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Sept. 29: Senator Dianne Feinstein, a titan of US political history who notched a string of legislative achievements during a trailblazing three-decade career in the Senate, died aged 90.

Sept. 29: The Afghan embassy in India announced to suspend all operations from Oct. 01 after the ambassador and other senior diplomats left the country for Europe and the United States where they gained asylum.

Sept. 30: The fifth meeting of the Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan at the level of special representatives and senior officials from China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan was held in the Russian city of Kazan.

Sept. 30: At the Asian Games, North Korea's Ri Song Gum set a staggering world record as she won gold secured gold on her second attempt in the clean and jerk at 122kg.

Sept. 30: Pro-China candidate Mohamed Muizzu won presidential election in the Maldives, winning 54.06 percent of the vote in the run-off contest.

Sept. 30: Democrats overwhelmingly backed an eleventh-hour Republican measure to keep federal funding going for 45 days, albeit with a freeze on Washington's massive aid to Ukraine.

Sept. 30: A new roadmap to reduce the environmental risks from chemicals and waste was adopted at a United Nations conference in Paris.

Oct. 01: A United Nations mission visited Nagorno-Karabakh for the first time in about 30 years.

Oct. 01: Slovak populist Smer-SD party that wants to stop military aid to Ukraine and is critical of the EU and Nato won the election.

Oct. 01: The EU launched the first phase of the world's first

system to impose CO₂ emissions tariffs on imported steel, cement and other goods.

Oct. 02: The United States and the Philippines launched annual joint naval war games "Samasama" (Tagalog for Together).

Oct. 03: The US House of Representatives voted to oust Speaker Kevin McCarthy from his job, marking the first time in history that the House removed its leader.

Oct. 03: Indonesia's Rahmat Erwin Abdullah set a weightlifting world record and secured gold with a lift of 201kg in the men's 73kg clean and jerk, which beat the previous record of 200kg which he set last December.

Oct. 03: Armenian lawmakers approved a key step towards joining the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Oct. 03: Canada's House of Commons elected Greg Fergus as its new speaker, making the Liberal Party lawmaker the first Black Canadian to hold the post.

Oct. 05: The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 started in India.

Oct. 07: Palestinian group Hamas launched a surprise large-scale attack against Israel.

Oct. 07: A strong earthquake of 6.3 magnitude hit western Afghanistan.

Oct. 07: President Putin announced the start of gas supplies to Uzbekistan via Kazakhstan, a boost for Russia's industry hit by a flurry of Western sanctions.

Oct. 07: A Spanish company PLD Space launched the country's first private rocket: Miura 1.

Oct. 07: South Africa posted the highest ever World Cup total of 428, against Sri Lanka.

Oct. 07: Amazon's first pair of prototype satellites for its planned Kuiper internet network were launched into space from Florida.

Oct. 08: Hosts China racked up a record 201 gold medals as

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1. The Chairman of the Prisoners of War Reparation Committee after the 1971 war was: **Maj-Gen Q.A. M. Mirza**

2. The Majestic Siran Valley is situated in KP's district of: **Mansehra**

3. The 2018 Asian Games were held in: **Indonesia**

4. The current president of Pakistan Olympic Association is: **Lt Gen (ret'd) Syed Arif Hasan**

5. The forces of the Nizam of Hyderabad surrendered on: **Sept 17, 1948**

6. The US Deputy Secretary of State Responsible for Pakistan is: **Elizabeth Horst**

7. The number of British Inns of Court that are exclusively entitled to call their members to the English Bar as barristers is: **Four (Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Middle Temple and Inner Temple)**

