
 **JAPAN MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**

Afternoon Alert - Tuesday, June 26, 2018

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HEADLINES

Noon news

NHK led with a report that Princess Ayako, the youngest daughter of Princess Hisako and the late Prince Takamado, will get engaged to a businessman. NTV gave top play to a report that a United Airlines flight was stranded at Narita Airport this morning due to a flat tire. TBS led with a report that the Japan Meteorological Agency announced that the rainy season officially ended in the Amami region off Kyushu today. Fuji TV reported on the extreme heat across the nation. TV Asahi led with a report on the murder of an IT seminar instructor in Fukuoka on Sunday.

INTERNATIONAL

Secretary Pompeo says U.S. will not set deadline for denuclearization talks

NHK and TV Asahi reported at noon that CNN reported on Monday that Secretary of State Pompeo said during a telephone interview with the network that although the U.S. is committed to swiftly moving forward the denuclearization talks in order to confirm whether the decisions by the U.S. and DPRK leaders have been realized, he also expressed the view that the U.S. will not set a deadline. The network said that according to CNN, the Secretary also suggested that it is too soon to draw up a detailed roadmap for denuclearization.

- [Chance to resolve “abduction issue:” Minister Kato](#) (Yomiuri)

ECONOMY

- [Japan mulls suing S. Korea at WTO over assistance to shipbuilders](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Infographic: Japan’s exports to U.S. and China, 2001–18](#) (Sankei)
- [Communications Ministry to launch study on highly efficient 5G base stations](#) (Sankei)
- [Major resource development companies shifting away from oil-centered](#)

[business](#) (Nikkei)

- [Kyodai emerging as platform for entrepreneurship](#) (Nikkei)
- [FEATURE: Japan firms shift to clean energy despite state's cling to nuclear power](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Editorial: Make fishing sector more competitive by letting companies start fish-farming](#) (The Japan News)

POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on June 25, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Gist of interpellations at Upper House Budget Committee, June 25](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Komeito preparing to hold party convention on Sept. 30](#) (Sankei)
- [CDPJ Edano: No mergers while I represent the party](#) (Asahi)
- [Cartoon: Casino – The Japanese version](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)

OPINION POLLS

- [Jiji Press Public Opinion Poll on Energy](#) (Jiji Press Public Opinion Poll Bulletin)
- [Cartoon: Against all odds \(and public opinion\)](#) (Kanagawa Shimbun)

SCIENCE

“Do-it-yourself biology” becoming popular in U.S. and Europe

NHK's "Close-up Gendai+" reported on the growing popularity mainly in the U.S. and Europe of "do-it-yourself biology," which is a growing biotechnological social movement in which individuals, communities, and small organizations study biology and life science using the same methods as traditional research institutions. The program said it has become easy for individuals to engage in biotechnology research since the cost of gene analysis has dropped significantly. The program said while this movement could lead to new innovations, such as the development of new drugs, some people may conduct experiments that raise bioethical issues.

- [New rules to speed AI-based medicine in Japan](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Gov't eyes deep-sea exploration vehicles](#) (The Japan News)

SOCIETY

- [Panel eyes enforcing custody order even if refusing parents absent](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Infographic: Total number of foreign residents with visa status of “trainee” or “technical intern training”](#) (Nikkei)

SECURITY

- [Onodera, Mattis to meet on June 29](#) (Nikkei)
- [Naha mayoral election set for Oct. 21](#) (Mainichi)
- [Special forces to be based at Yokota for missions in enemy land](#) (Akahata)
- [Infographic: Instances of noise before and after transfer of carrier-borne planes to Iwakuni](#) (Chugoku Shimbun)

OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS

Okinawa assembly demands suspension of all U.S. military flights

Ryukyu Shimpo front-paged the Ginowan municipal assembly's unanimous adoption on Monday of a resolution protesting the recent crash of a Kadena-based F-15 off Naha in early June, noting that the local legislature called for the suspension of all flights by U.S. military airplanes in the island prefecture. According to the paper, the city assembly called for the suspension of all flights for the first time because the accident followed a series of mishaps involving U.S. aircraft in Okinawa.

