

**RESOLUTION OF PROTEST
OVER THE
STRAY BULLET INCIDENT AT A PRIVATE PROPERTY IN SUKUTA,
NAGO CITY**

On June 21, two panes of window glass were damaged at a farmer's shed in Sukuta, Nago City, adjacent to USMC Camp Schwab's firing range, and a bullet was found under a window frame.

This incident has brought on concern and fear among the citizens of the Prefecture as the site of the incident is approximately 700 meters from a residential area, and could have easily risked the lives of the residents.

The US Forces have taken preventive measures and temporarily closed Range 10 in Camp Schwab's live ammunition training area on the 22nd of the same month, but in the areas surrounding the range, there have been incidents of stray bullets from live-ammunition drills in the past. The Okinawa Prefectural Assembly has repeatedly protested against such incidents and strongly demanded for the discontinuation of the live-ammunition drills with heavy machine guns at Camp Schwab.

There have been six (6) stray bullet incidents within Nago City, including an incident where a bullet from a heavy machine gun pierced through a parked dump truck, and another incident where a bullet landed approximately two meters from a man working in a pineapple field. Such incidents that jeopardize the lives of the residents are never-ceasing.

Furthermore, with some of the stray bullet incidents in the past, no detailed explanations satisfactory to the people of the Prefecture were given, and relevancy with the US Forces' drills was denied, and training was resumed without revelation of facts. Among the citizens of our Prefecture are those raising their voices of indignation in the conditions that continue to this day.

While structural problems of Range 10, where private areas are included within the range, are pointed out, we cannot help but feel strong resentment toward the current situation where fundamental measures are not being implemented and stray bullet incidents continue to recur, and the local people are forced to live daily with fear for their lives.

To that end, we, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, in our duty to protect the lives, properties and the living environment of the people of Okinawa, strongly call for the prompt execution of the three following items.

- I. For the US Forces and both Governments of Japan and the US to conduct a thorough investigation into the connection of the stray bullet incident with the live-ammunition drill, and into the cause of the incident, and promptly release the findings to the citizens of the Prefecture.
- II. Cease live-ammunition training at Range 10, where private areas are within the range of shooting by heavy machine guns.
- III. Fundamentally revise the Status of Forces Agreement.

The above is resolved as stated on this 6th day of July, 2018.

Okinawa Prefectural Assembly