8. The incumbent Nadra Chairman is: **Lt. Gen. Nasir Afzar**

9. The Mughal emperor who had installed a chain with a bell outside his palace was: **Emperor Jehangir**

10. The Deosai National Park is a high-altitude plateau situated in: **Gilgit-Baltistan**

11. Pakistan ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child in: **November 1990**

12. Iliana Ivanova, the new EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, is from: **Bulgaria**

13. The 2023 World Geothermal Congress was held in: **Beijing, China**

14. The International Day of Peace is observed annually on: **Sept. 21**

15. The United Nations was founded on: **Oct. 24, 1945**

16. Palestinian freedom leader Yasser Arafat delivered his famous 'gun and olive branch' speech, at the UN headquarters in: **Nov. 1974**

17. The chairman of All Parties Hurriyat Conference is: **Mirwaliz Umar Farooq**

18. Accra is the capital of: **Ghana**

19. *London Ki Aik Raat* is a famous Urdu novel by: **Sajjad Zaheer**

20. Siri Pasye is one of the most serene places in: **Kaghan valley**

21. The NASA capsule that brought to Earth the largest asteroid samples ever collected was: **Osiris-Rex**

22. Zong 4G CEO and chairman is: **Huo Junli**

23. The current Chairman of Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is: **Dr. Kabir Ahmed Sidhu**

24. The United Nations Refugee Convention was adopted in: **1951**

25. The European Court of Human Rights is based in: **Strassbourg**

26. Guddu Power Plant, also known as Central Power Generation Company Limited, was built in 1980s with the joint technical cooperation and financial assistance from: **USSR**

27. Kampala is the capital and largest city of: **Uganda**

28. Idi Amin was the president of: **Uganda**

29. The inaugural cricket World Cup took place in 1975 in: **England**

30. The first cricket World Cup co-hosted by India and Pakistan was that of: **1987**

31. Pakistan's current Ambassador to the Russian Federation is: **Muhammad Khalid Jamali**

32. The name of Raja of Mahmudabad, a close aide of Qaid-i-Azam, was: **Amir Ahmed Khan**

33. Shaikh Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah was a

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the curtain came down on the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou.

Oct. 08: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan inaugurated the first church built with government backing in overwhelmingly Muslim Turkiye's 100-year history as a post-Ottoman state.

Oct. 09: The Council of Europe awarded its top rights prize to jailed Turkish philanthropist Osman Kavala, who has come under repeated attack from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Oct. 09: Majority Leader in US Senate Chuck Schumer met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing.

Oct. 09: The IMF and World Bank began talks in Marrakech (Morocco) - their first annual meetings on African soil in 50 years. Both institutions traditionally hold their annual gathering of finance ministers and central bank governors outside their Washington headquarters every three years.

Oct. 10: The UN General Assembly rejected a bid by Russia to regain a seat on the Human Rights Council, from which it was ousted after invading Ukraine.

Oct. 10: The United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland will co-host Euro 2028, while Italy and Turkiye will be joint hosts of the 2032 tournament, UEFA announced.

Oct. 11: The UN Human Rights Council voted to set up an independent fact-finding mission to probe alleged rights abuses in Sudan's brutal fighting.

Oct. 11: Sri Lanka secured a tentative agreement to a debt restructure with China.

Oct. 11: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his political rival Benny Gantz, a former defence minister, announced an emergency government for the duration of the current conflict with Hamas.

Oct. 12: A Swedish court convicted a man of inciting ethnic hatred with a 2020 Holy Quran burning, the first time the country's court system has tried the charge for desecrating

1.1 billion out of 6.1 billion people in 110 countries live in multidimensional poverty

Across 110 countries, 1.1 billion out of 6.1 billion people are poor, according to UN's 2023 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index

Poverty rate in low-income countries rose between 2020 and 2023

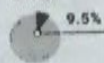
Over the past three years, 165 million people have been added to the population living on less than \$3.65 a day

FIVE OUT OF EVERY SIX IMPOVERISHED INDIVIDUALS LIVE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

● Number in poverty ● Poverty Rate



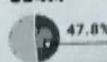
East Asia and Pacific
106M



South Asia
389M



Sub-Saharan Africa
534M



Excluding South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, 65% of the world's impoverished live in China, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sudan, and Yemen

