

# *Japanese Prime Minister Abe to Halt Construction of U.S. Military Base on Okinawa*

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Tokyo, March 4 (RHC)-- In news from Japan, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has said he will temporarily halt construction work at the site of a proposed U.S. military base on the island of Okinawa.

The announcement is the latest in a decades-long battle between Japan's central government and the residents of Okinawa, the majority of whom oppose the new base. Okinawa already houses about 26,000 U.S. troops.

On Friday, Prime Minister Abe said he decided to halt construction work and resume talks because the central government and the Okinawa region were locked in a stalemate.

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