

Japanese PM offers U.S. condolences for WWII dead

Abe did not directly address the sexual enslavement of Asian women.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe offered condolences Wednesday for Americans killed in World War II in the first address by a Japanese leader to a joint meeting of Congress, but stopped short of apologizing for wartime atrocities.

Abe came to Capitol Hill after a morning visit to a Washington memorial to more than 400,000 American service members who died in the conflict. His remarks to a packed chamber a day after meeting President Barack Obama were warmly received by lawmakers.

"My dear friends, on behalf of Japan and the Japanese people, I offer with profound respect my eternal condolences to the souls of all American people that were lost during World War II," he said, prompting his audience to rise in applause.

But he skirted another issue that some U.S. lawmakers had also been urging him to address in what is the 70th anniversary year of the end of war — the sexual slavery of tens of thousands of Asian women by Japan's military, which remains a sore



Shinzo Abe gives the first speech by a Japanese prime minister to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday. Vice President Joe Biden, left, and House Speaker John Boehner applaud him.

point with another staunch U.S. ally, South Korea. One of the few dozen surviving Korean victims, Yong Soo-lee, 87, was in the gallery to watch Abe's address, seated in a wheelchair.

Instead, the Japanese prime minister expressed "feelings of deep remorse over the war." He acknowl-

ed that "our actions brought suffering to the peoples in Asian countries, we must not avert our eyes from that." That won't satisfy his critics, who want Abe to do more than "uphold" the apologies for wartime abuses made by his predecessors.

Democratic Rep. Mike Honda, who invited Yong

to attend, said it was "shocking and shameful" that Abe was evading his government's responsibility over atrocities committed by the Imperial Army against "comfort women."

Since winning election in December 2012, Abe has been strong advocate of closer ties with the U.S., a message he hammered home Wednesday. He vowed to enact legislation by this summer to facilitate closer cooperation with the U.S. military, in support of new U.S.-Japan defense guidelines endorsed by the two leaders on Tuesday.

Abe said the U.S. and Japan "must take the lead" in completing a 12-nation trans-Pacific trade pact. That got a lukewarm response from Democrats but warm applause from Republicans.

Abe has arrived amid a bruising battle in Washington over legislation that would give Obama the authority to negotiate the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, a cornerstone of his second-term agenda. In a reversal of politics-as-usual, it's Obama's own Democratic base that opposes him, and Republicans who support the deal.

"The TPP goes far beyond just economic benefits. It is also about our security. Long-term, its strategic value is awesome. We should never forget that," Abe said.

The Japanese leader is a

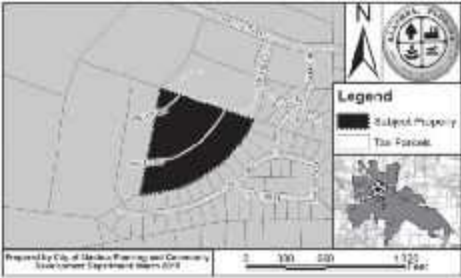
firm supporter of a stronger U.S. presence in the region, both militarily and economically, as China, which in recent years has eclipsed Japan as the world's second-largest economy, asserts itself as a global power.

He's taken some political hits at home for pushing the trade pact and for loosening the restrictions of Japan's pacifist constitution to open the way for Japan's military to take a more active supporting role to the United States, which has nearly 50,000 troops based there.

Dozens of Japanese leaders have visited the U.S. since the war, but Abe's invitation to speak to Congress sets him apart from his predecessors.

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Women rescued from Boko Haram need mental care

The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — Some of the nearly 300 girls and women freed by Nigeria's military from the forest stronghold of Boko Haram were so transformed by their captivity that they opened fire on their rescuers, and experts said Wednesday they would need intensive psychological treatment.

The military was flying in medical and intelligence teams to evaluate the former captives, many of whom were severely traumatized, said an army spokesman, Col. Sani Usman.

He said earlier that none of the schoolgirls kidnapped from the north-eastern town of Chibok a year ago appeared to be among the 200 girls and 93 women rescued Tuesday. But on Wednesday he said further screening was needed before their identities could be determined.

"The processing is continuing, it involves a lot of things because most of them are traumatized and you have got to put them in a psychological frame of mind to extract information from them," Usman said.

A counselor who has treated other women freed from Boko Haram captivity said some had become indoctrinated into believing the group's Islamic ideology, while others had established strong emotional attachments to terrorists they had been

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forced to marry.

Some of the about 90 women and girls freed by the army four months ago in Yobe state, for example, had upset their community on their return by maintaining that the militants were good people who had treated them well, said the counselor, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he has been targeted by the militants in the past.