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governor of: **Sindh**

34. The first census in India was conducted in: **1881**

35. The first match of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 was played between New Zealand and: **England**

36. The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Convention) was adopted on: **2nd November 1973**

37. Perched at an elevation of 7,500 feet, the world's highest cold desert is: **Sarfaranga**

38. The Sarfaranga Cold Desert Rally is held in: **Shigar Valley of Gilgit-Baltistan**

39. History of the First Crusade was written by: **Heinrich von Sybel**

40. The Kourou Space Centre is located in: **French Guiana**

41. The Proteas is the cricket team of: **South Africa**

42. Conjunctivitis is a disease of: **Eyes**

43. According to ancient Indian texts, the Aryan civilisation was established by: **King Ishaku**

44. The Pythagorean Theorem is a fundamental

concept in: **Geometry**

45. Less than 1mm across, the smallest flowering plant on Earth is: **Watermeal**

46. The World Bank is headquartered in: **Washington DC**

47. Marrakesh is a city in: **Morocco**

48. Before their 2023 meetings, the IMF and World Bank held their last meetings in Africa in 1973 in: **Kenya**

49. Pew Research Centre is based in: **Washington DC**

50. The armed wing of Palestinian group Hamas that recently launched attacks on Israel is: **al-Qassam Brigade**

51. The current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights is: **Volker Turk**

52. Pakistan's sole opium manufacturing facility is in: **Lahore**

53. Government Opium Alkaloid Factory was originally established in: **1942**

54. The treaty that requires members to adhere to the rulings of the International Criminal Court is: **The Rome Statute**

55. The number of countries that have ratified the

Rome Statute is: **123**

56. The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed on: **Oct. 13**

57. The theme for the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2023 was: **Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future**

58. The Olympics, where Cricket last featured, was: **The 1900 Paris Olympics**

59. Famous for a massive military campaign during World War II, Dunkirk is a small town on the coast of: **France**

60. Karoonjhar Mountains are situated along the south-eastern border of Pakistan in: **Nagarparkar**

61. When the moon does not cover the Sun completely in a solar eclipse, it is called: **Ring of fire effect**

62. Babuser Pass is usually closed for vehicular traffic from November to: **June**

63. German traveller Baron Carl Von Hugel visited the court of Maharajah Ranjit Singh in: **1835**

64. The Zawiya al-Faridiya is a building in the heart of: **Jerusalem**

65. The Zawiya al-Faridiya was established by: **Hazrat Farid ud-Din Ganj Shakar**

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Islam's holy book.

Oct. 12: The International Olympic Committee suspended Russia's national Olympic body with "immediate effect" for violating the territorial integrity of Ukraine's membership.

Oct. 12: Vladimir Putin reached Kyrgyzstan, his first foreign visit since the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for him in March.

Oct. 13: The International Olympic Committee's executive board approved the inclusion of Cricket in the Olympics at the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

Oct. 14: The week-long annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Morocco wrapped up.

Oct. 14: One of Iran's most prominent film-makers, Dariush Mehrjui, was stabbed to death.

Oct. 14: Saudi Arabia suspended talks on potentially normalising ties with Israel.

Oct. 15: Afghanistan pulled off one of the greatest World Cup shocks when they defeated defending champions England by 69 runs in New Delhi.

Oct. 15: International Olympic Committee members voted to allow a double allocation of two successive Winter Games in 2030 and 2034.

Oct. 15: Hubert Hurkacz defeated fifth seed Andrey Rublev to win a thrilling Shanghai Masters final.

Oct. 15: Italy's Francesco Bagnaia won the Indonesia MotoGP.

Oct. 15: The e-Safety Commission of Australia fined Elon Musk's social media platform X \$386,000 for failing to cooperate with a probe into anti-child abuse practices.

