

Association of Scholars Opposed to the Security-related Bills

Call for Support

A large number of scholars have issued a joint appeal opposing the International Peace Support Bill and the omnibus Peace and Security Legislation Consolidation Bill that the Abe administration has submitted to the Diet.

We are now opening the appeal to broader support and signatures. Additional signatories will be listed on our website and announced to the media. We also plan to deliver this list to Diet members. We would thus appreciate it if you would spread the word through SNS and other means.

Initial signatories (in alphabetical order)

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Chiba Shin (International Christian University, political thought)
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Ito Makoto (University of Tokyo, economics)
Kaifu Norio (National Astronomical Observatory, astronomy)
Kaino Michiatsu (Waseda University, law)
Kaneko Masaru (Keio University, fiscal policy)
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Miyamoto Ken'ichi (Osaka City University, economics)
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Mizushima Asaho (Waseda University, constitutional law)
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Ueno Chizuko (University of Tokyo, sociology) *
Ueno Kenji (Kyoto University, mathematics)
Ukai Satoshi (Hitotsubashi University, French literature and thought)
Uno Shigeki (University of Tokyo, history of political thought)
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Wada Haruki (University of Tokyo, history)
Washitani Izumi (Chuo University, conservation ecology)
Watanabe Osamu (Hitotsubashi University, political science & constitutional law)
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Yamamuro Shin'ichi (Kyoto University, political science)
Yokoyu Sonoko (ex-Chuo University, clinical psychologist)
Yoshida Yutaka (Hitotsubashi University, Japanese history)
Yoshioka Hitoshi (Kyushu University, history of science)

(those marked with * are drafters)
(institutional affiliations for identification only)

1 Sign the appeal

You can sign this appeal at our website. Signing is open not just to scholars but to the general public as well. We hope you will read the appeal, agree with it, and join us as signatories.

Website URL: http://anti-security-related-bill.jp/index_en.html

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2 Spread the word

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3 Donate

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Appeal by the Association of Scholars Opposed to the Security-related Bills

Today, 70 years after the war, Japan stands at a critical juncture. One path is that of a nation that does not wage war. The other, a nation that wages war. The Abe administration has submitted an International Peace Support Bill and an omnibus Peace and Security Legislation Consolidation Bill amending 10 war-related laws for the worse to the Diet, where they are currently being deliberated. Violating Article 9 of the Constitution, these bills would provide for Japan's Self-Defense Forces to cooperate actively with U.S. and other foreign military operations overseas. We very strongly appeal for the Diet to consider them most carefully and to defeat them in keeping with the Constitution.

If adopted, the legislation would allow (1) using military force, even if Japan is not attacked, if another nation is attacked and the administration deems this situation a threat to Japan's survival, (2) sending SDF units anywhere in the world where the U.S. or other militaries are waging war and having them provide support in close proximity to combat zones, and (3) deploying the SDF alongside U.S. and other allied forces and authorizing them to fire their weapons ostensibly in defense of their military and other supplies.

Although Prime Minister Abe contends the use of military force would be limited, the legislation opens the way for unbridled use of force by the SDF and violates the principle of exclusively self-defense. Anywhere the SDF uses military force will automatically become a combat zone. As such, the bills are in clear violation of Article 9 paragraph 1's prohibition against the use of force in combat. For over 60 years, successive administrations have understood that the exercise of collective self-defense violates the Constitution, yet the Abe administration seeks to overturn this and pave the way for Japan's SDF to take part in American wars of aggression. Should this legislation pass, there is a very real danger that Japan could become a party to hostilities and the SDF an army of aggression in violation of international law.

We bear a special historical burden in that universities collaborated with Japan's war of aggression and sent numerous students off to battle. Profoundly repentant of this history, we have adopted Article 9 as our own, have engaged in research and education as the bedrock for world peace, and have worked so as to never again be visited by the horrors of war. We cannot allow a situation to arise anew in which our young people are sent off to war to kill and be killed.

In the name of scholarship and conscience, we most strongly protest this unconstitutional legislation's having been submitted to the Diet and are appalled it is even being deliberated by the Diet. We stand in resolute opposition to this legislation.

June 15, 2015

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**Signed by over 9,000 scholars and
over 15,000 non-academic citizens,
as of 9:00am on July 9, 2015.**