

The Dangers of Radiation: Coverup and Inaction by Japan's Nuclear Safety Agency

Governor of Fukushima Slams Government Response to Nuclear Crisis

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The governor of Fukushima slammed Japan's nuclear agency for failing to provide timely radiation data. As Japan Today [notes](#):

Fukushima Gov Yuhei Sato expressed anger at the central government's nuclear safety agency on Sunday for its late release of radioactivity data related to local farm produce, shipments of which have been partly restricted amid the ongoing nuclear crisis.

It takes a few days for the results of each test to be released, according to Sato.

"Can't you increase the number of examiners? The lives of farmers are at stake. It's a matter of whether they can live tomorrow," the governor said during a meeting of the prefectural disaster relief task force attended by an official of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency.

Sato said the results should be released in about a day and criticized the central government for being late in lifting restrictions, saying, "I wonder if our sense of urgency is being conveyed to the government...It is irritating."

And the mayor of Minami Soma – a city 25 kilometers from the stricken Fukushima nuclear complex – is appealing to the world community to help provide food and other essentials, as the Japanese government isn't doing much to help, other than telling people to stay indoors, and is providing insufficient information on the nuclear crisis. The mayor says that – since the government has told people to stay indoors – the stores supermarkets and banks are all closed, and people are "as if under starvation tactics". There is not enough gas, and so it is difficult to evacuate.

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