

Defence Current Affairs

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Drone, Explosive Attacks Target US Forces Across Iraq

- U.S. forces were targeted in three attacks in Iraq on Thursday but suffered no casualties, a U.S. military official and security sources said, in the most widespread single day of strikes on U.S. assets since the Israel-Hamas conflict started.
- There had been four attacks against U.S. troops in Iraq and Syria in the past 24 hours, a separate U.S. official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Three U.S. troops had minor injuries and they had returned to duty, the official added.
- U.S. and coalition troops have been attacked at least 40 times in Iraq and Syria since early October over Israel's devastating siege of Gaza in retaliation for Hamas militants' Oct. 7 cross-border attack.



BSF Soldier Killed In Firing By Pakistan Rangers

- A BSF head constable was killed in the firing by Pakistan Rangers in the wee hours of Thursday along the border in Ramgarh sector of Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir.

- The BSF personnel killed along the border was identified as Lal Fam Kima, 50, who suffered injuries and later succumbed at the hospital. Kima is a resident of Aizwal in Mizoram and is survived by wife and three children.
- Ramgarh Community Health Centre Block Medical Officer (BMO) Dr Lakhwinder Singh one BSF jawan was injured in Pakistani firing and reported to the centre for treatment around 1am, reported PTI.
- He was later moved to the GMC Hospital in Jammu but succumbed to injuries during the course of treatment.
- The unprovoked firing by Pakistani Rangers triggered panic among villagers in the Ramgarh area, who took refuge in bunkers.
- This is the third ceasefire violation in 24 days by the Pakistani Rangers along the IB on the Jammu frontier and sixth overall violation since the two sides signed a ceasefire agreement on February 25, 2021.



India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

- The United States and India have established a strong defence industrial cooperation that looks at opportunities for co-development and co-production of important military capabilities for both countries, as per a US State Department fact sheet released.
- Earlier in 2023, the US approved a pathbreaking manufacturing licence for the co-production of **GE F414 engines** in India. The United States and India launched an educational series that prepares startups and young innovators to contribute to the defence industries in both countries.

- The United States and India also cooperate through the bilateral US-India Counterterrorism Joint Working Group and the Defence Policy Group, as per the fact sheet.
- The two countries have a common vision to deploy clean energy at scale, as reflected in both countries' ambitious 2030 targets for climate action and clean energy.



India All-set To Buy 31 MQ-9B Predator Drones

- Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar on November 08 confirmed that India will soon buy the efficient **31 MQ-9B Predator Drones** for the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force in order to advance India's surveillance capability.
- "The Predator MQ-9B drone is used for surveillance...This is a very useful asset...The govt has given its approval to buy it now. There is a plan to buy 31 Predator Drones," said the Naval Chief.
- The MQ-9Bs, which will be assembled in India, will enhance the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities of India's armed forces across domains.
- As part of this plan, General Atomics will also establish a Comprehensive Global **Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility** in India in support of India's long-term goals to boost indigenous defence capabilities.
- The MQ-9B has two variants — the **Sky Guardian and the Sea Guardian, its maritime variant**. The MQ-9B is designed to fly over the horizon via satellite for up to 40 hours, depending on configuration, in all types of weather and safely integrate into civil airspace



UK To Add India To List Of Safe States

- The UK government has announced that it will add India to a list of "safe states", which would speed up the process of returning people who have travelled from India illegally.
- With this addition, all asylum claims from Indian nationals who arrive on small boats or illegally on other routes will be deemed inadmissible. There will be no appeals and they will be sent back.
- In a statement, the UK Home Office said that the government will add India and Georgia to the list of 'safe states.' It noted that the decision will mark another step in the delivery of the "**Illegal Migration Act 2023**" and its plans to stop the boats.



Review Questions

1. ATGM Stands For

- A. Anti-Turret Guided Missiles
- B. Anti-Tank Guided Mirage
- C. Anti-Tank Guided Missiles
- D. None

ANSWER: C

2. Mq 9B Predator Is A

- A. UAV
- B. Tank
- C. Aircraft
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. INAS 314 Based At

- A. Porbandar
- B. Kochi
- C. Nagpur
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

4. Which of the following is the Parent Agency of DRDO?

- A. MoD
- B. MEA
- C. NIA
- D. NHRC

ANSWER: A

5. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In

- A. Hyderabad, Telangana
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tezpur, Assam

ANSWER: A

6. HAL HTT-40 Is A

- A. Trainer Aircraft
- B. Fighter Aircraft
- C. Helicopter
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Range of BVRAAM Astra Mk1 Missile Is

- A. 100 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: A

8. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In

- A. Mauritius
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

9. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: B

10. College of Defence Management Is In

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

ANSWER: A

11. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

- A. Army Aviation Corps
- B. Sikh Regiment

- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Gorkha

ANSWER: A

12. GAGAN Stands For

- A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate
- B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation
- C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Which One Of The Following Countries Is Smaller Than India?

- A. Argentina
- B. Canada
- C. China
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: A

14. "Future Shock" Book Is Written By

- A. Alvin Toffler
- B. Ernest Hemingway
- C. Jeffrey Archer
- D. Aldous Huxley

ANSWER: A

15. Range of Sagarika Missile Is

- A. 500 km
- B. 600 km
- C. 700 km
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

16. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

17. LGM-30 Minuteman III Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. ICBM

ANSWER: D

18. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island Is Located At

- A. A&N
- B. Ladakh
- C. J&K
- D. Puducherry

ANSWER: A

19. Heckler and Koch Is A Company of

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Germany
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Motto of Indian Army Is

- A. Rhino Charge
- B. Touch the sky with glory
- C. Bharat Mata k Jai
- D. Savdhani Va Shoorta

ANSWER: C