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## Japanese Opposition Warns Takaichi Administration Threatens Peace, Livelihoods



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Tokyo—Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi has drawn mounting criticism for her recent remarks on Taiwan and a sharp increase in defense spending, sparking concerns that her administration is steering Japan toward a “war state.” Opposition parties have voiced alarm over her policies and rhetoric, calling for immediate corrective action.

Leaders of the Social Democratic Party and the Japanese Communist Party described the Takaichi

administration as “the most dangerous government since World War II.” Tomoko Tamura, head of the Japanese Communist Party, said Takaichi’s comments on Taiwan were highly dangerous, straining Japan-China relations and exposing gaps in diplomatic competence.

Mizuho Fukushima, leader of the Social Democratic Party, criticized the administration for reckless policymaking and disregard for Japan’s Constitution, stressing that Takaichi must retract her Taiwan remarks. Both parties also highlighted the record-high defense budget, warning that excessive military spending is squeezing funds for essential public services and people’s livelihoods.

Fukushima further criticized the Japan Innovation Party, a coalition partner of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, for advocating cuts to healthcare funding, which she said would increase the burden on ordinary citizens.

Meanwhile, Yoshihiko Noda, head of the Constitutional Democratic Party and former prime minister, warned that many statements from the Takaichi administration lack careful consideration and are deeply unsettling. Noda said his party would firmly stand against policies that jeopardize national security, public welfare, and regional stability.

The criticism reflects growing domestic concern over Japan’s political direction under Takaichi, highlighting tensions between military ambitions and social priorities.

