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## Ohi N0.3 reactor reaches criticality

A re-activated Japanese nuclear reactor reached criticality on Monday for the first time in 15 months.

The reactor at the Ohi nuclear plant in Fukui Prefecture in central Japan will start generating electricity on Wednesday and will operate at full capacity four days later.

At 9 PM on Sunday workers of Kansai Electric Power Company operated a lever to pull up the control rods of the Number-3 reactor.

At 6 AM on Monday, Kansai Electric Power Company confirmed that the fission chain reaction in the reactor reached criticality.

Senior Vice Industry Minister Seishu Makino and KEPCO Vice President Hideki Toyomatsu watched over the procedure.

This is the first Japanese nuclear reactor to resume operation after all reactors were taken offline following the accident in March last year at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant.

The central and Fukui prefectural governments have stationed officials at the Ohi plant to monitor the reactor around the clock.

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