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International News

Geopolitical & Conflict:

Gaza Ceasefire Talks Stalled: Negotiations for a truce between Hamas and Israel have reached an impasse due to ongoing disagreements over the conditions for the Israeli Defense Forces' withdrawal from Gaza. Israeli strikes have reportedly killed at least 30 people, including six children, at a water collection zone in Gaza.

Syria Clashes: Clashes between Bedouin tribes and local fighters in the predominantly Druze city of Sweida in southern Syria have killed at least 37 people. Syrian authorities have sent forces to de-escalate the situation.

Ukraine & Russia: Ukraine claims to have eliminated two "Russian agents" suspected of killing an intelligence officer in Kyiv. Meanwhile, Russia and North Korea state that increased Western military activity is behind growing tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Donald Trump has confirmed plans to sell weapons to NATO allies to be provided to Ukraine.

Israeli Settler Violence: Israeli settlers have reportedly killed two Palestinians near Ramallah in the West Bank.

Somalia Bombing: Several people have been killed and injured in a suicide bombing targeting a military academy in Mogadishu, Somalia, with Al-Shabaab claiming responsibility.

Myanmar Exodus: Hundreds of people, including over 100 Myanmar junta soldiers, have fled into Thailand after ethnic Karen fighters overran military bases in eastern Myanmar.

Economic & Trade:

Trump's Tariffs: President Donald Trump has announced a 30% tariff on imports from the European Union and Mexico, set to take effect on August 1. The EU is delaying retaliatory tariffs on US goods in hopes of reaching a deal by August 1. He also announced plans for a 35% duty on Canadian imports beginning next month.

Oil Prices: Crude oil prices saw a mild uptick as markets reacted to geopolitical developments, including potential new US sanctions on Russia and Trump's forthcoming statement on the matter.

China-ASEAN Trade: China and ASEAN are set to finalize an upgraded free trade agreement by October.

iPhone 17 Production in India: Foxconn, Apple's manufacturing partner, has begun importing parts from China to its Indian facility for assembling the upcoming iPhone 17, likely for trial production.

Disasters & Accidents:

London Plane Crash: A small passenger aircraft crashed shortly after taking off from London's Southend Airport.

Arizona Wildfires: The Grand Canyon Lodge in Arizona, US, has been destroyed by a wildfire.

Guatemala Earthquake: At least six people have died after a Mw 5.7 earthquake struck Guatemala.

India Bridge Collapse & Fire: In India, at least 13 people were killed and nine injured after a section of the Gambhira Bridge in Gujarat partially collapsed, and ten people were killed in a fire.





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a fireworks factory fire and explosion in Tamil Nadu.

New Mexico Floods: At least three people have been killed in flash floods in Ruidoso, New Mexico, US.

Sports:

Wimbledon 2025: Iga Świątek claimed her first Wimbledon title in the women's singles, defeating Amanda Anisimova. Jannik Sinner defeated Carlos Alcaraz to win his first Wimbledon men's singles title.

FIFA Club World Cup 2025: Chelsea won the Club World Cup, defeating Paris Saint-Germain 3-0 in the final. Cole Palmer was awarded the tournament's Golden Ball. Donald Trump's unexpected appearance at the celebration drew comparisons to John Terry.

Other:

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2025: World leaders are gathering in New York from July 14 to 23 for the HLPF, a crucial event to recommit, invest, and act for gender equality and to assess progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Bastille Day: A colorful torchlight procession marked the eve of Bastille Day in Puducherry, India, celebrating French National Day.

MCQS

1.What is currently stalling the Gaza ceasefire talks between Hamas and Israel?

- a) Disagreements over the release of hostages.
- b) Ongoing Israeli strikes in Gaza.

- c) Disagreements over the conditions for the Israeli Defense Forces' withdrawal from Gaza.
- d) International pressure for a permanent truce.

Answer: c) Disagreements over the conditions for the Israeli Defense Forces' withdrawal from Gaza.

The news states, "Negotiations for a truce between Hamas and Israel have reached an impasse due to ongoing disagreements over the conditions for the Israeli Defense Forces' withdrawal from Gaza."

2.How many people were reportedly killed in clashes between Bedouin tribes and local fighters in Sweida, Syria?

- a) At least 10
- b) At least 20
- c) At least 37
- d) At least 50

Answer: c) At least 37

The news reports, "Clashes between Bedouin tribes and local fighters in the predominantly Druze city of Sweida in southern Syria have killed at least 37 people."

3.What have Russia and North Korea stated is behind growing tensions on the Korean Peninsula?

- a) North Korea's nuclear program.
- b) Increased Western military activity.
- c) South Korea's military drills.
- d) UN sanctions against North Korea.

Answer: b) Increased Western military activity. The news mentions, "Russia and North Korea state that increased Western military activity is behind growing tensions on the Korean Peninsula."

4.Where did Israeli settlers reportedly kill two Palestinians?





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- a) Near Gaza City
- b) In Jerusalem
- c) Near Ramallah in the West Bank
- d) In Hebron

Answer: c) Near Ramallah in the West Bank

The news states, "Israeli settlers have reportedly killed two Palestinians near Ramallah in the West Bank."

5. Which group claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing targeting a military academy in Mogadishu, Somalia?

