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MAR 14 JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI: NUCLEAR DISASTER LOOMS LARGE



01. A girl who has been isolated at a makeshift facility to screen, cleanse and isolate people with high radiation levels, looks at her dog through a window in Nihonmatsu, northern Japan, March 14, 2011, after a massive earthquake and tsunami that are feared to have killed more than 10,000 people. REUTERS/Yuriko Nakao

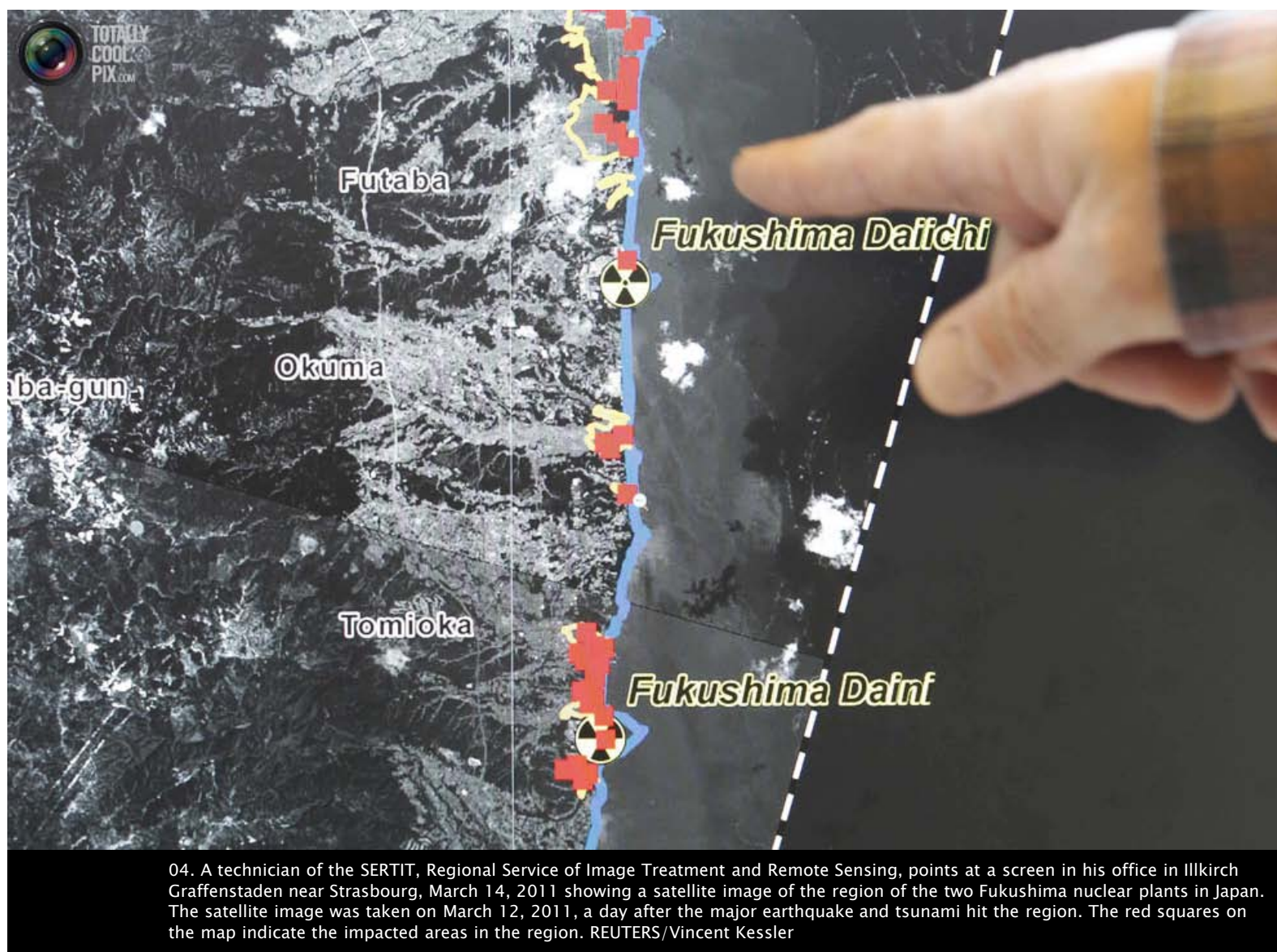
Are Japan and the World on the brink of a nuclear disaster the likes we have not seen since Chernobyl? The likelihood of one of the 3 reactors the Fukushima nuclear facility going into meltdown mode are increasing by the hour. Several explosions have been heard and seen and increased levels of radiation have also been measured in the area. And to make

matters worse, Fukushima is only one of 3 nuclear plants in trouble after the massive earthquake and tsunami which hit Japan on March 11th.



