

Japan Political Injects

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Note that there are different injects depending on the path taken by the situation).

Turn 1:

- The Tokyo Stock Exchange opens and the Nikkei Index immediately falls 1000 points with analysts expressing concern with impacts of a potential China conflict on world trade. World-wide stock exchanges around the world fall overnight. The New York Stock exchange opens and the Dow immediately falls 500 points.
- Tokyo's *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper publishes an editorial calling for the Japanese government to unify behind the Prime Minister's efforts to change the constitution to allow for offensive military action
- Student protests in Tokyo calling for action to avenge the loss of Japanese lives.
- Privately, leading business supporters of the Prime Minister meet with him/her and demand action to avenge Japan's honor.
- 24 hour television news networks in Japan and the United States initiate continuing coverage of the incident with majority of pundits and analysts calling for immediate response.

Turn 2:

Regardless of Japanese Actions:

- The Nikkei Index falls a further 1000. The Dow falls a further 750 points with business analysts expressing concern with impacts of a potential China conflict on world trade. Average prices of world-wide stock exchanges around the world continue to fall. China closes the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to protect the Hang Seng index, an action likely to trigger panic selling of Nikkei-hosted securities.

If Japan has not become involved in direct military action on Turn 1:

- The leading opposition political party proposes legislation to bury empty caskets and establish a new memorial for the fallen at Japan's Yasakuni Shrine, a controversial Shinto shrine in central Tokyo commemorating Japan's war dead.
- Japanese television interrupts regularly scheduled afternoon television with non-stop coverage of the visit of families of Japanese sailors lost at sea to the Yasakuni shrine.

If Japan has become involved in direct military action on Turn 1:

- Several Japanese Keiretsu business alliances hold closed-door sessions to discuss the initiation of hostilities and its impact. Business leaders supporting the Prime Minister draw immense criticism from their business peers and publicly recant their support for military action.
- The leading opposition political party begins hearings in parliament to investigate alleged violations of the Constitution by the Prime Minister and his administration.
- Several newspapers call for the immediate resignation of the Prime Minister considering the potentially destabilizing impact of a war with China on the world economy with devastating impacts for Japan.

Turn 3:

If Japan's leadership did not take action to close the Tokyo Stock Exchange:

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If Japan became involved in direct military action on Turn 1:

- Several members of the Prime Minister's cabinet resign out of protest that Japanese actions are violating the constitution.

- Several corporations, including Sony, Toshiba, Honda, and Mitsubishi, make public statements expressing concern that war with China could send the world economy into a tailspin of the level not seen since the Great Depression.

- Anti-war protestors demonstrate at Japanese and US military facilities throughout the country and demand a cessation of hostilities.

If Japan has not become involved in direct military action:

- Several members of the Prime Minister's cabinet resign out of protest that the administration is compromising Japan's national honor.

- Leading members of the Prime Minister's party make public statements criticizing the Administration's lack of backbone and unwillingness to defend Japanese lives and threaten a Vote of No Confidence.

Turn 4:

If Japan's leadership did not take action to close the Tokyo Stock Exchange, or re-opened it:

The Nikkei index is tanking, losing close to 4,000 points in a single day. No matter what happens at this point, the overall magnitude of the drop will be considered a crash by historians. The loss of wealth is over a trillion dollars and counting. Investor suicide incident reports are in the high dozens, including some prominent bankers. Southeast Asia is bracing itself for a full-blown depression, and it's safe to say no major world market will escape unscathed.

If Japan's leadership took action to close the Tokyo Stock Exchange:

Investors continue bracing for a massive panic sell-off of Nikkei-listed assets. The anticipated loss of wealth may be over a trillion dollars. With access to traditional securities cut off and the stability of the government in question, panicked investors are flocking to cryptocurrency, an arena in which they largely lack experience and where opportunistic scams are springing up in an erupting rash of cybercrime. Investor suicide incident reports are in the high dozens, including some prominent bankers. Southeast Asia is bracing itself for a full-blown depression and it's safe to say that no major world market will escape unscathed.

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- The opposition is soliciting support within parliament for two major actions: a no-confidence vote in the Prime Minister and the appointment of a special investigative committee to determine if the Prime Minister has violated the constitution. It does not appear they will be successful with the first but many legislators seem to see support for the second as a way to appease their constituents.

If Japan has not become involved in direct military action:

- The Prime Minister's own governing coalition is in open revolt. The Liberal Democratic Party (a conservative party and the Prime Minister's own) makes Diet floor speech after floor speech accusing the Prime Minister of being a traitor to Japan. They insist he/she has reversed position after campaigning for months on a platform of increasing Japan's self-determinism – and when push came to shove, he/she wouldn't even let Japan defend itself. Pacifists in the opposition, on the other hand, are loath to lend the Prime Minister any support and remain quiet. Rumors abound of a backchannel deal to call for a vote of no confidence – one that will pass with a majority of the Prime Minister's own party voting against him/her.