

*Japanese anti-nuclear group
founded by survivors of U.S.
atomic bombings wins Nobel
Peace Prize*

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Nihon Hidankyo co-chair Toshiyuki Mimaki, who survived the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, at a news conference in the city after his organization won the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize. Kyodo/Reuters

Tokyo, October 12 (RHC)-- The 2024 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to the Japanese group Nihon Hidankyo, a grassroots organization of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The anti-nuclear activists, known as hibakusha, are being recognized for their “efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again.” After the prize was announced, the co-chair of Nihon Hidankyo, Toshiyuki Mimaki, spoke to reporters in Tokyo and said, “In Gaza, bleeding children are being held [by their parents]. It’s like in Japan 80 years ago.” We’ll have more on this year’s Nobel Peace Prize later in the broadcast.

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