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PM Kishida urges Moon to take action to resolve Tokyo-Seoul rows

TOKYO - Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida urged South Korean President Moon Jae In Friday to take the initiative to resolve a bilateral spat over wartime compensation.

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Speaking to reporters after their first phone talks since Kishida took office last week, the Japanese leader said he "strongly urged South Korea to take appropriate action" and that bilateral relations are in an "extremely difficult situation."

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ASEAN arranges to exclude Myanmar military leader from summit

SINGAPORE - ASEAN foreign ministers arranged on Friday to exclude the military leadership of Myanmar from the regional group's summit meeting later this month in favor of a non-political representative, an ASEAN source said.

The decision to exclude Myanmar's military leader marks a historic shift for ASEAN from its principle of non-interference in the domestic affairs of member countries.

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At least 47 killed in mosque blast in southern Afghanistan: AP

ISLAMABAD - An explosion struck a Shiite mosque in southern Afghanistan in an apparent suicide attack on Friday, killing at least 47 people and injuring 70 others, according to The Associated Press.

Usually about 500 people gather there for weekly Friday prayers, the AP said. No claim of

responsibility has been confirmed.

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Japan to boost hospital capacity to treat more COVID patients

TOKYO - Japan's government said Friday it will boost the country's medical system to allow 20 percent more COVID-19 patients to be admitted to hospitals compared with this summer's fifth wave of infections when many people were forced to recuperate at home.

In an outline of countermeasures presented at a panel meeting, the government of new Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said it will seek to increase the utilization rate of hospital beds secured for COVID-19 patients, in addition to designating more beds at public hospitals for exclusive use by sufferers of the respiratory disease.