

## Japan looking at escape of ex-Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn

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The Japanese government promised to make its border controls stronger. This is because of how easy it was for someone on bail to escape the country. Ex-Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn fled Japan to Lebanon on December the 30th.

Courts in Tokyo were waiting to put Mr Ghosn on trial for fraud. Ghosn escaped from Japan even though the police had his three passports. Japan's justice minister, Masako Mori, said Japan would strengthen its border departure checks. She also said she would review bail conditions. Ms Mori told reporters that she has already taken actions to prevent anyone else on bail leaving the country. She said: "I have instructed the immigration agency to further tighten the departure process."

It is still unclear how Mr Ghosn escaped from Japan. There were security cameras at his home that operated for 24 hours a day. News sources say he took a bullet train from Tokyo to get to the airport. He then hid in the case of a double bass. He chose a regional airport where security was not so tight. He then flew from Osaka to Turkey and then on to Lebanon, apparently without a passport. However, Lebanese officials said he entered Lebanon legally on Monday with a French passport. He has not been seen since. The international crime agency Interpol has created a "wanted" notice for Mr Ghosn. Japan cannot ask Lebanon to return Mr Ghosn because there is no extradition treaty.

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### Writing

Lebanon should hand Carlos Ghosn over to Japan for trial. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Japan / government / promise / bail / escape / on trial / fraud / border / justice / unclear / security cameras / bullet train / airport / passport / officials / extradition

### True / False

- a) Japan said it would make its border controls stronger. T / F
- b) Carlos Ghosn fled to Lebanon at the beginning of this year. T / F
- c) The Japanese police had three of Carlos Ghosn's passports. T / F
- d) Japan's justice minister has taken no action yet about people on bail. T / F
- e) People are angry there were no security cameras at Mr Ghosn's home. T / F
- f) News sources say Mr Ghosn escaped in a double bass case. T / F
- g) Mr Ghosn entered Lebanon using his Lebanese passport. T / F
- h) Japan and Lebanon signed an extradition treaty. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. <b>promised</b>   | a. agreement |
| 2. <b>easy</b>       | b. change    |
| 3. <b>fraud</b>      | c. uncertain |
| 4. <b>review</b>     | d. selected  |
| 5. <b>instructed</b> | e. simple    |
| 6. <b>unclear</b>    | f. lawfully  |
| 7. <b>chose</b>      | g. vowed     |
| 8. <b>apparently</b> | h. directed  |
| 9. <b>legally</b>    | i. seemingly |
| 10. <b>treaty</b>    | j. cheating  |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How embarrassing is Carlos Ghosn's escape from Japan?
- c) What would you like to escape from in life?
- d) What should Interpol do if they catch Carlos Ghosn?
- e) How did the airport let Carlos Ghosn escape in a double bass case?
- f) Would you be good at escaping from somewhere?
- g) Do you think Lebanon should send Mr Ghosn back to Japan?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Carlos Ghosn?

## Phrase Match

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. promised to make its border       | a. three passports    |
| 2. Ex-Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn fled   | b. agency Interpol    |
| 3. the police had his                | c. agency             |
| 4. she has already                   | d. Mr Ghosn escaped   |
| 5. immigration                       | e. of a double bass   |
| 6. It is still unclear how           | f. controls stronger  |
| 7. cameras at his home that operated | g. taken actions      |
| 8. He then hid in the case           | h. treaty             |
| 9. The international crime           | i. Japan to Lebanon   |
| 10. there is no extradition          | j. for 24 hours a day |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Carlos Ghosn?
- What are your country's borders like?
- How important are borders?
- How can someone escape from a country?
- How many passports would you like?
- How can borders be more secure?
- What are your experiences of immigration?
- Why do you think Carlos Ghosn fled Japan?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. e	3. j	4. b	5. h
6. c	7. d	8. i	9. f	10. a

## Role Play

### Role A – Nissan

You think Nissan would be the best company to be CEO of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Disney, Apple or Chanel.

### Role B – Disney

You think Disney would be the best company to be CEO of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Nissan, Apple or Chanel.

### Role C – Apple

You think Apple would be the best company to be CEO of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Disney, Nissan or Chanel.

### Role D – Chanel

You think Chanel would be the best company to be CEO of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Disney, Apple or Nissan.

## Speaking – CEO

Rank these with your partner. Put the best company to be CEO of at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Starbucks | • Nissan |
| • Chanel    | • Amazon |
| • Wikipedia | • Disney |
| • Sony      | • Apple  |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.