

Will Tokyo Be Evacuated Due to Fukushima Radiation?

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Tokyo Radiation Exceeds Chernobyl In Some Places ... Japanese Government and Experts Discuss Evacuation

As I [noted](#) last month, radiation in some parts of Tokyo is higher than in the Chernobyl exclusion zone.

Yesterday, Al Jazeera pointed out:

Experts estimate the radiation leaked from Fukushima nuclear plant will exceed that of Chernobyl.

The need to evacuate parts of the sprawling capital of 35 million may have once seemed an incredible prospect but some experts say the possibility can no longer be ignored.

Indeed, as Japan Times [reports](#) today, the Japanese government started discussing the potential need to evacuate Japan soon after the quake hit:

In the days immediately after the crisis began at the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant, the government received a report saying **30 million residents in the Tokyo metropolitan area would have to be evacuated** in a worst-case scenario, former Prime Minister Naoto Kan revealed in a recent interview.

“It was a crucial moment when I wasn’t sure whether Japan could continue to function as a state,” he said.

After the March 11 earthquake and tsunami crippled the plant, Kan instructed several entities to simulate a worst-case scenario. One of those assessments said **everyone residing within 200 to 250 km** of the plant — an zone that would encompass half to all of Tokyo and **cut clear across Honshu to the Sea of Japan** — would have to be evacuated.

Things Are Getting Worse - Not Better - In Japan

While this is a worst-case scenario, things are getting worse - rather than better - at Fukushima. See [this](#), [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#).

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