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## TEPCO "blocked" nuclear accident investigation: panel member

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Tokyo Electric Power Co. blocked an attempt by a Diet-appointed panel to enter the No. 1 reactor building at the Fukushima Daiichi complex for an accident investigation last year, saying the unit was "in complete darkness," which was not true, a member of the panel said Thursday.

The panel members were seeking to determine whether important equipment of the No. 1 reactor had suffered damage as a result of the earthquake on March 11, 2011, before ensuing tsunami ravaged the plant and triggered a nuclear crisis.

"The investigation was blocked because of false explanations," science journalist Mitsuhiro Tanaka said in a statement, requesting that the state investigate the unit's emergency cooling system called an isolation condenser.

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