"The trauma suffered by the (abducted) women and girls is truly horrific," said Amnesty International's Africa director for research and advocacy, Netsanet Belay. "Some have been repeatedly raped, sold into sexual slavery or indoctrinated and even forced to fight for Boko Haram."

That is what appeared to have happened this week when the Nigerian military said troops rescued the women and girls while destroying four Boko Haram camps in the Sambisa Forest.

Boko Haram used some of the women as a first line of defense who opened fire as the troops approached, according to an intelligence officer and a soldier who were in Sambisa during the

rescue.

The soldiers subdued the women and rounded them up, said the men, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue with the media.

No one knows how many captives are in the hands of the Islamic extremists, who have carried out a campaign of killings and kidnappings that has seen thousands of girls, women and young men seized to

be used as sex slaves and fighters. Amnesty International said earlier this month that at least 2,000 women and girls have been taken by Boko Haram since the start of 2014.

Among them are the nearly 300 girls abducted from their school in Chibok on April 14, 2014. Dozens escaped as they were taken in trucks into the Sambisa forest, but 219 remain missing.

The plight of the schoolgirls, who have become known as "the Chibok girls," aroused international outrage and a campaign for their release under the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls.

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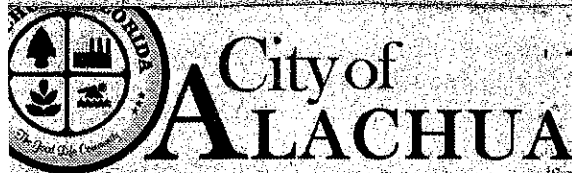


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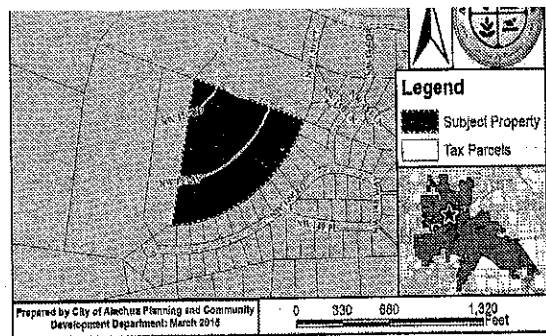






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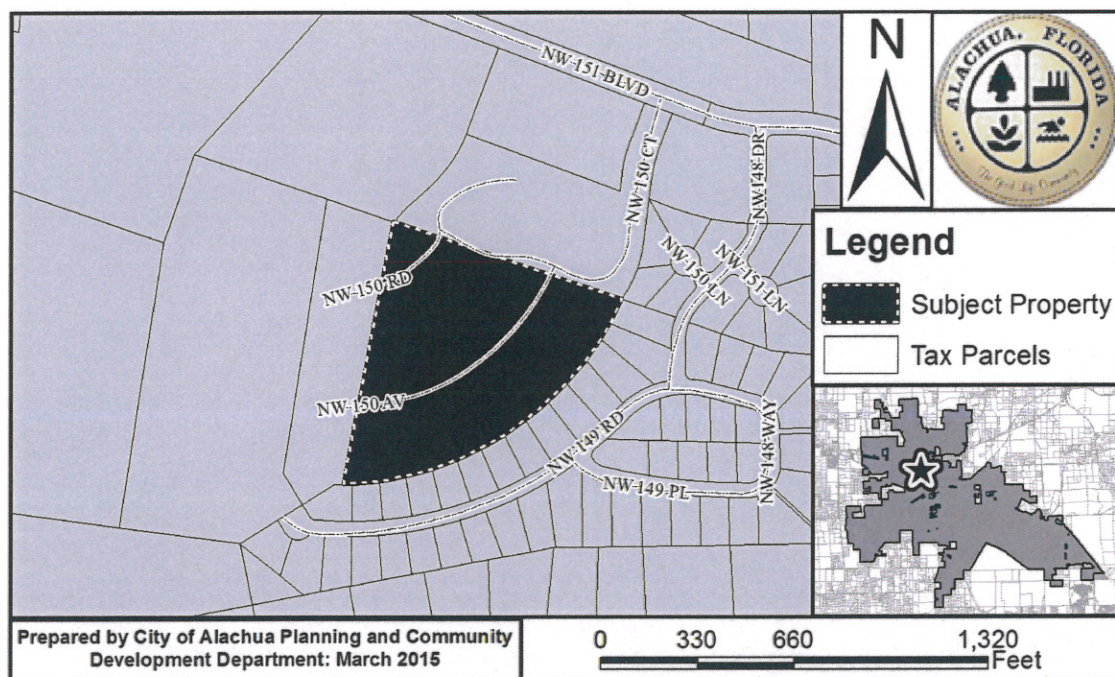


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