

Defence Current Affairs

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Hamas Says Engaged in 'Heavy fighting' with Israeli Army in Gaza

- Hamas's armed wing said Sunday its fighters were engaged in "heavy fighting" with Israeli forces in Gaza after Israeli military deployed more ground forces across the Palestinian territory.
- "Our fighters are currently engaged in heavy fighting with machine-guns and anti-tank weapons with the invading occupation (Israeli) forces in northwest Gaza," the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement.
- In an earlier statement the group said two Israeli tanks had caught fire after they were targeted by its fighters, a claim which the army has not confirmed.
- Israeli armoured forces and infantry began operating inside Gaza in what Defence Minister Yoav Gallant called "a new phase" of the war on Hamas, triggered by deadly attacks on Israel on October 7.



Maldives Will Return Indian Military As Soon As Possible

- Maldives will work to return Indian military personnel from its shores "as soon as possible," President-elect Mohamed Muizzu told Reuters on Sunday, insisting it was the top foreign policy priority for the tiny Indian Ocean Island chain.
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Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2023'

- The Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent comprising 120 personnel has departed for Kazakhstan to take part in the 7th edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023', the Ministry of Defence said.
- 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' will be conducted from October 30 to November 11 at Otar in Kazakhstan and 90 personnel of the Indian Army contingent led by a Battalion from the DOGRA regiment will participate in the joint exercise.

- The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' in the year 2016. After the second edition, the Exercise was upgraded to a company-level exercise and renamed as 'Exercise KAZIND'.



NSG Team Arrives In Kerala After Twin Blasts Rock Prayer Meet

- Following blasts in Ernakulam district in Kerala, the National Security Guard (NSG) team on Sunday arrived at the spot where the twin blast took place earlier today in Kalamassery.
- Meanwhile, Kerala Health Minister Veena George said that a 14-member medical board is monitoring the entire situation following the blasts at the convention centre of a Christian group in Kochi, which claimed at least two lives and left several injured.
- Currently, 41 people are hospitalized, 27 people admitted to Ernakulam Medical College...4 people discharged. 2 people have died, and 5 are critical. A special team led by ADGP Law and Order will be investigating this incident...20 members will be in the investigating team. An all-party meeting has been called for tomorrow.



Israel launches Gaza war's second phase with ground operation

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday that Israeli forces had entered the second phase in the war in Gaza as they pressed ground operations against Hamas militants running the Palestinian enclave.
- Gaza's besieged people had barely any communications with the outside world as Israeli jets dropped more bombs and military chiefs said a long-threatened ground offensive against Hamas militants was gearing up.
- Speaking at a press conference in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu warned that the war would be long and difficult and reiterated Israel's appeal to Palestinian civilians to evacuate the northern Gaza Strip where Israel was focusing its attack.
- He vowed that every effort would be made to rescue the more than 200 hostages held by Hamas.
- "This is the second stage of the war whose goals are clear - to destroy Hamas' governing and military capabilities and to bring the hostages home," Netanyahu told reporters.
- Israel has blockaded and bombarded Gaza for three weeks after the Islamist group Hamas' Oct. 7 assault killed 1,400 Israelis in the deadliest day of the nation's 75-year history.



Review Questions

1. Ex Kazind 2023 Conducting between Bharat And?

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: A

2. Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences Is A Operating Agency Of

- A. ISRO
- B. BDL
- C. DRDO
- D. CSL

ANSWER: C

3. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Israel
- D. Kazakhstan

ANSWER: C

4. Which Edition of Exercise Kazind 23 Is Conducting?

- A. 6th
- B. 7th
- C. 8th
- D. 9th

ANSWER: B

5. Which Organisation Manufactured Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?

- A. BEL
- B. BDL
- C. HAL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: C

6. Indian Army Contingent Participated In Exercise Vostok-2022 In Which Country?

- A. Canada
- B. Russia
- C. Germany
- D. Ukraine

ANSWER: B

7. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which Is Being Held Between India And Which Other Country? Commissioned In

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

8. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?

- A.** INS Rajput
- B.** INS Nishank
- C.** INS Sindhudhvaj
- D.** INS Ranjit

ANSWER: C

9. Heron MK II Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

10. Chabahar Port Is Located In

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

11. SCO Member Countries Contribute About ___Of Global GDP.

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 50%
- D. 60%

ANSWER: A

12. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of

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

ANSWER: A

13. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of

- A. USA
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: B

14. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2" is a

- A. Helicopter

- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

15. BELMOPAN Is The Capital Of

- A. BELIZE
- B. BENIN
- C. BHUTAN
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

16. "The Living Mountain" Book Is Written By

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Aakash Ranison
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Amitav Ghosh

ANSWER: D

17. Joint Exercises B/w India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. Ashoka
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

ANSWER: D

18. India Purchased Sig Sauer assault rifles from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. India Purchased Romeo 64 Helicopter from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

20. Which Is Not The Member Of BIMSTEC?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Bhutan
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: D