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**“The past 50 years  
Okinawa has been  
sacrificed. There  
have been crimes  
committed, human  
rights violations and  
all around suffering.  
We don’t want it  
anymore.”**

- Suzuyo Takazato Okinawan feminist and  
peace activist

# Militarization of Okinawa

Okinawa currently hosts **over 74%** of US military bases in Japan despite making up only **0.6%** of Japan's total land mass



# 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the end of World War II and 40+ years of gendered militarized violence

