

# Residents protest against solar farm in Japan

## Vocabulary Match

- betrayed ●      disaster ●      prevention ●      elected ●      scenery ●      conflicts ●
- chosen      ● bad event      ● view      ● safety      ● lied to      ● arguments

## Article

Residents of Gojo, Nara Prefecture, are protesting against a large solar farm project. They feel betrayed because they thought the land would be used for disaster prevention, not solar panels. One resident, Kuniharu Tsujimoto, says, "We cannot accept 'megasolar' no matter what."

Governor Makoto Yamashita changed the plan after being elected, causing anger among locals. Japan wants more solar power to fight climate change, but many communities oppose these projects. They worry about environmental damage and ruined scenery.

Experts say better planning and communication with locals are needed. Some suggest using land like old farms or rooftops for solar panels to avoid conflicts.

## Quiz

1. Why are the residents of Gojo protesting?
2. What did the residents think the land would be used for?
3. Who changed the plan for the land after being elected?
4. What do experts suggest using for solar panels to avoid conflicts?

## Conversation

- A: Did you hear about the new solar farm project?  
B: Yes, I can't believe they changed the plan!  
A: I thought the land was for disaster prevention.  
B: Me too. We need to protest this.  
A: Do you think they'll listen to us?  
B: We have to try or they'll cover the whole city in solar panels!

## Discussion

1. What do you think about solar farms?
2. Would you like to have solar panels on your house?
3. How would you feel if a big project changed in your town?
4. What do you think is the best way to use empty land?