilizes at Japanese Nuclear Reactor, Operator Says](#)

TOKYO — Japan struggled to contain the damage at its crippled nuclear complex on Sunday as it announced — but then quickly scrapped — plans to release more radioactive gases into the air to relieve pressure at its most troubled reactor.

The Tokyo Electric Power Company and the Japan Self-Defense Forces focused their efforts on Reactor No. 3 at the Fukushima plant, some 170 miles north of Tokyo, which contains a highly toxic fuel that includes reclaimed plutonium.

[Radiation discovery fans food fears in Japan](#)

TOKYO (AP) — At a bustling Tokyo supermarket Sunday, wary shoppers avoided one particular bin of spinach.

The produce came from Ibaraki prefecture in the northeast, where radiation was found in spinach produced up to 75 miles (120 kilometers) from the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant. Another bin of spinach — labeled as being from Chiba prefecture, west of Tokyo — was sold out.

"It's a little hard to say this, but I won't buy vegetables from Fukushima and that area," said shopper Yukihiro Sato, 75.

[Taiwan finds radiation on imported Japanese beans](#)

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Radiation has been detected on fava beans imported from Japan to Taiwan, Taiwanese officials said Sunday, in what could be the first case of contamination in Japanese exports.

[Fukushima nuclear plant shut for good](#)

THE quake and tsunami-hit Fukushima nuclear plant will never operate again as a power station, the Japanese government says.

Speaking in Tokyo, government spokesman Yukio Edano said the plant - which has six

reactors - will eventually be scrapped once the emergency is brought under control.



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