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Sudanese Army Recaptures Presidential Palace

- The Sudanese army has recaptured the presidential palace in the capital, Khartoum, in a highly symbolic battlefield victory over the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in the country's catastrophic civil war.
- An officer wearing a captain's epaulettes announced the takeover of the palace in a video and confirmed that troops were inside the compound. Sudan's information minister, Khaled al-Aiser, said in a social media post that the military had retaken the palace.
- He said, The palace is back, and the journey continues until victory is complete. On the other hand, the RSF said it is fighting back and claims to have launched an attack on the palace.
- The two-year civil war has caused the world's largest humanitarian crisis, according to the UN. The RSF also still controls large parts of the country, including much of the West.



Indian Army Set To Acquire 250 BrahMos

- The Indian Army and Air Force are poised to acquire 250 BrahMos missiles, with the deal valued at approximately **\$2.4 billion USD**.
- This acquisition is currently under review by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and forms part of India's military budget for 2024, which totals around \$72 billion.
- The BrahMos missile, developed through an Indo-Russian collaboration, is based on the Russian P-800 Oniks missile and is recognized as one of the most advanced systems in its class. It boasts capabilities such as speeds up to Mach 2.8 and ranges between 300 and 500 kilometres, depending on the variant.



MEDEVAC Operation Out At Sea

- On the night of 20/21 Mar 25, the Indian Coast Guard's Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Mumbai informed the Indian Navy of four crew members of MV Heilan Star having sustained severe burn injuries and requiring immediate advanced medical care.
- In the early hours of 21 Mar 25, the Indian Navy successfully carried out a critical Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) operation from MV Heilan Star, a Panama-flagged bulk carrier, located about 230 nautical miles West of Goa.



Never accepted illegal occupation: Centre

- India protests China's new counties announcement encroaching Ladakh
- Government rejects China's territorial claims
- Centre says lodged protest through diplomatic channels
- The government on Friday said that India is aware of China establishing two new counties, parts of which fall in Ladakh, and has registered a "solemn" protest through diplomatic channels.
- In a written response to a query in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh said that India never accepted the "illegal Chinese occupation of the Indian Territory in this area".
- The ministry was asked whether the government is aware of "China's establishment of two new counties in the Hotan prefecture, incorporating Indian territory in Ladakh", if so, the strategic and diplomatic measures undertaken by the government to address this issue.



DRDO Scientists

- Approval of new Deep Tech & Cutting-Edge policies under the TDF Scheme has been initiated to encourage DRDO establishments to identify and involve private sector entities in the collaborative development of emerging technologies. Additionally, private entities are funded through grants to develop specific technologies.
- DRDO laboratories have structured research roadmaps designed to keep pace with global advancements in defence technologies and products. Furthermore, DRDO prepares a bi-monthly document that provides a global review of new technologies and systems developed worldwide.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which country does Sudan share its northern border with?

- A. Chad
- B. Egypt
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Libya

ANSWER: B

2. How many BrahMos missiles are the Indian Army and Air Force planning to acquire?

- A. 100
- B. 250
- C. 500
- D. 750

ANSWER: B

3. What is the maximum speed capability of the BrahMos missile?

- A. Mach 1.5
- B. Mach 2.8
- C. Mach 4.0
- D. Mach 5.5

ANSWER: B

4. Where was the MV Heilan Star located when the Indian Navy conducted the MEDEVAC operation?

- A. 100 nautical miles west of Mumbai
- B. 150 nautical miles east of Chennai
- C. 230 nautical miles west of Goa
- D. 300 nautical miles south of Gujarat

ANSWER: C

5. The Submarines In The Project-75 Scorpene Class Are Powered By

- A. Diesel-electric propulsion systems
- B. Nuclear Powered Submarine
- C. Hydrogen Fueled Submarine
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Who Is The Responsible Minister Of The Defence Acquisition Council?

- A. Home Minister
- B. Defence Minister
- C. External Affairs Minister
- D. PM

ANSWER: B

7. 'Air Independent Propulsion System' Is Inducted

- A. Helicopter
- B. UAV
- C. Submarine
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: C

8. 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

9. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Desert Eagle
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Indradhanush

ANSWER: D

10. 'Nirdeshak' Ship Is built by

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

ANSWER: B

11. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island Is Located At

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

ANSWER: A

12. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In

- A. T.N
- B. M.H
- C. Goa
- D. A.P

ANSWER: A

13. Full-Form of ATAGS Is

- A. Adventure Towed Artillery Gun System
- B. Advanced To Artillery Gun System
- C. Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System
- D. Advanced Towed Artillery Gum System

ANSWER: C

14. At Which Of The Following Places Is The Heavy Vehicles Factory Located?

- A. Kanpur
- B. Khadki
- C. Avadi
- D. 24 Paraganas

ANSWER: C

15. Sofia Is The Capital Of

- A. Brunei
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Bulgaria

ANSWER: D

16. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of

- A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. Exercises B/w India And Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

18. Barrett M95 Is A

- A. Sniper Rifles
- B. Helicopter
- C. ATAGS
- D. ATGM

ANSWER: A

19. Astra Is A

- A. Air-to-air Missile
- B. Air-to-surface Missile
- C. Air-to-sea Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: A

20. What is the purpose of the 'SBI NAVeCash Card'?

- A. To facilitate online transactions for naval personnel
- B. To facilitate offline transactions for naval personnel at sea
- C. To encourage more naval personnel to use debit cards
- D. To replace traditional debit cards for all Indians

ANSWER: B