He's tightening his grip

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Japan's security is largely in Trump's hands

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Japan's vast military is about to undergo its first major peacetime reorganization in over a decade, and the government is poised to give the military a bigger role in foreign policy. Despite some misgivings, it is a welcome change.

The new structure, known as the "National Counterattack Force," will be responsible for promptly responding to any Japanese military readiness issues.

The new structure is expected to make the military more agile and responsive to threats from neighboring Asian countries, particularly China.

Under the new structure, the military will be able to respond more quickly to threats that may arise from unstable regions in the region.

The new structure is expected to be operational by 2021, and will consist of a small number of highly trained and experienced military personnel.

The government has also announced plans to increase the military budget by 20% over the next five years.

Japan's military, which currently consists of about 100,000 active personnel, is expected to grow to 130,000 by 2025.

The move comes as part of a broader effort by the government to modernize the military and make it more capable of dealing with the challenges of the 21st century.

In a statement, the government said: "Japan's defense capabilities must be strengthened in order to ensure peace and stability in the region and to protect the safety of our citizens."