

Downplaying the catastrophe even after belated upgrading to Level 7

Aftershock sparks emergencies at other nuclear plants

Abolish All Nuke on the Earth by the Power of International Solidarity for the Future of All Our Children!

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The Fukushima nuclear disaster is intensifying severity and revealing its serious situation as days go by.

Eventually on April 12, even a month after the March 11 mega earthquake and massive tsunamis, the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) upgraded the severity rating of its nuclear crisis from the current level 5 to a level 7, the worst on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES) matching the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Still the agency spokesman Nishiyama tried to play down the impact of the assessment, saying the severity of Fukushima nuclear crisis is nowhere near the amount of radioactive materials released during the Chernobyl accident in 1986.

The estimates, however, only cover release by air, meaning the figure is likely to rise if leakage to the sea is included in the calculation. In addition to this, unlike Chernobyl, the damaged Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant is situated in a densely populated area. There are a lot of cities and villages outside the evacuation zone where the radiation levels are so high that people need urgently to be evacuated, especially children and pregnant women, because they are the most vulnerable part of the population to radiation.

In an article appeared last week the [New York Times](#) says, “United States government engineers sent to help with the crisis in [Japan](#) are warning that the troubled nuclear plant there is facing a wide array of fresh threats that could persist indefinitely, and that in some cases are expected to increase as a result of the very measures being taken to keep the plant stable, according to a confidential

assessment prepared by the [Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#)”.

This means that we are, and always will be, exposed to the threat of radioactive fallout or “ashes of death”. Lately there are many big aftershocks in Tohoku and neighboring areas again.



On an aftershock water leaks are found in Onagawa nuclear plant

The major aftershock on April 7 and the subsequent another big one on April 11 have rattled entire Japan. These two huge aftershocks greatly disrupted nuclear power facilities and caused a critical situation in northeast Japan. At the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant in Miyagi Prefecture and Higashidori Nuclear Power Plant in Aomori Prefecture, external power sources were cut due to a blackout, emergency diesel generators became unavailable, and cooling functions in the pool for spent nuclear fuel malfunctioned and stopped. At the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant, external power sources were cut and cooling pumps were disrupted. The whole country was shocked at the fact that every nuclear power plant in Japan has a possibility to face such a crisis like the Fukushima Daiichi

Power Plant now encounters in an earthquake of about magnitude 6.



A heap of spinach banned from shipment

We deeply regret that we have to pass on this negative heritage to our future children. However, we cannot stand still or step backwards. We must go forwards now, together. We can never coexist with nuke. We should definitely pursue to abolish all nuclear plants and nuclear weapons all over the world. Otherwise, the bright future of our children

will be lost. A wife of an orchard farmer's inspiring words really impressed and encouraged us very much:

Our children ask us nervously, "What is going to happen to us?" Then the mothers of Fukushima answer to our children, "We are given an important mission as the disastrous nuclear catastrophe has occurred in our hometown Fukushima. We shall abolish the Fukushima Daiichi and Daini Nuclear Power Plants with all our might and firm resolve. We shall be a witness to this nuclear catastrophe and decisively appeal anti-nuke to all the people of the world. The people of Fukushima have given a big mission, haven't we?"

Only the solidarity and Unity of workers and people are the power to open our bright future.

No dismissal of million workers under the pretext of the mega earthquake!

By the power of international solidarity, abolish all nuke in the world!

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