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Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Italy, on May 27, 2017.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the G7 summit in Taormina, Italy, on May 27, 2017.

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Japan'S Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi And Other Political Leaders Take The Stump During The Campaign For House Of Representative By-Election In Noda, Japan On April 15, 2006.

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Shinzo Abe, center, at a Group of Seven summit, forged closer ties with Western allies.

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