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## International News

### Politics & Diplomacy

**Japan:** Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has resigned following election defeats that resulted in his ruling Liberal Democratic Party losing its parliamentary majorities.

**Thailand:** Anutin Charnvirakul has taken office as the new Prime Minister.

**United States/Ukraine/Russia:** U.S. President Donald Trump announced that European leaders would be visiting the U.S. this week to discuss a resolution to the Russia-Ukraine war. His statement follows a large Russian air assault on Ukraine.

**India/Iran:** India's NSA Ajit Doval and his Iranian counterpart have discussed cooperation on the strategic Chabahar Port, a key part of India's "Connect Central Asia" policy.

**Norway:** Norwegians are voting in a tight parliamentary election that could change the country's political landscape.

**Bangladesh:** Activists of the banned Awami League staged a protest march near the Parliament in Dhaka in support of party chief Sheikh Hasina.

### Conflicts & Tensions

**Russia-Ukraine:** Ukraine reportedly attacked the Druzhba oil pipeline in Russia's Bryansk region, causing significant fire damage.

**Gaza:** In Tel Aviv, families and supporters of Israeli hostages protested, demanding that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sign a deal

to secure the release of their loved ones from Hamas custody.

**Iran/IAEA:** Iran's Foreign Minister stated that Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are "very close" to a new nuclear oversight agreement.

### Disasters & Accidents

**Red Sea:** A series of undersea cable failures in the Red Sea has disrupted internet services across India and other parts of South Asia.

**China:** A Level-IV typhoon warning has been issued as Typhoon Tapah, the 16th typhoon of the year, formed in the Hainan province.

### Other Notable Events

**International Literacy Day:** International Literacy Day is being observed globally, with this year's theme being "Literacy for a Transforming World." The day highlights the need for functional, digital, and financial literacy in a rapidly changing world.

**Economic News:** Global markets are focusing on key economic data releases this week, including consumer price index (CPI) and inflation expectations from the US, as well as GDP data from the UK.

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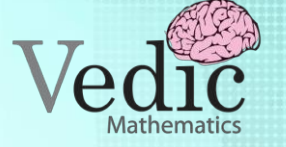
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## MCQS

1. Who has resigned as Prime Minister of Japan following election defeats?

- a) Shinzō Abe
- b) Fumio Kishida
- c) Shigeru Ishiba
- d) Yasuo Fukuda

**Answer:** c) Shigeru Ishiba

The news states that Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba resigned after his party lost its parliamentary majorities in recent elections.

2. What is the name of the new Prime Minister of Thailand?

- a) Srettha Thavisin
- b) Prayut Chan-o-cha
- c) Thaksin Shinawatra
- d) Anutin Charnvirakul

**Answer:** d) Anutin Charnvirakul

The news report indicates that Anutin Charnvirakul has taken office as the new Prime Minister of Thailand.

3. What is the key strategic policy for India that the Chabahar Port is a part of?

- a) "Look East" Policy
- b) "Connect Central Asia" Policy
- c) "Indo-Pacific" Policy
- d) "Belt and Road" Initiative

**Answer:** b) "Connect Central Asia" Policy

The Chabahar Port is explicitly mentioned as a key component of India's "Connect Central Asia" policy, which aims to improve trade and connectivity with landlocked Central Asian nations.

4. What event is currently taking place in Norway?

- a) A general referendum on EU membership
- b) A tight parliamentary election
- c) A by-election to fill a vacant seat
- d) A constitutional reform vote

**Answer:** b) A tight parliamentary election

The news states that Norwegians are currently voting in a "tight parliamentary election," which could potentially alter the political landscape of the country.

5. Which oil pipeline was reportedly attacked by Ukraine in Russia's Bryansk region?

- a) Nord Stream 2
- b) Siberian Pipeline







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- c) Druzhba oil pipeline  
d) Eastern Siberia-Pacific Ocean oil pipeline

**Answer:** c) Druzhba oil pipeline

According to the report, Ukraine attacked the Druzhba oil pipeline in Russia's Bryansk region, causing a significant fire. The Druzhba pipeline, also known as the "Friendship Pipeline," is one of the world's longest oil pipelines and a key artery for transporting Russian oil to Europe.

**6. What are Israeli protesters in Tel Aviv demanding from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu?**

- a) A new peace treaty with Palestine  
b) An end to the war in Gaza  
c) The signing of a deal to release hostages from Hamas  
d) The removal of military checkpoints

**Answer:** c) The signing of a deal to release hostages from Hamas

The news specifies that families and supporters of Israeli hostages are protesting to pressure Prime Minister Netanyahu to sign a deal to secure the release of their loved ones held by Hamas.

**7. Which region experienced undersea cable failures that disrupted internet services in parts of Asia?**

- a) The Persian Gulf  
b) The South China Sea  
c) The Black Sea  
d) The Red Sea

**Answer:** d) The Red Sea

A series of undersea cable failures in the Red Sea is cited as the cause of widespread internet service disruption across India and other parts of South Asia.

**8. What is the theme of International Literacy Day for 2025?**

- a) "Literacy and Sustainable Development"  
b) "Literacy for a Transforming World"  
c) "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era"  
d) "Literacy and Peace"

**Answer:** b) "Literacy for a Transforming World"

The news explicitly states that the theme for International Literacy Day this year is "Literacy for a Transforming World," which focuses on the importance of functional, digital, and financial literacy.

**9. What type of economic data are global markets focused on this week?**

- a) US CPI, inflation expectations, and UK GDP data  
b) US interest rate decisions and European unemployment figures  
c) Chinese trade balance and Japanese manufacturing PMI  
d) Global oil prices and gold futures

**Answer:** a) US CPI, inflation expectations, and UK GDP data

The report highlights that global markets are paying close attention to the release of specific economic data, including the Consumer Price Index (CPI), inflation expectations from the US, and GDP data from the UK.

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