

Private Companies on Standby to Aid in Evacuations From Japan



Evacuees Kazuko Hiraushi (r) and her husband Yoshidaka, who lost their house in the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan a week earlier, cry after observing a minute's silence in memory of the victims, at an evacuation center near a devastated

Private security companies that specialize in civilian rescue operations say that despite the horrific scenes coming out of Japan, the country is probably better prepared for disaster than almost any other nation in the world.

Thousands of foreign nationals are trying to get out Japan and away from its rising chaos and nuclear threat. And help is available - from private companies with experience in such situations.

Daniel Richards, CEO of Global Rescue, based in Boston, Massachusetts, said, "We obviously do know that the country, Japan, for a long time has suffered from earthquake and tsunami threats and that these events do sometimes occur. So, as a company that has clients who rely on us for these types of crisis response services in this region, we have been preparing for these kinds of events in this region due to the frequency with which they occur."