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For the 561st issue of Headlines Himalaya, we reviewed 9 news from 7 sources and 8 selected happenings from five countries.

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MONSOON DELAY

Monsoon has been delayed by almost two weeks this year causing the people to experience scorching heat in Nepal. Monsoon generally begins from June 10 in Nepal and the average monthly rainfall for the month of June in Kathmandu is 236.3 mm. As of June 17, 2019, Kathmandu received only 59.90 mm rainfall. A cyclone called 'Bayu' that came in the Arabian Sea in third week of June caused the delay in monsoon.

Jun 18

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FLOOD DAMAGES HYDROPOWER

The flash flood damaged the structures of the under-construction Arun Third Hydroelectricity Project in Makalu Rural Municipality of Sankhuwasabha District of eastern Nepal and washed away 20 tons of iron rods and other construction materials. The flood also damaged a house in Makalu Rural Municipality and swept away the construction materials of a bridge at Kattikeghat of Khandbari Municipality.

Jun 19

<https://bit.ly/2LzgVJo>

DEVELOPMENT ATTEMPT RESULTS DESTRUCTION

The construction above the settlements of Maimatola in Badimalika Municipality, Bajura of north-western Nepal has caused a high risk of landslides and impacted 10 families residing in that area are forced to live in tents.

Jun 21

<https://bit.ly/2NEeZC2>

DAM ROAD INUNDATED NEPALI VILLAGES

Dam road constructed by India on the indo-Nepal border blocked the river flow and flooded the villages in Narainapur Rural Municipality of Banke District, south-western Nepal. This caused at least 100 houses were inundated and 12 houses were flattened in the area. First torrential rain in this season also submerged part of Nepalgunj city of south-western Nepal.

Jun 23

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<https://bit.ly/2YvEmqr>

India-Himalaya

LACK OF DUMPING SITE

The government has failed to designate a dumping site for the town's garbage in Pulwana, southern Kashmir of North India. Municipal Committee Pulwana (MCP) could not find the land available to dump the garbage within town.

Jun 22

<https://bit.ly/2YvS5xm>

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INVEST ON LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE

Southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region has planned to invest over US\$ 17 billion in growing barley and raising yaks. Authority aims to uplift the income of rural residents with this project. The region had planted barley in more than 141,800 ha as a pilot project in 2018 and harvested 814,000 tons of crops same year.

Jun 20

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Bhutan-Himalaya

PEST AFFECTING MAIZE PRODUCTION

Pests had damaged over 3 ha of maize plants in Kharza-Leyphu chiwog, Yangnyer gewog of eastern Bhutan. Pests initially damage the leaves at an early stage stopping the plant growth. More than 30 farmers are affected by this problem in the region.

Jun 20

<https://bit.ly/2NqiRpU>

RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Bhutan has started to response to climate change by launching a project to advance its National Adaptation Plan focused on water. This project is benefitted with US\$ 2.7 million grant support from the UNDP.

Jun 21

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