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# JAPAN MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

NHK, Fuji TV, and TV Asahi led with reports on the heavy rain across Japan today. NTV and TV Asahi gave top play to reports on the announcement by the Justice Ministry this morning that death row inmate Chizuo Matsumoto, the founder of AUM Shinrikyo, and six other senior cult members were executed today.

## INTERNATIONAL

- [N. Korea eyes 2nd summit with U.S. in Switzerland](#) (Kyodo News)
- [N. Korea wants Japan to lift sanctions, dangling abductees' probe](#) (Kyodo News)
- [May Japan also join trend toward dialogue with North Korea](#) (Yomiuri)

## ECONOMY

- [Japan completes domestic procedures to ratify TPP free trade deal](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Auto tariffs to dominate new U.S.-Japan trade talks](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Retaliation battle a serious blow to Japan, the rest of the world](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [FOCUS: Japan economy leveling off amid Trump protectionism](#) (Jiji Press)
- [GOJ vows to reduce plutonium stockpiles in nuclear white paper](#) (Asahi)
- [Japan's top industrial gas producer to buy Europe business of U.S. rival](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Keidanren chief Nakanishi picked as CEEP member](#) (Asahi)

## SECURITY

- [U.S. taps Japan radar tech to double missile defense range](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [MOFA's interpretation of legal jurisdiction over USFJ personnel under SOFA faces intense criticism](#) (AERA)

## POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on July 5, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [CDPJ plans to submit no confidence motion on cabinet right before Abe's overseas trip](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Rising hopes for former LDP chief Tanigaki's political comeback](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Endo to be next FSA commissioner](#) (Nikkei)

## OPINION POLLS

- [Japanese, S. Koreans strongly distrust each other's leaders, Yomiuri-Hankook Ilbo poll](#) (The Japan News)
- [Young S. Koreans warming to Japan, Yomiuri-Hankook Ilbo poll](#) (The Japan News)
  
- [Those saying USFK should be "maintained at current levels" stays same, Yomiuri-Hankook Ilbo poll](#) (Yomiuri)

## SCIENCE

### Record rainfall and extreme heat this summer

NHK's "Close-up Gendai+" reported on the record rainfall observed across Japan this week after the Japan Meteorological Agency announced that the rainy season ended in the Kanto-Koshin region on June 29. The program also reported on the extreme heat in the Tokyo region, saying that the abnormal weather is linked to phenomena occurring throughout the world. The program focused on the so-called silk road teleconnection pattern in which atmospheric variability caused by record heat in Europe and Russia arrives in Japan. The program also said the increase in sea temperature is another cause of the abnormal weather.

- [Japan seeks IWC reform to resume commercial whaling](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)

## SOCIETY

- [Tokyo Police arrest four on suspicion of embezzling 60.2 million yen by sending fake email](#) (Mainichi)
  - [Women account for 5.9 pct of executives at major Japanese firms, Jiji Press poll](#) (Jiji Press)
  - [Tokyo court defies Justice Ministry in ordering asylum for Sri Lankan man](#) (The Japan Times)
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