

**RESOLUTION OF PROTEST  
OVER THE  
EMERGENCY LANDING OF A US FORCES HELICOPTER  
ON TSUKEN ISLAND, URUMA CITY**

At approximately 11:00 PM on June 2, 2021, a UH-1Y multipurpose helicopter belonging to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing made an emergency landing in a farm field on Tsuken Island in Uruma City.

The site of the emergency landing was only about 120 meters from a private residence and could have led to a very serious accident involving human lives. This incident has caused anxiety to the island's residents and the rest of the citizens in Okinawa Prefecture.

Moreover, without any explanations regarding this emergency landing, helicopters of the same model as the one involved in the incident were repeatedly used to transport supplies and personnel to and from the site, and the aircraft that made the emergency landing remained at the site for a length of five days as it underwent repairs.

Including this recent incident, we have seen a series of accidents involving aircraft stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma: MV-22 Osprey crash off the eastern coast of Nago City in December 2016; window frame of a CH-53E helicopter dropping into the waters off the Okinawa Island's east coast in August 2019; and near the site of this incident, on Ikei Island, Uruma City, there were two emergency landings of helicopters in January 2017, and in January 2018 respectively.

Every time incidents and accidents involving the US Forces happen, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly has strongly called for thorough investigations by the US Forces and relevant agencies, the implementation of effective preventive measures, and the cease of flights and flight exercises above civilian area. Despite our calls, it is extremely regrettable that this emergency landing incident has occurred, and this is simply unacceptable.

To that end, we, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, in our duty to protect the lives and properties of the people of Okinawa, strongly protest the recent incident and call for the prompt execution of the following five items.

1. Conduct a thorough investigation into the cause(s) and promptly disclose the findings to the people of Okinawa Prefecture.
2. Cease flights and flight exercises over civilian area.
3. Conduct a thorough review of the maintenance and inspection framework regarding US Forces aircraft, disclose the findings, undertake effective safety management, and take measures to prevent the recurrence of emergency landings.
4. Conduct strict operations regarding restrictions on nighttime flight exercises in compliance with the Aircraft Noise Abatement Countermeasures.
5. Fundamentally revise the Japan-US Status of Forces Agreement.

The above is resolved as stated on this 28th day of June, 2021.

**Okinawa Prefectural Assembly**