02. A combination photo made of still images from video footage March 14, 2011, shows the explosion at Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power complex. A hydrogen explosion rocked a crippled nuclear power plant in Japan on Monday where authorities have been scrambling to avert a meltdown following Friday's massive earthquake and tsunami. REUTERS/NTV via Reuters TV





04. A technician of the SERTIT, Regional Service of Image Treatment and Remote Sensing, points at a screen in his office in Illkirch Graffenstaden near Strasbourg, March 14, 2011 showing a satellite image of the region of the two Fukushima nuclear plants in Japan. The satellite image was taken on March 12, 2011, a day after the major earthquake and tsunami hit the region. The red squares on the map indicate the impacted areas in the region. REUTERS/Vincent Kessler



05. Instruments for the measurement of nuclear radiation to send to Swiss Rescue workers in Japan, are pictured at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (DEZA) logistic - centre in Wabern March 14, 2011. A magnitude 8.9 earthquake and tsunami which struck northern Japan on Friday. REUTERS/Pascal Lauener



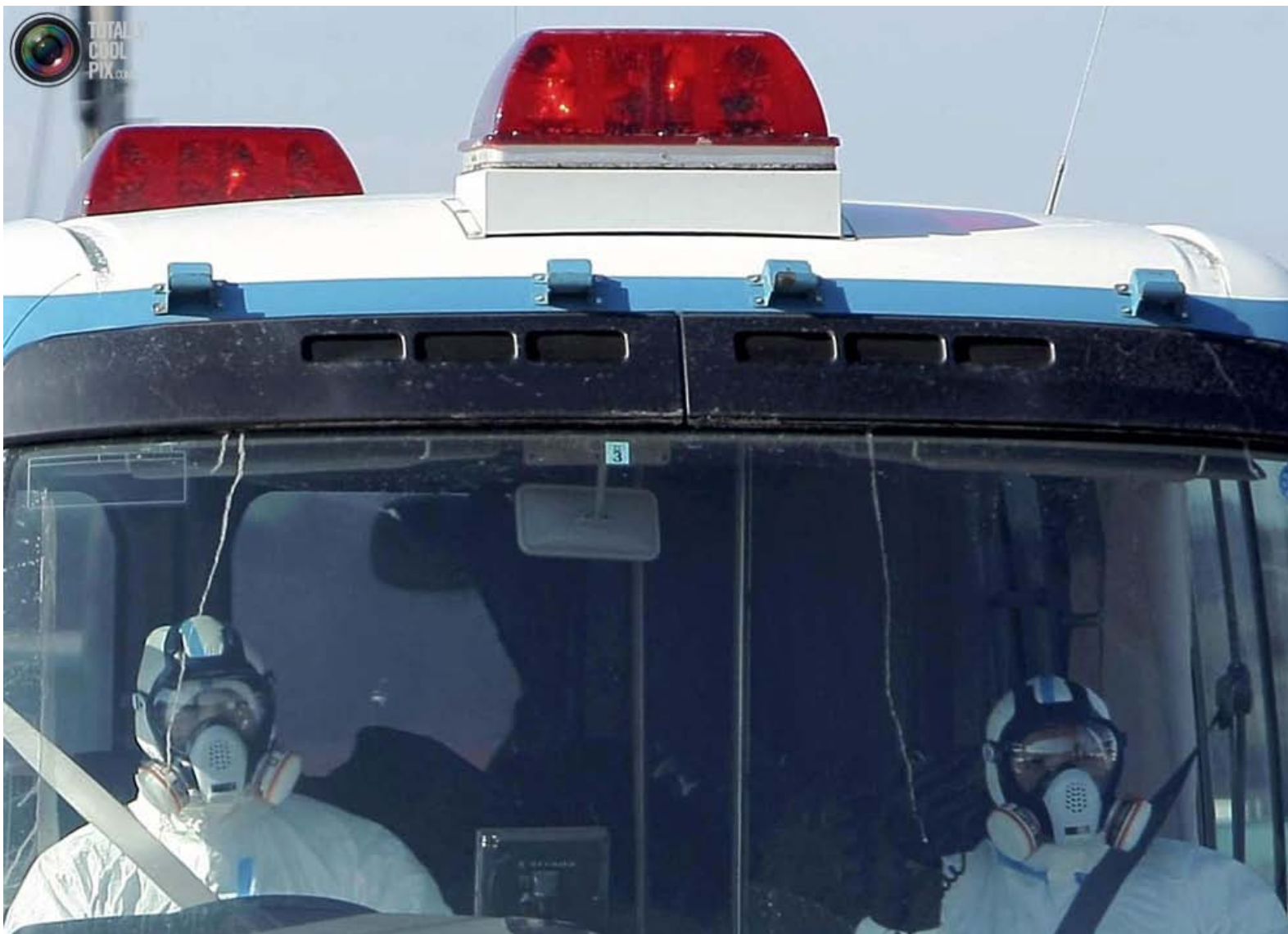
06. Earthquake and tsunami damage is shown at the Fukushima-Daini Nuclear Power plant in this handout satellite image obtained March 13, 2011. According to news reports, this is the largest earthquake to hit Japan in recorded history. Analysts believe the powerful earthquake moved Japan's main island eight feet (2.4 meters), shifted the Earth on its axis four inches (10 centimeters), and unleashed a devastating tsunami. REUTERS/Digital Globe/Handout



