

Statement

**We protest against the preemptive strike on Iran by the US and Israel that disregards international law and demand an immediate ceasefire
= Hibakusha oppose all wars that take precious lives =**

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Despite ongoing diplomatic negotiations over suspicions of nuclear development, on February 28, 2026, the United States and Israel surprisingly launched attacks on Tehran, Iran's capital, and other locations. According to reports, approximately 50 high-ranking officials of the government and military officials, including Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, were killed within just a few hours. Numerous military facilities were also struck, resulting in the deaths of many civilians, including children.

These attacks clearly violate the UN Charter and international law. Nihon Hidankyo strongly protests against these acts and demands that the United States and Israel immediately cease hostilities and pursue a resolution through dialogue.

Furthermore, Iran has retaliated, heightening tensions in the Middle East and risking the escalation of the conflict and a chain of retaliation. We call upon the Iranian government to initiate dialogue without delay.

Nihon Hidankyo has consistently denounced the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, demanding their prohibition and abolition. We cannot tolerate any disregard for international law or "rule by force."

While the Japanese government has stated that it will protect its citizens affected by the attacks on Iran, it has not protested to the United States or Israel. Even among allies, actions that disregard the law should not be overlooked. We strongly urge the United States and Israel to immediately cease any plans to attack Iran and advance diplomacy through "dialogue" based on the "rule of law."

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