- a) ISIS
- b) Al-Shabaab
- c) Boko Haram
- d) Al-Qaeda

Answer: b) Al-Shabaab

The news reports, "Al-Shabaab claiming responsibility."

6. How many Myanmar junta soldiers have reportedly fled into Thailand after ethnic Karen fighters overran military bases?

- a) Dozens
- b) Over 100
- c) Approximately 50
- d) Several hundred

Answer: b) Over 100

The news indicates, "Hundreds of people, including over 100 Myanmar junta soldiers, have fled into Thailand..."

7. What tariff percentage has President Donald Trump announced on imports from the European Union and Mexico?

- a) 15%
- b) 20%
- c) 30%
- d) 35%

Answer: c) 30%

The news states, "President Donald Trump has announced a 30% tariff on imports from the European Union and Mexico..."

8. What is the main reason for the mild uptick in crude oil prices mentioned in the news?

- a) Increased demand from China.
- b) Reduced global oil supply.
- c) Geopolitical developments, including potential new US sanctions on Russia.
- d) A new OPEC production cut.

Answer: c) Geopolitical developments, including potential new US sanctions on Russia.

The news reports, "Crude oil prices saw a mild uptick as markets reacted to geopolitical developments, including potential new US sanctions on Russia and Trump's forthcoming statement on the matter."

9. By when are China and ASEAN set to finalize an upgraded free trade agreement?

- a) August
- b) September
- c) October
- d) December

Answer: c) October

The news states, "China and ASEAN are set to finalize an upgraded free trade agreement by October."

10. Which iPhone model is Foxconn beginning trial production for in India by importing parts from China?

- a) iPhone 15
- b) iPhone 16
- c) iPhone 17
- d) iPhone SE

Answer: c) iPhone 17





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The news mentions, "Foxconn, Apple's manufacturing partner, has begun importing parts from China to its Indian facility for assembling the upcoming iPhone 17, likely for trial production."

11. Where did a small passenger aircraft crash shortly after taking off?

- a) Heathrow Airport
- b) London's Southend Airport
- c) Gatwick Airport
- d) London City Airport

Answer: b) London's Southend Airport

The news states, "A small passenger aircraft crashed shortly after taking off from London's Southend Airport."

12. What was destroyed by a wildfire in Arizona, US?

- a) A national park visitor center.
- b) The Grand Canyon Lodge.
- c) A residential area.
- d) A forest lookout tower.

Answer: b) The Grand Canyon Lodge.

The news reports, "The Grand Canyon Lodge in Arizona, US, has been destroyed by a wildfire."

13. How many people died after a Mw 5.7 earthquake struck Guatemala?

- a) At least 2
- b) At least 4
- c) At least 6
- d) At least 8

Answer: c) At least 6

The news states, "At least six people have died after a Mw 5.7 earthquake struck Guatemala."

14. How many people were killed in the fireworks factory fire and explosion in Tamil Nadu, India?

- a) 5
- b) 8
- c) 10
- d) 13

Answer: c) 10

The news reports, "ten people were killed in a fireworks factory fire and explosion in Tamil Nadu."

15. How many people have been killed in flash floods in Ruidoso, New Mexico, US?

- a) At least 1
- b) At least 2
- c) At least 3
- d) At least 5

Answer: c) At least 3

The news states, "At least three people have been killed in flash floods in Ruidoso, New Mexico, US."

16. Who won the Wimbledon 2025 women's singles title?

- a) Amanda Anisimova
- b) Coco Gauff
- c) Iga Świątek
- d) Aryna Sabalenka

Answer: c) Iga Świątek

The news states, "Iga Świątek claimed her first Wimbledon title in the women's singles, defeating Amanda Anisimova."

17. Who did Jannik Sinner defeat to win his first Wimbledon men's singles title?

- a) Novak Djokovic
- b) Carlos Alcaraz
- c) Daniil Medvedev
- d) Andy Murray

Answer: b) Carlos Alcaraz





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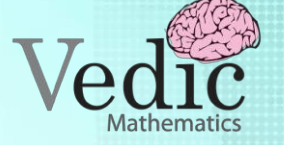
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The news states, "Jannik Sinner defeated Carlos Alcaraz to win his first Wimbledon men's singles title."

18.Which team did Chelsea defeat in the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 final?

- a) Real Madrid
- b) Bayern Munich
- c) Paris Saint-Germain
- d) Manchester City

Answer: c) Paris Saint-Germain

The news states, "Chelsea won the Club World Cup, defeating Paris Saint-Germain 3-0 in the final."

19.When and where are world leaders gathering for the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2025?

- a) July 14 to 23 in Geneva.
- b) July 14 to 23 in New York.
- c) August 1 to 10 in London.
- d) September 5 to 15 in Paris.

Answer: b) July 14 to 23 in New York.

The news reports, "World leaders are gathering in New York from July 14 to 23 for the HLPF..."

20.What was celebrated in Puducherry, India, with a colorful torchlight procession?

- a) Indian Independence Day
- b) French National Day (Bastille Day eve)
- c) Diwali
- d) A local festival

Answer: b) French National Day (Bastille Day eve)

The news states, "A colorful torchlight procession marked the eve of Bastille Day in Puducherry, India, celebrating French National Day."