07. Police officers wearing respirators guide people to evacuate away from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant following an evacuation order for residents who live in within a 10 km (6.3 miles) radius from the plant after an explosion in Tomioka Town in Fukushima Prefecture March 12, 2011. Japanese authorities battling to contain rising pressure in nuclear reactors damaged by a massive earthquake were forced to release radioactive steam from one plant on March 12, 2011 after evacuating tens of thousands of residents from the area. Tokyo Electric Power Co also said fuel may have been damaged by falling water levels at the Daiichi facility, one of its two nuclear power plants in Fukushima, some 240 km (150 miles) north of Tokyo. REUTERS/Asahi Shimbun



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09. Police wearing protective clothing and respirators head towards the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant in trucks in Minamisouma City, Fukushima Prefecture March 12, 2011. Authorities moved tens of thousands of residents from area near two nuclear plants in Fukushima prefecture, some 240 km (150 miles) north of Tokyo, as they try to reduce pressure in the reactors. REUTERS/Yomiuri



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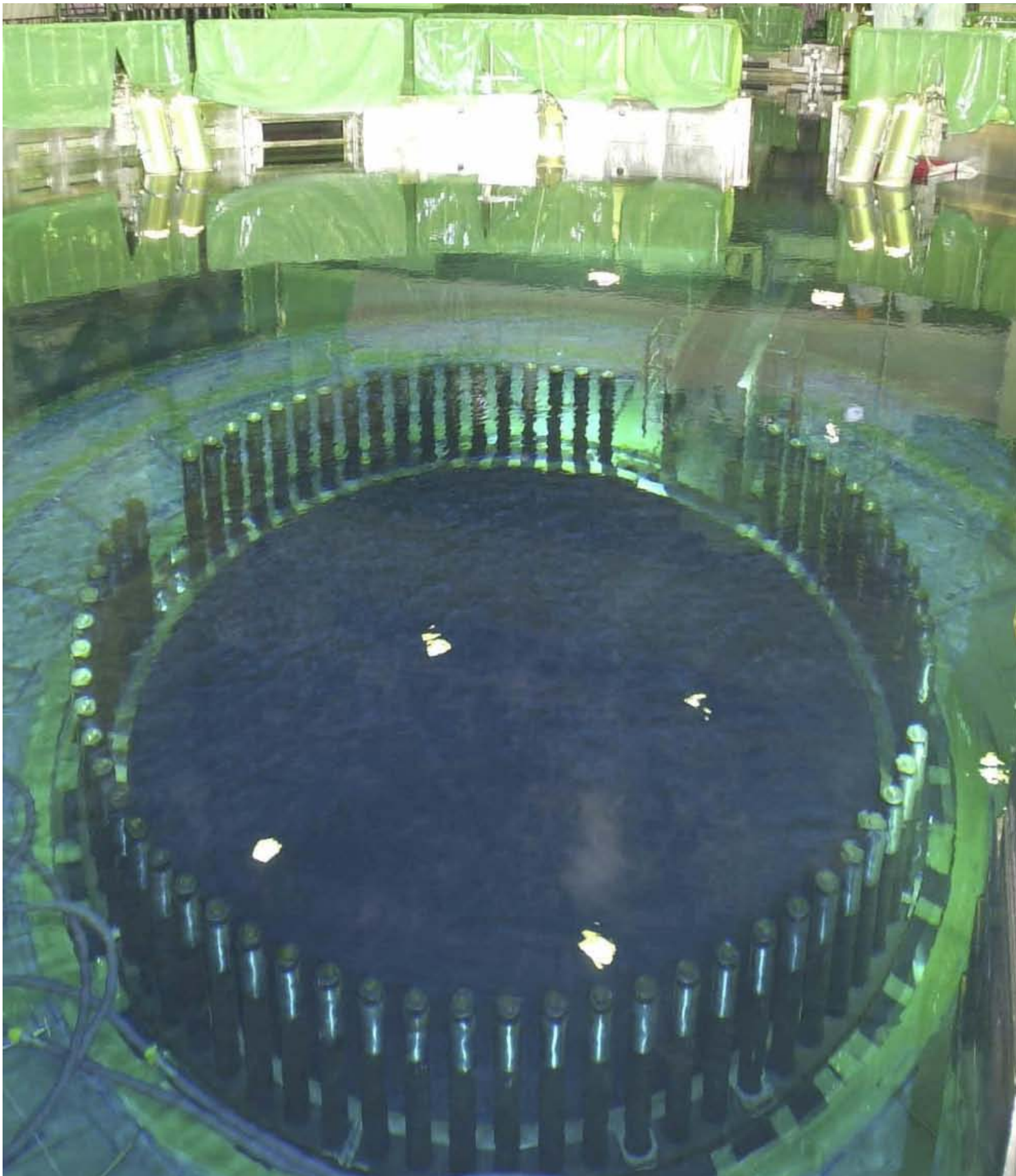


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15. The inside of reactor No. 4 is seen at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan, in this September 24, 2002 file photo. A quake-hit nuclear plant where a reactor exploded has also lost the emergency cooling system at a second reactor, Japan's nuclear power safety agency said on March 13, 2011. The plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co, said on Sunday morning it had started releasing air from a reactor container vessel at the No. 3 reactor at its Fukushima Daiichi plant to lower

pressure inside it and avoid any serious damage to the containment vessel. Picture taken September 9, 2002. REUTERS/Yomiuri Shimbun



16. Japan Self-Defense Forces officers carry a victim who is suspected of being exposed to radiation in Nihonmatsu City in Fukushima Prefecture March 13, 2011 after radiation leaked from an earthquake-damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactor. Japan battled to contain a radiation leak at an earthquake-crippled nuclear plant on Sunday, but faced a fresh threat with the failure of the cooling system in a second reactor. REUTERS/Yomiuri Shimbun