Flag of the USA



- The 50 stars represent the 50 states of America
- The colour blue represents vigilance, perseverance & justice

- The 13 red and white stripes represent the first 13 British colonies to declare independence
- The colour red represents bravery and courage
- The colour white represents purity and innocence

Oct. 15: Poles voted in parliamentary elections that will determine the country's future ties with the European Union and neighbouring Ukraine.

Oct. 15: Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev raised the national flag in the capital of the former breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

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66. The Chevening Scholarship Programme was launched in: **1983**

67. The technical name for a kangaroo's pouch is: **Monkey**

68. Platelets in our blood assist in: **Blood clotting**

69. The human organ that removes excess water from the blood is: **Kidney**

70. Diabetes is caused by a malfunction of cells in: **Pancreas**

71. The part of human body that does an orthodontist looks after is: **Teeth**

72. The protein that forms hair and nails is: **Keratin**

73. The medical term for low blood sugar is: **Hypoglycaemia**

74. The body fluid that is affected by thalassemia is: **Blood**

75. A cardiologist is a doctor who specializes in conditions affecting: **Heart**

76. The bones that make up your spine are called: **Vertebrae**

77. The 'Decision Review System' (DRS) was introduced in the Cricket World Cup for the first time in: **2011**

78. A stellar explosion that occurs when a star reaches the end of its life cycle is called: **Supernova**

79. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was launched in: **2013**

80. A highly potent greenhouse gas that is responsible for about 30% of global warming since the Industrial Revolution is: **Methane**

81. International Energy Agency was established in: **1974 (Paris)**

82. The United Nations Environment Programme was established on: **5th June 1972**

83. The United Nations Environment Programme is headquartered in: **Nairobi, Kenya**

84. The concept of carbon credit originated from: **Kyoto Protocol**

85. SDG 12 refers to: **Responsible Consumption and Production**

86. Currently, the number of countries where same-sex marriage is legal is: **32**

87. The United Nations Multinational Security Mission in Haiti will be led by: **Kenya**

88. The world's first independent Black-led republic is: **Haiti**

89. World White Cane Day is observed globally on: **Oct. 15**

90. International Coral Reef Initiative was founded in: **1994**

91. Multicellular vertebrates that live both on land and water are called: **Amphibians**

92. The Chashma Nuclear plant was built with help of: **China**

93. The highest point above the sea level in Pakistan is: **K2**

94. The mountain range in which K2 is located is: **Karakoram range**

95. The second highest peak of Hindu Kush range is: **Nushaq**

96. The highest mountain in Afghanistan is: **Nushaq**

97. The length of Karakoram Highway is: **805 miles (1,300 km)**

98. The Karakoram Highway is also known as: **Silk Road**

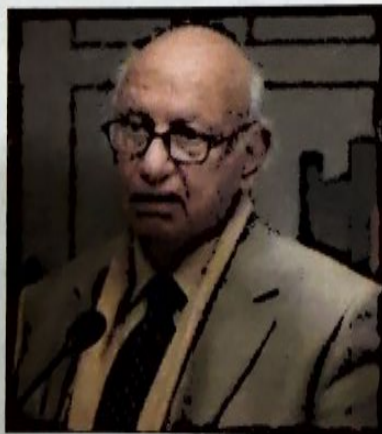
99. The Prime Minister of Pakistan writes his resignation letter to: **The President**

