

# Pumping for the Friends, Fueling the Debate: Japan in the Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)

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In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, simultaneous terror attacks on the U.S. targets by the Al Qaeda, Japan responded by sending its naval assets to the Indian Ocean to assist the coalition patrol operation. With the expiration of the enabling law on 1 November 2007, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's effort to extend the operation has faced a strong opposition from the Democratic Party, which controlled a majority in the Upper House of the Diet. This talk will focus on analyzing key factors involving the fate of this operation at both international and domestic levels and discussing the issue's relevance to Japan's debate on collective defense.

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