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Japan war shrine visit angers China and South Korea

Japan’s defence minister has infuriated China and South Korea by visiting the controversial Yasukuni shrine in Tokyo, just one day after joining Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on a historic trip to Pearl Harbor.
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It was Tomomi Inada’s first visit to the shrine — which commemorates Japan’s war dead, including its war criminals — since the conservative politician became defence minister in August. ??????(Tomomi Inada) 8??

Her visit is likely to fuel doubts about the sincerity of Mr Abe’s diplomacy related to Japan’s second world war history, and highlights his focus on reconciliation with the US rather than his nation’s Asian neighbours.
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“The countries that fought each other most fiercely, Japan and the US, are now the strongest of allies,” Ms Inada told reporters. “Looking to the future, I visited the shrine in the hope of building a solid peace between Japan and the world.” “??????????????——?????——??????????”???????????“????????????????????????????”

Japan’s neighbours regard Yasukuni as a symbol of Japanese militarism and a reminder of its wartime atrocities. Casualties in the war between Japan and China were vastly greater than those in its war with the US.
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“We express our strong discontent and objection to her act,” said the Chinese defence ministry. It said that at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, Mr Abe “did not show any sense of remorse or regret” about what Japan did in the war. “History is a mirror. only when we face history honestly can we really have a future.” “??????????????????????????”?????
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South Korea’s foreign ministry said it could not “help but deplore the fact that a Japanese responsible politician paid tribute today to the Yasukuni shrine, which glorifies Japan's past colonial rule and war of aggression and enshrines war criminals”. ????????“??”?

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