

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 942

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today I am going to read you a flyer about a missing dog. Let's start.

Have you seen my puppy, Jojo?

Last [seen] on Friday, October 27th.

Cute little Siba-inu with brown ears, big black eyes, and light brown hair with a blue tag.

[On] that day, I was taking a walk with Jojo outside. A black cat appeared and Jojo ran after it. I looked for her for two hours.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 941

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Will smoking be totally banned in restaurants in Japan? It's hard to imagine it happening here, but it wasn't so long ago that people thought nothing of driving after having a few drinks. People realized that it was too dangerous to innocent citizens and now drunken driving is increasingly rare. A decade ago, an American chain of coffee shops opened many branches in Japan. Despite their no smoking policy, the chain [became] very popular. The success of this company might inspire other restaurants to try their luck with a smoke-free environment. In North America, smoking is becoming more and more rare. Meanwhile, in Israel, it is illegal to smoke in any restaurant. Family groups and health organization[s] applaud the move, but some people feel the government has gone overboard.

That's all for today, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 942

Hello, and welcome back to PR2!

Let me dedicate this movie to spread more awareness on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The death toll in the Gaza strip of Palestine has reached 10,000 as of November 7th. Since countless innocent lives are being lost, the U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres called it a “graveyard for children,” that “hundreds of girls and boys are reportedly being killed or injured every day.”

In the previous movie about Palestine, I mentioned that the United Nations voted to divide Palestine into Jewish and Arab states in 1947. However, Israel’s borders had drastically changed in 1967, after the Six Day War. Israel successfully annexed East Jerusalem, claiming the whole of the city as its capital, as well as the annexation of Golan Heights, and much of these claims were not recognized by the international community, as the origin plan was to share Jerusalem between Palestine and Israel as an international city. However, President Donald Trump moved the US embassy to Jerusalem, becoming the first major power to acknowledge the city as Israel’s.

It is also dreading that the Israeli government is conducting a total blockade of the Gaza Strip, meaning that it restricts food, electricity, and medicine from reaching innocent civilians in need. The laws of war do not prohibit sieges or blockades of enemy forces, but they may not adopt tactics that prevent civilians’ access to items essential for their survival.

Okay, that was a mouthful, but we’ll catch up later! See you!