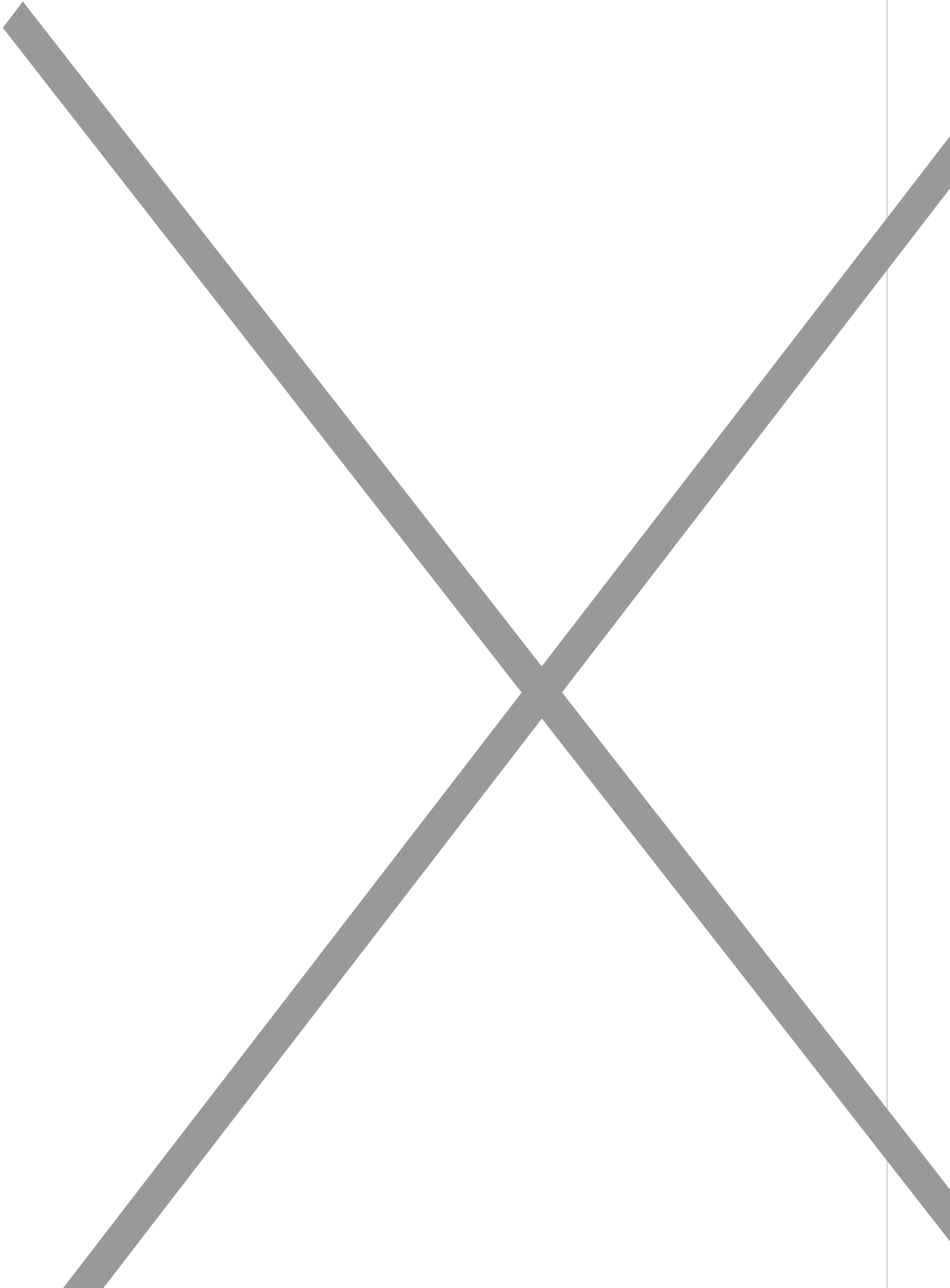


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Moves come amid a surge in infections in Okinawa, which is host to 70 percent of U.S. military facilities in Japan. The prefecture leads the country in new infections and is considering imposing quasi-emergency measures.

The U.S. military in Okinawa reported six new cases on Wednesday, down from a high of 235 on Sunday. A total of 3,868 cases have been reported by US Forces Japan, according to local media.

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