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#### National news

#### “Koshe” still up in the air

**Addis Ababa, Capital-** The Addis Ababa City Municipality revealed that it hasn't decided on the fate of the city's oldest continuous waste disposal site called “Koshie” or “Repi” using the area's name. The city municipality is in the process of requesting 21 million birr from French financial sources, while simultaneously there are plans to turn the disposal waste site's rubbish into 50 Mega Watts of electricity. Getachew Ambaye, General Manager of Addis Ababa City Municipality said “Koshie” is being cleared of its rubbish to be sent to a new land fill site of 138.92 hct in Sendafa area around the place called “Chele Wergeno” located 37Km north of Addis Ababa in the Oromia special zone. More than 40 million birr has been paid to relocate farmers from the Sendafa area. In the new dump site, there will be a modern landfill sanitary system with four trans-filtration sites in four corners of the city; Bole, Akaki, Kolfe and Koshie. These four sites will separate trash into recyclable and non recyclable materials; turning the waste into wealth for some and helping the environment at the same time.

(For more information visit [www.capitalethiopia.com](http://www.capitalethiopia.com) June 15, 2012)

#### Iran keen to work closely with Ethiopia

**The Ethiopian Herald –** Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad invited Ethiopia to attend the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) conference to be held in Tehran in August 2012. Iran's Health Minister, Dr. Marzieh Vahid Dastjerdi, delivered a message to Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Haile-Mariam Desalegn saying his country wish to work closely with Ethiopia in the area of peace, security, human rights and health sectors. Haile-Mariam said Ethiopia supports the cause of the Non-Aligned Movement. The two sides also discussed bilateral and continental concerns. The conference is expected to focus on human rights, environmental protection, stopping terrorism and other issues.

(For more information visit

[http://www.capitalethiopia.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1377:iran-keen-to-work-closely-with-ethiopia&catid=45:news-in-brief&Itemid=37](http://www.capitalethiopia.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1377:iran-keen-to-work-closely-with-ethiopia&catid=45:news-in-brief&Itemid=37))

#### International news

#### An Earthquake in a Maze: Highest-Resolution Observations Yet of the Complex 2012 Sumatra Earthquake

**Science Daily (July 19, 2012):** The powerful magnitude-8.6 earthquake that shook Sumatra on April 11, 2012, was a seismic standout for many reasons, not the least of which is that it was larger than scientists thought an earthquake of its type -- an intraplate strike-slip quake could ever be. Now, as Caltech researchers report on their findings from the first high-resolution observations of the underwater

temblor, they point out that the earthquake was also unusually complex rupturing along multiple faults that lie at nearly right angles to one another, as though racing through a maze. The new details provide fresh insights into the possibility of ruptures involving multiple faults occurring elsewhere something that could be important for earthquake-hazard assessment along California's San Andreas fault, which itself is made up of many different segments and is intersected by a number of other faults at right angles.

(For more information visit <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/07/120719141808.htm>)

**The head of the world's largest food producer believes high prices are due to the growing of crops for biofuels.**

**British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** - "The time of cheap food prices is over," says Nestle chairman Peter Brabeck-Letmathe. He is highly critical of the rise in the production of bio-diesel, saying this puts pressure on food supplies by using land and water that would otherwise be used to grow crops for human or animal consumption. "If no food was used for fuel, the prices would come down again that is very clear," he says. "We are now in a new world with a completely different level of food prices because of the direct link with fuel," he says. He says biofuels are only affordable because of the high subsidies they receive, particularly in the US." It is absolutely unacceptable and cannot be justified," he says.

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