



Japan's Response to Russia-Ukraine Crisis

24th Feb '22

Japan announces economic sanctions in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine

25th Feb '22

Foreign Ministry releases official statement with sanctions and condemning Russia's military action in Ukraine

26th Feb '22

Japanese owned cargo ship hit by a missile off the coast of Ukraine in the Black Sea

27th Feb '22

Prime Minister Kishida announces that Japan will also remove certain Russian banks from the SWIFT financial messaging system and will freeze assets owned by Vladimir Putin and other Russian officials - risking peace negotiations for Kurile Islands

28th Feb '22

Prime Minister Kishida condemned Belarus and considered imposing sanction on its officials; and strongly criticised Vladimir Putin for announcing that he is putting nuclear weapons on high alert

1st March '22

Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi reacts to Ukrainian embassy posts, cities evacuation advisory issued by the government before Putin's invasion to stop the volunteers from participating in war - after informations comes out that 70 people from Japan have signed up to go for war

2nd March '22

Foreign Ministry moves to stop the volunteers to go to Ukraine; Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced that Japan will accept Ukrainian evacuees fleeing their country during war.

2nd and 3rd March '22

Japanese Foreign Ministry announced that Japanese embassy at Kyiv will be relocated to Lviv due to increasing Russian aggression; Japan votes against Russia in United Nations General Assembly

4th March '22

Japan plans to supply Ukraine with defence equipment like bulletproof vests, gloves, tents and helmets; Japanese government expected to provide \$100 million for humanitarian after already giving \$100 million as loan to Ukraine

6th March '22

Japan may take more action against Russia which will significantly impact Japan's energy sector - statement by a senior lawmaker from the ruling party of Japan

7th March '22

Japan's Foreign Ministry raises warning against travel to Russia and urged Japanese nationals living in the country to consider leaving before it becomes expensive and impossible to do so

9th March '22

Japan's Foreign Ministry announced that it is joining the chorus of countries that have referred the Russian invasion of Ukraine to the International Criminal Court in Hague, strongly denounces Russia's actions

9th and 10th March '22

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said that Japan cannot impose sanctions on Russian oil but is also working with the US to impose tougher sanctions

11th March '22

Japan criticises Russia's new law that offers tax breaks and exemptions to companies that start operations in the disputed Northern Territories off Hokkaido, also called the Kurile Islands

12th March '22

Local governments within and/or of Iwate Prefecture and Miyagi Prefecture, which were severely hit by 2011 Tsunami have expressed their desire to accommodate Ukrainian refugees as a token of repayment of kindness

15th March '22

Justice Minister Yoshishiharu Furukawa said that the government will allow the extension of visa until the situation in Ukraine improves.

16th March '22

Ukrainian government asks Japan to allow President Zelenskyy to give a speech in the Diet via online mode - first of its kind for Japan if it happens; meeting between defense ministers of Ukraine and Japan - former expressed gratitude for the latter.

17th March '22

Russian warships carrying tanks and missiles spotted in waters near Japan.

18th Feb '22

Japan imposes sanctions on 15 more individuals and 9 organisations; President Zelenskyy will address the Diet next week

19th Mar '22

Japan's Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida will propose reforms at the United Nations to limit veto powers held by the permanent members of the Security Council - since Russia vetoed the resolution condemning its invasion of Ukraine; Japanese Foreign Minister and his Turkish counterpart condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine

20th March '22

Japan's Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida and India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi agree that they will never tolerate attempts to alter the status quo by force in any region as a response to Russian invasion of Ukraine - during the former's visit to India

22nd March '22

Russian Foreign Ministry said that it will withdraw from negotiations with Japan for a peace treaty to formally end World War II hostilities as a response to Japanese sanctions on Russia

23rd March '22

As the Russia-Ukraine war shows no sign of de-escalation even after three weeks of conflict, South Korea decides to shut down its temporary embassy in Lviv.

25th March '22

Japan and France have stopped making new investments in a major liquefied natural gas development project in Russian Arctic region; Japan held talks with NATO nations for the first time in four years

25th March' 22

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida promised to impose high tariffs on Russian imports at G7 gathering; Japan also approached US President Joe Biden for visiting Japan in late April for Quad Summit

26th March '22

Russian military said that it has started military exercises on disputed islands with Japan; Japan's Upper House passed a new agreement with the US to spend \$8.6 billion over five years on hosting American Military personnel there

26th and 27th March '22

Japan's three biggest banks team up with US and European leaders to loan \$1 billion to help Kuwait increase its oil output, a bid to stabilise the energy market

27th March '22

Japan's Foreign Minister, Yoshimasa Hayashi has pledged to boost the post-COVID era development cooperation with African countries, which are struggling with both China's debt trap diplomacy and added pressure with food and energy crisis due to Russian invasion of Ukraine

A brief timeline overview of Japan's response to Ukraine-Russia crisis

