Japan plans to claim 280 remote islands

Japan is set to lay claim to 280 remote islands it sees as being within its territorial waters. The move is likely to further strain ties with China and South Korea, both currently engaged in territorial disputes with Tokyo



1 Southern Kuril Islands
Administered by Russia but claimed
by Japan since Soviet Union seized
them during World War II

2 Takeshima / Dokdo Sovereignty over islets disputed between Japan and South Korea

Sources: United Nations, wire agencies

3 Korea-Japan joint development zone: Agreed in 1974 to allow Japan and South Korea to explore for oil and gas. Also claimed by China

Senkaku / Diaoyu Islands controlled by Japan but claimed by China