100. A bicameral legislature was provided for the first time in the Constitution of Pakistan of: **1973**

MCQs / NATIONAL

1. On Sept. 16, _____ Shabbir Iqbal defended his title in the 27th CNS Open Golf Championship.
(a) Islamabad's (b) Karachi's
(c) Sialkot's (d) Quetta's
2. On Sept. 16, the Punjab government established an Organised Crime Unit (OCU) that replaced the _____.
(a) IB (b) CIA
(c) Elite Force (d) Mujahid Force
3. On Sept. 16, a legendary _____ language poet, Mubarak Qazi, passed away at the age of 68.
(a) Balochi (b) Sindhi
(c) Seraiki (d) Punjabi
4. On Sept. 17, Justice Qazi Faez Isa was sworn in as the _____ Chief Justice of Pakistan.
(a) 29th (b) 30th
(c) 32nd (d) 33rd
5. On Sept. 17, CJP Justice Qazi Faez Isa appointed _____ as the Supreme Court's first-ever woman Registrar.
(a) Malka Bokhari (b) Kamila Shamsi
(c) Salma Minhas (d) Jazeela Aslam
6. On _____, the full court proceeding was telecasted live for the first time in Pakistan.
(a) Sept. 16 (b) Sept. 17
(c) Sept. 18 (d) Sept. 19
7. On _____, the Pakistan Stock Exchange was awarded the Best Islamic Stock Exchange Award 2023 by Global Islamic Finance Awards.
(a) Sept. 17 (b) Sept. 18
(c) Sept. 19 (d) Sept. 20
8. On Sept. 20, Geetika Srivastava became the first woman to become _____ head of mission in Pakistan.
(a) India's (b) Sri Lanka's
(c) Bangladesh's (d) Nepal's
9. The current Chairman of the Pakistan Tourism Development Board of Directors is _____.
(a) Dr Amjad Saqib
(b) Azfar Khan Niazi
(c) Syed Wasi Ahmed Fatemi
(d) Shabbir Hussain Leghari
10. On Sept. 20, Shehroze Kashif scaled the _____ highest mountain Manaslu in Nepal.
(a) Sixth (b) Eighth
(c) Eleventh (d) Twelfth
11. On Sept. 21, _____ became the first Pakistani woman to climb Mount Manaslu, which is 8,163 meters (26,781 ft.) tall, in Nepal.
(a) Naila Kiani (b) Sabin Kiani
(c) Hadia Hakim (d) Samina Baig
12. Caretaker Prime Minister

- Anwaarul Haq Kakar addressed the UN General Assembly on _____.
(a) Sept. 20 (b) Sept. 21
(c) Sept. 22 (d) Sept. 23
13. The current ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan is _____.
(a) Nawaf bin Saïd Al-Malki
(b) Khalid bin Salman
(c) Abdullah Al-Saud
(d) Faisal Al-Hegelan
14. On Sept. 22, President Alvi gave approval to the appointment of _____ as the chairman of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).
(a) Dr Amjad Saqib
(b) Kashmala Tariq
(c) Sania Ashiq (d) Seemi Raheel
15. On Sept. 22, Pakistan's _____ secured a landmark Neom project in Saudi Arabia, becoming the first Pakistani firm to do so.
(a) Nespak (b) Descon
(c) FWO (d) NLC
16. On Sept. 22, the _____ launched 'Reforms for a Brighter Future: Time to Decide' to contribute to the public



- debate on development policy priorities in Pakistan.
(a) World Bank (b) IPRI
(c) UNDP (d) UN-Women
17. On Sept. 23, Pakistani and Indian officials participated in a two-day meeting convened by a neutral expert in _____ to resolve the long-standing water dispute between the two neighbours.
(a) The Hague (b) Vienna
(c) New York (d) Washington DC
18. On Sept. 24, Commissioning ceremony of the 1st Pakistan Navy MILGEM Ship PNS BABUR was held in _____.
(a) Karachi (b) Istanbul
(c) Paris (d) Ankara
19. On Sept. 25, Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi

