

The Ukrainian military participated in joint exercises with units of the US and other NATO countries. This allows not only to improve combat training, but also to establish interaction between different armies, which is important for conducting joint military operations. This cooperation significantly strengthens the defense potential of Ukraine, in particular, in the conditions of hybrid warfare and modern combat technologies.

The training mission for Ukrainian servicemen is the largest military mission of the EU. About 20 countries are expected to take part in it. The headquarters of the mission is located in Poland and Germany, which already conduct large training programs for Ukrainians [3].

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### **ORGANIZED CRIME IN JAPAN**

Historical Development and Structure of Yakuza. The yakuza, Japan's main organized crime groups, have roots tracing back to the Edo period (1603-1868). Historically, they emerged from gambling and labor contracting groups.

Modern yakuza groups, such as the Yamaguchi-gumi, Sumiyoshi-kai, and Inagawa-kai, operate in a hierarchical structure and engage in various criminal and semi-legitimate activities [1].

Economic Influence and Legitimate Enterprises. Yakuza groups have infiltrated legitimate sectors like construction, finance, and entertainment, using their influence to manipulate businesses and gain financial power.

Through complex relationships with local businesses and politicians, the yakuza maintain influence in Japan's economy and society, sometimes referred to as a "shadow" government [2].

Illegal Activities and International Connections. The yakuza are involved in drug trafficking, money laundering, extortion, and human trafficking. They also have connections with transnational crime organizations in Asia and the U.S.

The yakuza's influence extends beyond Japan, making them a significant force in the global organized crime network [3].

Impact on Japanese Society and Culture. While often seen as a "necessary evil" by some in Japanese society, the yakuza's activities have a profound impact, contributing to a culture of fear and undermining legal

economic activities. Yakuza influence is also visible in certain cultural aspects, such as tattoos and codes of conduct, that have permeated parts of Japanese society [4].

#### Government Efforts and Anti-Yakuza Legislation

Japan has passed several anti-yakuza laws, including the Anti-Boryokudan Act of 1991, which restricts yakuza activities and makes it harder for them to operate legally.

Recent efforts, such as financial sanctions, aim to reduce yakuza influence, but challenges remain due to their deep-rooted networks [5].

Decline and Adaptation of Yakuza Influence. Yakuza membership has been in decline due to police pressure and societal rejection, forcing groups to adapt by shifting to less visible, more sophisticated methods of operation.

Despite a decline in open activity, yakuza continue to influence Japan's economy and politics through covert methods [6].

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## **THE EXPERIENCE OF FIGHTING CRIME IN CANADA**

Canada, known for its high quality of life and low levels of violence, has a long history of fighting crime. The country has developed and implemented a number of effective strategies that have allowed it to achieve significant success in ensuring the safety of its citizens. However, like any other country, Canada is facing new challenges in the fight against crime, which requires continuous improvement of the law enforcement system.

In recent years, Canada has done "amazing things" in the arena of stronger information sharing between regulators, banks and law enforcement to target some of the most insidious financial crimes of our times.