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KYOTO, Nov. 29 (Kyodo) — A group of around 1,100 people filed a lawsuit Thursday seeking the suspension of Kansai Electric Power Co.'s Oi nuclear power plant in Fukui Prefecture, arguing it will cause irrevocable damage if an accident occurs.

In the complaint filed with the Kyoto District Court, the plaintiffs said the four reactors at the plant are prone to damage by the possible movement of faults believed to be running underneath.

The plaintiffs -- from 17 prefectures other than Fukui Prefecture -- are also seeking damages of 10,000 yen per person per month from the government and Kansai Electric for what they claim is a threat to their right to live safely.

Of the four reactors at the Oi plant, the Nos. 3 and 4 units resumed operation in July after all of the country's reactors went offline amid strong public concern over the safety of nuclear power in the wake of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant disaster last year.

One of the plaintiffs, Teiji Fuchita, 76, from the city of Kyoto, said, "I cannot understand why the economy and energy are given priority over human lives so that the resumption of reactors can be approved."

A similar suit will be filed Friday with the Fukui District Court by a group of residents in Fukui Prefecture.

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