- inaugurated the first-ever plastic road in the province in _____.
(a) Faisalabad (b) Lahore
(c) Rawalpindi (d) Multan
20. On Sept. 25, ex-Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) _____ returned to the UK after 30 years of service for Pakistan Navy for conversion into a floating museum.
(a) Taimoor (b) Ghazi
(c) Tariq (d) Abdali
21. On Sept. 26, Pakistan and _____ signed the first draft of an agreement for the elimination of double taxation on income and the prevention of tax evasion between the two countries.
(a) France (b) China
(c) Germany (d) Sweden
22. On Sept. 27, the Planning Commission's Chief Economist, _____, resigned.
(a) Dr Javed Husain Tajik
(b) Dr Qais Aslam
(c) Dr Nadeem Javaid
(d) Qaisar Bengali
23. On Sept. 28, the UN General Assembly convened an informal meeting in _____ to review the implementation of its last year's resolution to help Pakistan rebuild.
(a) Bonn (b) New York
(c) Nairobi (d) Ankara
24. The Pakistan-Gulf Cooperation Council Free Trade Agreement (Pak-GCC FTA) was inked on _____.
(a) Sept. 29 (b) Sept. 30
(c) Oct. 01 (d) Oct. 02
25. On Sept. 30, Justice Irfan Saadat Khan was appointed as acting chief justice of the _____ high court.
(a) Sindh (b) Balochistan
(c) Peshawar (d) Islamabad
26. The first serving three-star general appointed the chairman of the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) is _____.
(a) Lt. Gen. Shahid Karim
(b) Lt. Gen. Munir Afsar
(c) Lt. Gen. Sajjad Haider
(d) Lt. Gen. Asim Ghaffar
27. The European Parliament voted, on _____, to extend the current generalised system of preferences (GSP) for another four years until 2027 for Pakistan.
(a) Oct. 05 (b) Oct. 06
(c) Oct. 07 (d) Oct. 08
28. On Oct. 06, Virgin Galactic launched the first Pakistani woman _____ into space.
(a) Sabin Kiani (b) Naila Kiani
(c) Samina Haider (d) Namira Salim
29. On Oct. 07, Admiral Naveed

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Ashraf assumed the command of Pakistan Navy as the _____ Chief of the Naval Staff.

- (a) 23rd (b) 24th
(c) 25th (d) 29th

30. Pakistan won just one silver and _____ bronze medals at the 19th Asian Games.

- (a) One (b) Two
(c) Three (d) Six

31. On Oct. 10, Pakistan hunted down a target of 345 against _____, the highest-ever chase in a World Cup.

- (a) Australia (b) South Africa
(c) Sri Lanka (d) New Zealand

32. On Oct. 11, the Supreme Court, with a majority decision _____, sustained the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act 2023.

- (a) 13-2 (b) 12-3
(c) 11-4 (d) 10-5

33. On Oct. 12, the caretaker government appointed Sami Malik as ambassador to _____.

- (a) Switzerland (b) UK
(c) Turkiye (d) Morocco

34. Pakistan has been ranked _____ out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index-2023.

- (a) 85th (b) 94th
(c) 102nd (d) 118th

35. On Oct. 13, President Alvi conferred _____ (Military) upon Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf.

- (a) Nishan-e-Imtiaz
(b) Hilal-e-Imtiaz
(c) Tamgha-e-Imtiaz
(d) Sitara-e-Imtiaz

36. The Chashma Nuclear plant was built with the help of _____.

- (a) Germany (b) Canada
(c) France (d) China

37. Pakistan is divided into _____ physiographic divisions.

- (a) Two (b) Three
(c) Four (d) Five

38. Separate Electorate is the main feature of _____.

- (a) Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms
(b) Government of India Act, 1919
(c) Government of India Act, 1912
(d) Minto-Morley Reforms

39. Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband was founded in _____.

- (a) 1865 (b) 1866
(c) 1867 (d) 1868

40. The State Bank auditorium in Islamabad functioned as the National Assembly of Pakistan for _____ years.

- (a) 7 (b) 8
(c) 10 (d) 14

INTERNATIONAL

1. On Sept. 16, the leaders of Mali, Burkina Faso and _____ signed the Liptako-Gourma Charter establishing the Alliance of Sahel States (AES).

