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Joint Staff

(Announcement)

### Japan-U.S.-U.K. Trilateral Exercise

Japan Self Defense Force (JSDF), the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces, and the British Armed Forces conducted a trilateral exercise, taking the opportunity of the activity of the HMS Prince of Wales in the vicinity of the Southwestern islands, amid an increasingly severe security environment surrounding Japan. This trilateral exercise reaffirms the strong intention among Japan, U.S. and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (U.K.) not to tolerate unilateral changes to the status quo by force, and demonstrates the commitment of the U.K. to contributing to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. This also confirms the close coordination among JSDF, U.S. Armed Forces, and the British Armed Forces, and further strengthens practical defense cooperation among the three nations to enhance regional deterrence.

#### 1. Date

September 11th, 2025

#### 2. Exercise Area

The airspace over the Pacific Ocean, east of Okinawa

#### 3. Participating Units

##### (1) Japan Air Self Defense Force

F-15 x 2, 9th Air Wing

##### (2) U.S. Armed Forces

F-35A x 2

F-35B x 1

F-15E x 4

EA-18G x 3

E-3 x 1

KC-135 x 3

RC-135 x 1

HC-130 x 1

KC-130 x 1

##### (3) British Armed Forces

F-35B x 7 (On board HMS Prince of Wales)

#### 4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises