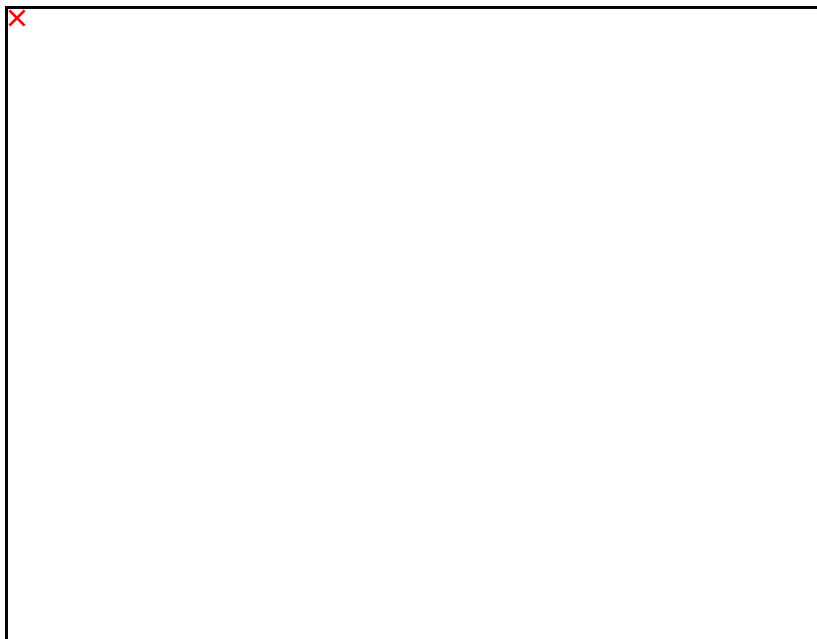


One-ton US Bomb Removed from Japanese Construction Site

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Osaka, Japan Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) members removed an unexploded WWII-era bomb discovered on the construction site for a future university campus. Approximately 3,750 people were evacuated from the exclusion zone set up around the site, and one road was blocked in the area during removal operations.



The 103rd unit of the Middle Army Logistic Support Troop stationed at the GSDF's Katsura Camp in Kyoto city safely removed the bomb. Unit leader, Hirokazu Ikuta , said, "The shape of the warhead of the bomb hasn't changed, and we completed the task smoothly." It took unit members just 30 minutes to remove the bomb's fuse, rendering it safe to move.

The 1-ton bomb, believed to have been dropped by the US during WWII, measured 1.8 meters in length and 60 centimeters in diameter. Multiple UXO have been found in the area in the past as the Imperial Japanese Army's Osaka artillery factory was located nearby and was targeted in a US air raid during the war.