- (a) Niger (b) Chad
(c) Sudan (d) Nigeria

2. On Sept. 17, the Federal Republic of _____ launched a national identification system with the support of Pakistan's Nadra.

- (a) Hungary (b) Somalia
(c) Brazil (d) Argentina

3. Nagorno-Karabakh is a breakaway enclave of _____.

- (a) Armenia (b) Turkiye
(c) Azerbaijan (d) Iran

4. On Sept. 17, India routed _____ to clinch their eighth Asia Cup title.

- (a) Afghanistan (b) Pakistan
(c) Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka

5. On Sept. 18, the United States and _____ each released five detainees in a prisoner-swap deal that also gives the latter access to \$6 billion in long-frozen oil funds.

- (a) Syria (b) Afghanistan
(c) North Korea (d) Iran

6. On Sept. 19, _____ released the world's first geothermal industry standard.

- (a) Qatar (b) Germany
(c) China (d) France

7. On Sept. 19, the EU appointed _____ economist Iliana Ivanova as the new EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth.

- (a) Bulgarian (b) Serbian
(c) Norwegian (d) Swedish

8. On Sept. 20, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak delayed his country's targets for changing cars and domestic heating until _____.

- (a) 2030 (b) 2035
(c) 2040 (d) 2045

9. On Sept. 20, archaeologists unearthed the oldest wooden structure ever discovered, dating from nearly half a million years ago, at Kalambo Falls in the north of _____.

- (a) Zambia (b) Tanzania
(c) Argentina (d) Mexico

10. On _____, 67 countries signed a first-ever treaty on protecting the international high seas.

- (a) Sept. 18 (b) Sept. 20
(c) Sept. 22 (d) Sept. 27

11. On Sept. 23, Chinese President Xi Jinping declared the _____ Asian Games open in Hangzhou.

- (a) 17th (b) 18th
(c) 19th (d) 20th

12. On Sept. 26, the speaker of _____ parliament Anthony Rota resigned, days after he singled out a Ukrainian veteran who apparently fought for the Nazis during World War II for a standing ovation.

- (a) France's (b) Norway's
(c) Switzerland's (d) Canada's

13. On Sept. 27, Iran's Revolutionary Guards "successfully" launched a new military imaging satellite _____.

- (a) Nour-3 (b) Yazd-4
(c) Isfahan-1 (d) Nour-6

14. On Sept. 27, _____ bludgeoned 314-3 to break the previous highest T20 men's international innings of 278-3 by Afghanistan.

- (a) Nepal (b) Australia
(c) England (d) India

15. On Sept. 27, Nepal's Singh Airee hit eight sixes in an unbeaten 52 off _____ balls.

- (a) 8 (b) 10
(c) 12 (d) 13

16. On Sept. 28, _____ enshrined its status as a nuclear power in its constitution.

- (a) North Korea (b) Israel
(c) India (d) Iran

17. On Sept. 28, _____ signed a deal to acquire the Israeli-made Arrow 3 hypersonic missile system that will become a key part of Europe's

OCT 24TH UNITED NATIONS DAY

October 24th marks the anniversary of the United Nations.

It came into force in 1945 by the UN Charter.

Currently, there are 193 UN Member States.

It aims to raise awareness of the goals & achievements of the Organization and gaining support for its work.



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defence against air attack.
 (a) United States (b) Armenia
 (c) **Germany** (d) Albania

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 (a) Indonesia (b) **The Maldives**
 (c) Malaysia (d) Nepal

19. On Oct. 01, the _____ launched the first phase of the world's first system to impose CO₂ emissions tariffs on imported steel, cement and other goods.
 (a) UK (b) UNDP
 (c) **EU** (d) UNEP

20. On Oct. 02, the United States and _____ launched annual joint naval war games "Samasama".
 (a) United Kingdom (b) Maldives
 (c) South Korea (d) **Philippines**

