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Russia Protests Over G20 Map Showing Disputed Islands as Japan's

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Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a formal diplomatic protest to Japan after accusing Tokyo of circulating a map at its G20 summit showing a disputed island chain as Japanese territory, the ministry's spokeswoman said on Thursday.

The islands — known as the Northern Territories in Japan and the Southern Kuriles in Russia — have been controlled by Russia since the end of World War II and are the main reason the countries have not yet formally ended hostilities.

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Japan hosted the Group of 20 summit in Osaka last month.

Maria Zakharova, the Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, said a note of diplomatic protest had

been handed to a Japanese diplomat in Moscow on July 2.

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