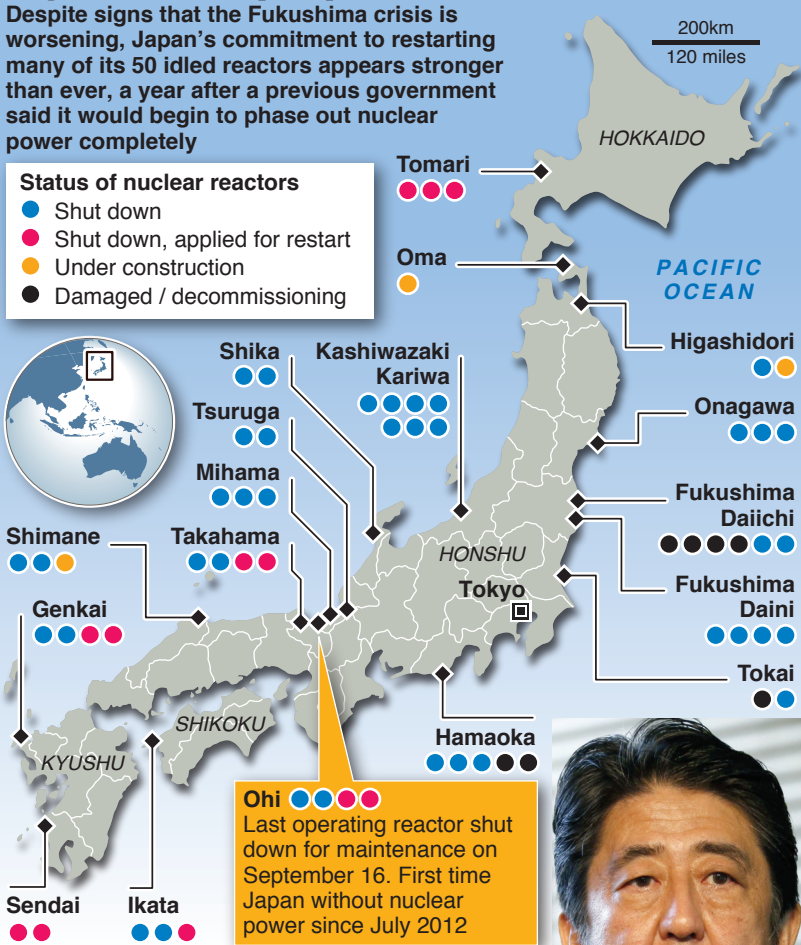


# High costs keep Japan focus on nuclear

Despite signs that the Fukushima crisis is worsening, Japan's commitment to restarting many of its 50 idled reactors appears stronger than ever, a year after a previous government said it would begin to phase out nuclear power completely

## Status of nuclear reactors

- Shut down
- Shut down, applied for restart
- Under construction
- Damaged / decommissioning



Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** says nuclear power remains essential, and that Japan's economy cannot afford mounting costs from importing gas and oil. Average household electricity bill has risen 30 percent since 2011 Fukushima accident