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Japan Declares Nuclear Emergency, As Cool Power Plant

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The operator of the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear plant reported an abnormality Friday following a powerful earthquake which hit a wide area in northeastern Japan including Fukushima Prefecture, the industry ministry said.

The system to cool reactor cores in case of emergency stopped at the No. 1 and 2 reactors of the plant operated by Tokyo Electric Power Co., it said.

There are reports that the Japanese PM will declare a nuclear emergency.

Update: There's no evidence of any radioactive leakage, but officials have confirmed [nuclear plant has not yet gone according to plan](#).

Update 2: Japan has [declared a nuclear emergency](#).

Update 3: 2000 residents near the Fukushima Nuclear Plant have been [urged to evacuate](#).

Update 4: [According to reports](#), Japanese jets have been ordered to fly over the Fukushima area.

Update 5: According to [Reuters](#), a Dam has broken in the same region as the at-risk Fukushima Nuclear Plant.

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