21. On _____, the US House of Representatives voted to oust Speaker Kevin McCarthy from his job, marking another first in US history.
 (a) Sept. 30 (b) Oct. 01
 (c) Oct. 02 (d) **Oct. 03**

22. On Oct. 03, _____ House of Commons elected Greg Fergus as its new speaker, making him the first Black to hold the post.
 (a) Ukraine's (b) US's
 (c) **Canada's** (d) UK's

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 (c) India (d) New Zealand

26. The country that won the most gold medals (201) at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou was _____.
 (a) India (b) **China**
 (c) Japan (d) South Korea

27. On Oct. 09, the Council of Europe awarded its top rights prize to jailed _____ philanthropist Osman Kavala.
 (a) Serbian (b) **Turkish**
 (c) Iraqi (d) Iranian

28. On Oct. 09, the IMF and the World Bank began talks in Marrakech, a city in _____.
 (a) Tanzania (b) Libya
 (c) Zambia (d) **Morocco**

29. On Oct. 10, the UN General Assembly rejected a bid by _____ to regain a seat on the Human Rights

Council.
 (a) Japan (b) **United Kingdom**
 (c) **Russia** (d) North Korea

30. The UK and Ireland will co-host Euro 2028, while Italy and _____ will host the 2032 edition.
 (a) Sweden (b) Greece
 (c) **Turkiye** (d) Azerbaijan

31. On Oct. 11, the UN Human Rights Council voted to set up an independent fact-finding mission to probe alleged rights abuses in _____ brutal fighting.
 (a) Ethiopia's (b) **Sudan's**
 (c) Libya's (d) Niger's

32. On _____, Israel announced the formation of an emergency government for the duration of the current conflict with Hamas.
 (a) Oct. 10 (b) **Oct. 11**
 (c) Oct. 12 (d) Oct. 14

33. On Oct. 12, Vladimir Putin reached _____ on his first foreign visit since the ICC issued an arrest warrant for him in March.
 (a) **Kyrgyzstan** (b) Kenya
 (c) China (d) **Turkiye**

34. On Oct. 13, the International Olympic Committee's executive board approved the inclusion of Cricket in the Olympics at the _____ Los Angeles Games.
 (a) 2024 (b) **2028**
 (c) 2032 (d) 2036

35. On Oct. 15, International Olympic Committee members voted to allow a double allocation of two successive Winter Games in 2030 and _____.
 (a) 2024 (b) 2028
 (c) **2034** (d) 2040

36. The current White House National Security Advisor is _____.
 (a) Janet Yellen (b) Merrick Garland
 (c) **Jake Sullivan** (d) Deb Haaland

37. When a jet or any other object flies faster than sound, it produces a _____.
 (a) Sonic shock (b) Sonic raft
 (c) Sonic gravy (d) **Sonic boom**

38. The International Criminal Court was established in _____.
 (a) 2000 (b) 2001
 (c) **2002** (d) 2004

39. The number of State Parties to the Rome Statute that established the ICC is _____.
 (a) 111 (b) **123**
 (c) 154 (d) 167

40. The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict is between Azerbaijan and _____.
 (a) Tajikistan (b) Iran
 (c) Kazakhstan (d) **Armenia**

INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WEAPONS

KASHMIR

The charred bodies of Kashmiris indicate the use of Chemical weapons by India in IIOJK. The Chemical Weapon Convention, signed by India, comprehensively prohibits the use, development, production, stockpiling and transfer of chemical weapons. The use of chemical weapons in a widespread and systematic attack against a civilian population is a crime against humanity. If done with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, like in IIOJK, it amounts to genocide.

PALESTINE

The use of white phosphorus in Gaza, one of the most densely populated areas in the world, magnifies the risk to civilians and violates the international humanitarian law prohibition on putting civilians at unnecessary risk. White phosphorus causes severe burns, often down to the bone, that are slow to heal and are likely to cause lifelong complications affecting mobility.