

**Resolution of Protest  
Against  
The Alleged Assault of a Woman  
Committed by US Military Personnel**

In regard to the early morning assault of a woman in a Naha hotel on March 13, 2016, a US Navy personnel stationed at Camp Schwab was apprehended by the Okinawa Prefectural Police in an emergency arrest on suspicion of incapacitated rape. Not only do acts of forced indecency cause physical and mental anguish, it is a gravely malicious crime which encroaches on the dignity of the person being violated.

As of the end of December 2015, there have been 5,896 cases in the number of crimes committed by US Forces' servicemembers and components after Okinawa's reversion to Japan. Whenever incidents and accidents occur, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly has repeatedly addressed the US Forces and other relevant bodies to strengthen the discipline, implement thorough preventive measures and education programs for its personnel to avoid recurrences. However, another such incident has taken place despite our calls, and we cannot help but question the preventive efforts by the US Forces and feel that the education given to the personnel are not effective, and we are filled with overwhelming indignation over this situation.

From the standpoint of protecting the human rights, lives and properties of the citizens of Okinawa, we, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, solemnly protest against the recent incident, and strongly demand that the following four items be carried out expeditiously.

1. Full compensation and apologies to be made to the victims and their families.
2. Conduct reviews of the disciplinary measures and effective human rights education programs for the U.S. military personnel and other related persons, investigate their actions and behaviors while off-duty, and disclose to the citizens of Okinawa the effects and status of the implemented measures.
3. Through discussions and suggestions from the Okinawa Prefectural Government, the administrations of Japan and the US shall create and implement an effective education program and regulation in order to prevent incidents and accidents involving US servicemembers and related personnel.
4. Conduct a fundamental review of the Japan-US Status of Forces Agreement, and at the same time, promote the consolidation and reduction of base facilities.

The above is resolved as stated on this 22th day of March, 2016.

**Okinawa Prefectural Assembly**