
Today's Headlines:

Promising UK ovarian cancer drug trialled

Fish skin used to treat burns in Brazil

Motorcycle sales boost Togo's economy

Transcript:

The trial run by the Institute of Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden aimed to test the safety of the new drug known as ONX 0801. It involved just 15 women – all with advanced ovarian cancer. The result – **tumours** shrank significantly in almost half of the women over the course of five weeks. But the scientists are urging caution, they say it was a very small study and it's too early to know whether the success could be replicated in a larger group of patients.

This Brazilian fisherman's catch is not only for food, but medicine too! The skin of a tilapia, a common freshwater fish, is cleaned carefully and preserved. This is because tilapia skin is a potent burn **remedy**. The skin is made into strips and used to dress wounds. The method, though unorthodox, has proved to be both effective and affordable.

In Lomé, motorcycles are everywhere. And in a country where many roads are narrow and unpaved, they have proved to be a reliable, convenient and cheaper alternative to cars. Dealerships can be found nearly on every street corner, and the **influx** of cheap Chinese brands has made it much easier for the Togolose to buy them. From transporting small goods to people around the busy streets of Lomé, it's clear that the motorcycle plays a crucial role in the city's burgeoning economy.

Words and phrases and definitions:

tumours

masses of unnaturally growing cells

remedy

cure

influx

mass arrival

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/2sDtreR>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

tumours / remedy / influx

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