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Japan: Fukushima 50 criticise 'inconsistent' information

The Fukushima 50, emergency nuclear plant workers in Japan, have accused the government of inconsistent handling of data in relation to radiation exposure.



Workers from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant take a break under blossoms at a nearby park Photo: ZUMAPRESS

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Workers at Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant claim to have been risking their health to battle around the clock in order to regain control following severe damage caused by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

However, concerns have been raised over the fact that the [Japanese](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/) government took a "special measure" to raise radiation exposure levels from the normal total of 100 millisieverts up to 250 millisieverts in order to deal with the current crisis.

There were further claims that some workers were not being required to register their radiation exposure, which they feared could create future issues if health problems arose.

"In the end, we are the workers who are exposed," one emergency worker told the Mainichi newspaper.

Another nuclear industry source added: "If the radiation data is handled vaguely, workers may not be able to have proof of their exposure to radiation if they need to fight court battles." Patience among residents of

northeast Japan who have been evacuated from their homes as a result of the nuclear crisis was also running increasingly thin this week.

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On Friday, families criticised Masataka Shimizu, the head of Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO), the plant operators, as he visited an evacuation centre 30 miles from Fukushima Daiichi.

As he bowed deeply in apology to the displaced families, a growing number of evacuees expressed their growing frustration by questioning the actions of the company.

Among them was an elderly woman who asked him: "TEPCO has always said 'It's all right, it's all right'." Another demanded: "You've got to bring this back to normal as soon as possible."

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