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Global Bank Group president Ron Nechemia called the assassination of Japan's longest-serving Prime Minister Abe Shinzo on Friday "**inconceivable**" and "**senseless murder,**" describing him as a courageous leader with a great vision and an extraordinary partner for the Global Bank Group.

The former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe died on Friday after being shot while giving a campaign speech, officials said. He was 67.

Global Bank Group's president Ron Nechemia has sent his condolences to Japan on behalf of the Global Bank Group, tweeting:

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Nechemia said that, Prime Minister Shinzo "Was an extraordinary partner to the Global Bank Group and someone who was clearly a great leader and statesman of extraordinary quality and character," he added, "Abe brought the relationship between the Global Bank Group and the world "**to new heights**" during his time in office.

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