

Japan to abandon Monju nuclear reactor

After almost \$10 billion in spending, Japan looks set to permanently shut down its trouble-prone Monju prototype fast-breeder reactor

MONJU REACTOR TIMELINE

1986: Reactor construction begins

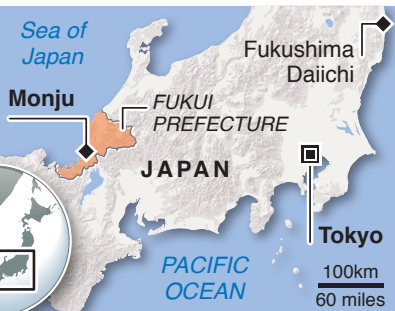
Apr 1994: Reactor goes online.
First electricity generated in Aug 1995

Dec 1995: Monju shut down after major coolant leak from reactor piping. Video of leak and fire released by JAEA is later found to have been doctored

2009: Holes discovered in reactor auxiliary building

May 2010: Reactor restarted

Aug 2010: Operation halted after refuelling machine falls on reactor



2012: Following Fukushima nuclear disaster, JAEA is found to have skipped safety checks on 10,000 components. JAEA president resigns

2013: JAEA report admits to failing 14,000 component checks

2014: Discovery of malware attack on Monju computer system

Sep 21, 2016: Government signals it will decommission Monju. Decision due by December