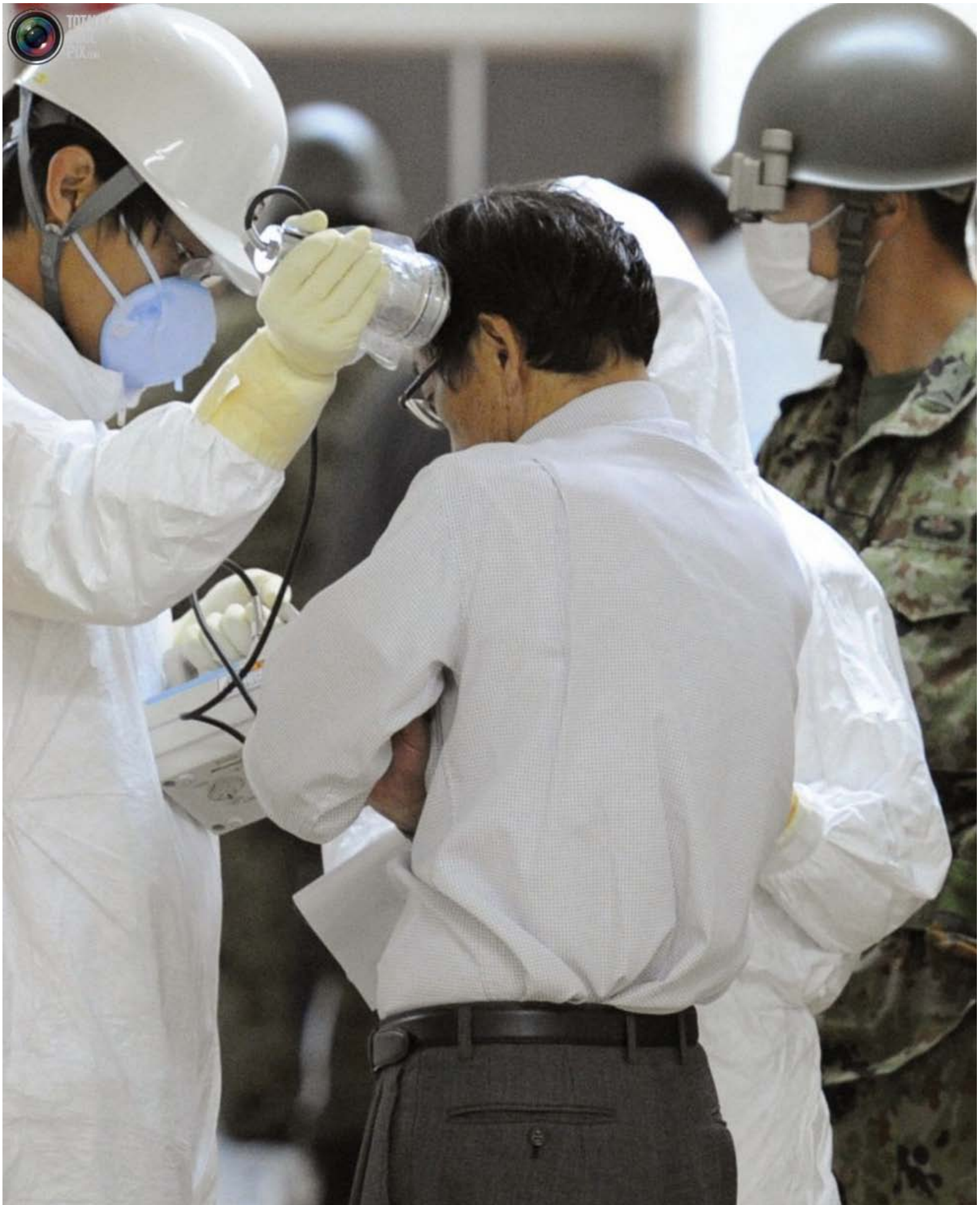


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22. A mother tries to talk to her daughter who has been isolated for signs of radiation after evacuating from the vicinity of Fukushima's nuclear plants, at a makeshift facility to screen, cleanse and isolate people with high radiation levels in Nihonmatsu, northern Japan, March 14, 2011, after a massive earthquake and tsunami that are feared to have killed more than 10,000 people. REUTERS/Yuriko Nakao



23. A family member evacuated from the vicinity of Fukushima nuclear power plant, tries to talk to a girl who was isolated for signs of radiation outside a makeshift isolation facility in Nihonmatsu, northern Japan, March 14, 2011, after a massive earthquake and

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24. A member of Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces (JGSDF) passes by bags filled with materials that could be contaminated with radioactive particles in Nihonmatsu, northern Japan, March 14, 2011, after a massive earthquake and tsunami that are feared to have killed more than 10,000 people. Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said on Monday that the situation at a quake-damaged nuclear plant remained worrisome and that authorities were doing their utmost to prevent damage from spreading. REUTERS/Yuriko Nakao



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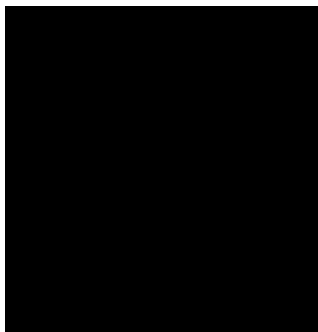
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