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Lebanon Army Chief Joseph Aoun elected as Country's New President

- Lebanon's parliament elected Army Chief Joseph Aoun as the country's new president on Thursday, bringing an end to a prolonged political deadlock and presidential vacancy.
- After his election, Aoun stepped down from his military role and arrived at the parliament in civilian attire to be sworn in.
- Notably, Hezbollah, the most heavily armed militant group in the Middle East, had significant influence in several countries until it suffered heavy losses in a recent war with Israel.
- This conflict, along with the weakening of its ally, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, has reignited domestic debate on disarming the group.



HAL to Take Call On Clearance To Grounded ALH

- Having put flying all 330 ALH Dhruvs on hold after the recent crash in Porbandar, HAL is carrying out a detailed analysis of the crash and is expected to take a call on Saturday on whether the Indigenous chopper fleet can resume flying operations or continue to remain on the ground.

- The flying operations of the **330 ALH Dhruvs** were stopped after an Indian Coast Guard chopper with three personnel crashed during a routine training sortie. All three personnel lost their lives in the crash.
- The design review of the ALH choppers was done by a Netherlands-based firm and it stated that the design of the choppers was okay and there was nothing wrong with it.
- The engines have also been reviewed by the HAL with the French company Safran which is the partner for the manufacturing of **Shakti engines** used by the ALH Dhruv fleet.



Rajnath Singh to chair Ambassadors' Round-Table

- As a prelude to Aero India 2025, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will chair the **Ambassadors' Round-Table in New Delhi** on January 10, 2025. Invitations have been extended to Ambassadors and High Commissioners of over 150 friendly countries for participating in the event.
- They would be briefed on the major events of **Aero India 2025** and extended a personal invite from Raksha Mantri for their senior most leadership. Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth and senior officials from the Ministry of Defence & Armed Forces would be attending the event.
- The **15th edition of Aero India** - Asia's biggest aero show - is scheduled to be held at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka in Bengaluru, Karnataka from February 10 to 14, 2025.
- Aero India attracts a large number of exhibitors from the world's leading industries in the field of aerospace and defence. It provides a unique opportunity for the industry to showcase their capabilities, products and

services to the targeted audience. The biennial event serves as a platform for industry leaders to connect and shape the future of aerospace & defence industries.



Why is Iran looking to change its capital?

- The country is mulling moving its capital from **Tehran to Makran** in the southern region. Ynet News quoted Iran's government spokesperson Fatemeh Mohajerani as saying that the country is eyeing relocating its capital from Tehran to the country's south.
- Tehran was established as Iran's capital over 200 years ago. This was done by Āghā Moḥammad Khān, the first ruler of the country's Qājār dynasty.
- The Makran region is in the **Sistan and Baluchistan province**, near its southern coast and the **Gulf of Oman**.
- Tehran is battling environmental issues and a high population density.
- Some Tehran residents are facing power shortages, while others are battling a water crisis
- With over 1,000 kilometers of coastline and the Chabahar Free Trade-Industrial Zone being developed since 2003, Iran is looking to make Makran an international trade corridor connecting Central Asia to the Indian Ocean.



Amit Shah Chairs A Review Meeting at the Bureau of Police Research & Development

- Amit Shah chaired a review meeting at the BPR&D, New Delhi. Union Home Secretary, Director General BPR&D, Senior Officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Bureau's Officers were present in the meeting.
- Home Minister took an overview of the six Divisions of BPR&D as well as outlying units (CAPT Bhopal and CDTIs), their achievements, ongoing tasks, and future roadmap. He also took a special review of the efforts and initiatives by BPR&D towards the implementation of the **New Criminal Laws (NCL)**.
- **Founded:** 28 August 1970
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Agency executives:** Sri Rajeev Kumar Sharma, IPS, Director General; Ravi Joseph Lokku, IPS, Additional Director General
- **Divisions:** show 5: Administration; Modernisation / Development; Training; Research & Correctional; National Policing Mission
- **General nature:** Federal law enforcement
- **Governing body:** Government of India
- **Parent agency:** Ministry of Home Affairs



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When was the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) established?

- A. 28 August 1970
- B. 15 January 1965
- C. 26 January 1950
- D. 2 October 1975

ANSWER: A

2. Who was elected as Lebanon's new president, ending the prolonged political deadlock?

- A. Saad Hariri
- B. Michel Aoun
- C. Joseph Aoun
- D. Hassan Diab

ANSWER: C

3. Which city is Iran considering as a potential new capital?

- A. Tehran
- B. Mashhad
- C. Isfahan
- D. Makran

ANSWER: D

4. Where is the 15th edition of Aero India scheduled to be held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad

ANSWER: C

5. AFBCWF Stands For

- A. Army Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund
- B. Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Future
- C. Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund
- D. None

ANSWER: C

6. प्रहार से सुरक्षा Is The Motto Of

- A. Garud Commando Force
- B. MARCOS
- C. PARA SF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Indian Army Flag Consist Colors of ___ Colors.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

8. Which Country Has the Maximum Nuclear Warheads?

- A.** UK
- B.** Russia
- C.** USA
- D.** China

ANSWER: B

9. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The War Cry Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. RR
- C. Sikh Regiment
- D. Gorkha Regiment

ANSWER: A

10. IPCC Stands For

- A. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Challenge
- B. Intergovernmental Panel on Cloud Change
- C. Intergovernmental Pan on Climate Change
- D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

ANSWER: D

11. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

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

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

ANSWER: D

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

- A. Yama
- B. VINBAX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: B

14. Luanda Is The Capital Of

- A. Andorra
- B. Algiers
- C. Angola

D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "Sea of Tranquility" Book Written By

A. Emily St. John Mandel

B. Barak Obama

C. Hew Strachan

D. S. Jenifer

ANSWER: A

16. Ex KAZIND Conducted B/W India And

A. France

B. China

C. Kazakhstan

D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

17. Group Captain Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?

A. Colonel

B. Captain

C. Commander

D. Major

ANSWER: B

18. What Is The Ranking Of The IAF In The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)?

A. 1st

B. 2nd

C. 3rd

D. 4th

ANSWER: C

19. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

A. JKLI

B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT

C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20. F 18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: A

