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# Defence Current Affairs

## 13 April 2023

### Airstrikes on Myanmar village feared to have killed 100

- Airstrikes by Myanmar's military on Tuesday killed as many as **100 people**, including many children, who were attending a ceremony held by opponents of army rule.
- The military is increasingly using airstrikes to counter a widespread armed struggle against its rule, which began in February 2021 when it seized power from the elected government of **Aung San Suu Kyi**. More than 3,000 civilians are estimated to have been killed since then by security forces.
- **A witness told** The Associated Press that a **fighter jet dropped bombs directly into a crowd of people** who were gathering at 8 a.m. for the **opening of a local office of the country's opposition movement outside Pazigy village** in Sagaing region's Kanbalu township.
- The area is about **110 kilometers (70 miles)** north of Mandalay, the country's **second largest city**.



## 5<sup>th</sup> INDIA–UK Home Affairs Dialogue

- The 5<sup>th</sup> India-UK Home Affairs Dialogue was held in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by **Union Home Secretary, Ajay Kumar Bhalla** and the UK delegation was led by Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Sir Matthew Rycroft.
- Both sides reviewed the ongoing cooperation and identified further steps that can be taken to explore opportunities and synergies in advancing cooperation in counter-terrorism, cyber security & global supply chains, drug trafficking, migration, extradition, **anti-India activities** in UK including **Pro-Khalistan Extremism** among other issues.
- The meeting concluded with both sides expressing satisfaction with the ongoing partnership and agreeing to deepen bilateral engagement and maintain the momentum for enhanced security cooperation between the two countries.



## Sweden Shuts Down Embassy In Islamabad For Security Reasons

- **Sweden** has closed its **Embassy in Islamabad** for an indefinite period of time due to the "**current situation**" of Pakistan, according to the official release from the embassy.
- Reports said that **Pakistani students** looking forward to **taking admission to Swedish educational institutions** will be **affected** the most as the new academic session starts in August and the visa processing takes 4-6 months.



## EXERCISE COPE INDIA 2023

- The next phase of the Exercise Cope India 23 will commence at **Air Force Station Kalaikunda** on 13 April 2023. This segment of the exercise will witness participation of B1B bombers of the United States Air Force (USAF).
- **F-15 fighter aircraft** of the USAF will also join the exercise subsequently. The IAF element will include the **Su-30 MKI, Rafale, Tejas and Jaguar fighter aircraft**.
- The exercise will be supported by aerial refuellers, Airborne Warning and Control System and Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft of the IAF. The exercise will conclude on **24 April 2023**.



## Union Ministers Tasked With Visiting LAC Villages, Expediting Projects

- Union cabinet ministers are likely to visit border villages along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, **spend a night there and interact with locals** to understand their problems and issues, said people aware of the matter.

- A list of 662 villages along the LAC in three states - Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand - and one Union Territory, Ladakh, has been shared with ministers' offices and they have also been asked to review the developmental work there, said the people.



## North Korea Fires Ballistic Missile Toward East Sea Of Japan

- Following its ongoing unwillingness to respond to what were formerly daily cross-border communications, North Korea on Thursday fired an unspecified ballistic missile towards the **East Sea of Japan**.
- **Tensions increased** on Tuesday as state media in the North claimed that leader **Kim Jong-un had called for strengthening his nation's military deterrence** in a more "practical and offensive" way.
- Moreover, the Japanese government said the North Korean missile could be **heading towards Japan as Pyongyang fired** an unspecified missile in the East Sea amid **rising tensions with Seoul and Washington**.



## Exercise RPREX-2023

- Regional Pollution Response Exercise RPREX-2023 coordinated by ICG Region (East) concluded at Kakinada. The two-day exercise aimed at assessing Pollution response efficiency of the region, comprised of a simulated oil spill from crude oil tanker off Kakinada.
- The Indian Coast Guard is a maritime law enforcement and search and rescue agency of India with jurisdiction over its territorial waters including its contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone. It was formally established on 1 February 1977 by the Coast Guard Act, 1978 of the Parliament of India.
- Founded: 1 February 1977
- Headquarters: Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi
- Employees: 13,842 sanctioned strength (2018–19)
- Abbreviation: ICG
- Planes: 67 aircraft
- Constituting instrument: The Coast Guard Act, 1978
- Parent agency: Ministry of Defence



## Review Questions

1. **Current Union Home Secretary Of India Is**
  - A. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
  - B. Rajiv Kumar Gauba
  - C. Amit Shah
  - D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**2. The Next Phase Of The Exercise Cope India 23 Will Commence At**

- A. Air Force Station Kalaikunda
- B. Air Force Station Chandigarh
- C. Air Force Station Agra
- D. Air Force Station Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**3. F-15 Fighter Aircraft Belongs To**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. USA

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Exercise RPREX-2023 Conducted By**

- A. IAF
- B. ICG
- C. BSF
- D. Indian Navy

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Current Foreign Secretary Of India Is**

- A. Vinay Kwatra
- B. S. Jaishankar
- C. Armani Giridhar
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Thailand Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MAITREE

**ANSWER: D**

**7. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is**

- A. Durga Mata K Jai
- B. Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Bajrang Bali K Jai

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Army Airborne Training School Is At**

- A. Pune
- B. Agra
- C. Chennai
- D. Noida

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Banjul Is The Capital Of**

- A. Gabon
- B. Gambia
- C. UAE
- D. Germany

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Ex EKUVERIN, EX EKATHA Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility Is Located At**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Noida



**ANSWER: C**

**13. Which Of The Following Company Is A Navratna Company Of Bharat?**

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- C. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)
- D. All of the above

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Hq Of Airports Authority of India Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Noida
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: D**

**15. "Pride and Prejudice" Book Written By**

- A. H. G. Wells
- B. Daniel Defoe
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Jane Austen

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Which Is A Commissioned Rank Of Indian Navy?**

- A. Leading Rate
- B. Petty Officer
- C. Chief Petty Officer
- D. Sub Lieutenant

**ANSWER: D**

**17. UNSC Was Formed On**

- A. 24 October 1945
- B. 25 October 1946
- C. 26 October 1947
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**18. First Indian Armed Officer Promoted To the Field Marshal Of The Indian Army**

- A. Air Marshal Arjan Singh

- B. Field Marshal K.M Karippa
- C. Field Marshal SHF Manekshaw
- D. General Bipin Rawat

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Which Nation Has to Give Largest Funding To UN Peacekeeping Force?**

**“Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success” Book Is Written By**

- A. Russia
- B. USA
- C. China
- D. Canada

**ANSWER: B**

**20. The Astra Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Air-to-air Missile

**ANSWER: D**



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