

FROM THE EDITOR

Ahead of the 70th anniversary of the victory of World War II in 2015, China decided to set two new national days that will *mark the victory of the anti-Japanese war and commemorate the victims of the Nanjing Massacre*. September 3rd is designated as the “Victory Day” of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (1937-45), with December 13 set as “National Memorial Day for the Nanjing Massacre Victims”.

China’s decision to establish these two national memorial days serves as a reminder of the painful lessons of history and a warning to recent threats of right-wing Japanese politicians.



Whitewashing History in Japan (Excerpted)

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Right-wing political forces in Japan, encouraged by the government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, are waging a campaign of intimidation to deny the disgraceful chapter in World War II when the Japanese military forced thousands of women to serve in wartime brothels.

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Now a political effort to treat these events as wholesale lies concocted by Japan’s wartime enemies is gaining traction, with revisionists trying to roll back the government’s 1993 apology for the coercion of women into prostitution...

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The Abe government is playing with fire in pandering those demanding a whitewash of wartime history. “They want to bully us into silence,” Takashi Uemura, a former Asahi reporter, said in describing how ultranationalists have made violent threats against him and his family.

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This is where the historical truth stands, despite revisionist scheming.

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