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International News

Politics & Diplomacy

Norway Election: Norway's left-wing bloc, led by Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre, has won the legislative elections. The elections also saw a significant increase in support for the anti-immigration Progress Party.

France Government: The French government of Prime Minister François Bayrou was ousted after losing a vote of no-confidence, just nine months into its term.

BRICS Summit: At a BRICS summit convened by Brazil to discuss U.S. trade policy, India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar raised concerns about "linking of trade measures to non-trade matters." This statement is seen as an oblique reference to U.S. tariffs on India and Brazil.

U.S. & India Trade: U.S. President Donald Trump's trade advisor, Peter Navarro, has stated that it "won't end well" for India if it doesn't "come around" in trade negotiations with the United States.

Nepal Protests: Protests in Nepal, led by young people, have turned deadly. The demonstrators, protesting a social media ban and alleged government corruption, attempted to break into parliament, and police reportedly used tear gas and rubber bullets, resulting in multiple fatalities.

Trump Administration:

The Trump administration has launched an immigration enforcement action called "Operation Midway Blitz" in Chicago and other parts of Illinois.

The White House has denied that President Trump signed or drew a birthday note to the late Jeffrey Epstein, after Democratic lawmakers released a copy of an alleged note.

A U.S. court has upheld an \$83.3 million defamation order against Donald Trump in a sexual assault case.

Conflicts & Tensions

Russia-Ukraine: Ukraine claims Russia used an Iskander ballistic missile to attack a Ukrainian government building in Kyiv.

Israel-Syria: Israeli air strikes have hit areas near the central and western Syrian cities of Homs and Latakia.

Gaza War:

An Israeli airstrike has hit a high-rise apartment building in Gaza City.

Reports indicate at least 75 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military actions, with 44 of those deaths occurring in Gaza City.

Hamas has released a video of two Israeli hostages.

Four Israeli soldiers have been killed by Hamas on the outskirts of Gaza City.

Disasters & Accidents





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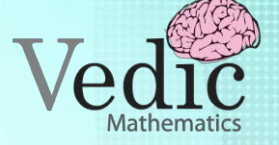
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Mexico: A train has hit a double-decker bus northwest of Mexico City, killing at least 10 people and injuring over 60.

Iraq: An under-construction bridge has collapsed in Karbala, killing at least three and injuring nine.

Portugal: A funicular train in Lisbon has crashed into a building, killing 16 people and injuring 22.

Pakistan Floods: A rescue boat has capsized in Pakistan's Chenab River, killing five people.

London: The check-in area of Heathrow Terminal 4 was evacuated due to an "incident."

UK: A double-decker bus crashed near Victoria station in London, injuring 17 people.

Business & Economy

Murdoch Succession: Rupert Murdoch's eldest son, Lachlan Murdoch, is set to succeed him in leading the family's media empire.

SpaceX & EchoStar: EchoStar has agreed to sell spectrum licenses to Elon Musk's SpaceX for its Starlink network for approximately \$17 billion.

China EV Market: Sales of electric vehicles and hybrids in China have seen their slowest growth in 18 months.

Other Notable News

Prince Harry: Prince Harry has returned to the UK for a week of engagements, his first visit in five months.

UNESCO Events: Today is the International Day to Protect Education from Attack, according to the UNESCO calendar.

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MCQS

1: Which political party in Norway saw a record surge in support during the legislative elections?





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- A) Labour Party
- B) Progress Party
- C) Socialist Left Party
- D) Conservative Party

Answer: B) Progress Party

The news summary states, "Norway's left-wing bloc led by Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre won Monday's legislative elections, which also saw a record surge in support for the anti-immigration Progress Party."

2: Why was the government of Prime Minister François Bayrou ousted in France?

- A) He lost the legislative elections.
- B) He lost a vote of no-confidence
- C) He resigned from his position.
- D) He was impeached by parliament.

Answer: B) He lost a vote of no-confidence.

The summary mentions, "The French parliament ousted the government of Prime Minister Francois Bayrou on Monday after just nine months in office, with his administration losing the confidence vote he called by a large margin."

3: What was the reason for the protests in Nepal that turned deadly?

- A) A new tax policy and economic issues.
- B) A social media ban and alleged government corruption.
- C) A dispute over a land boundary with a neighboring country.
- D) A protest against a new election law.

Answer: B) A social media ban and alleged government corruption.

The news states, "The demonstrators, protesting a social media ban and alleged government corruption, attempted to break into parliament, and police reportedly used tear gas

and rubber bullets, resulting in multiple fatalities."

4: What type of missile did Ukraine claim Russia used to attack a government building in Kyiv?

- A) Cruise missile
- B) Anti-tank missile
- C) Ballistic missile
- D) Anti-aircraft missile

Answer: C) Ballistic missile

The summary mentions, "Ukraine says Russia used an Iskander ballistic missile in an attack that damaged a Ukrainian government building in Kyiv..."

5: Which two Syrian cities were reportedly hit by Israeli airstrikes?

- A) Damascus and Aleppo
- B) Homs and Latakia
- C) Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor
- D) Tartus and Daraa

Answer: B) Homs and Latakia

The news summary indicates that "Israeli air strikes hit areas of the central and western Syrian cities of Homs and Latakia late Monday..."

6: How many Israeli soldiers were reported killed by Hamas on the outskirts of Gaza City?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five

Answer: C) Four

The summary states, "Four Israeli soldiers are killed by Hamas on the outskirts of Gaza City in the Gaza Strip."

7: What caused the deaths of at least 10 people northwest of Mexico City?





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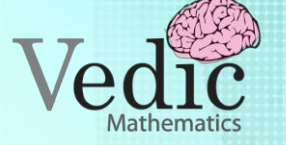
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- A) A plane crash
- B) A bridge collapse
- C) A bus-train collision
- D) A car pile-up

Answer: C) A bus-train collision

The summary reports, "A train has hit a double-decker bus northwest of Mexico City, killing at least 10 people and injuring over 60."

8: What happened at Heathrow Terminal 4 in London that caused it to be evacuated?

- A) A fire alarm was activated.
- B) A security breach was reported.
- C) An "incident" required a response from emergency services.
- D) A passenger fell ill.

Answer: C) An "incident" required a response from emergency services.

The news summary states that the check-in area of Terminal 4 was "closed and evacuated" as emergency services responded to an "incident."

9: Who is set to succeed Rupert Murdoch in leading the family's media empire?

- A) James Murdoch
- B) Elisabeth Murdoch
- C) Prudence Murdoch
- D) Lachlan Murdoch

Answer: D) Lachlan Murdoch

The summary states, "Rupert Murdoch's Eldest Son Lachlan Murdoch To Succeed Family Media Empire."

10: What did EchoStar agree to sell to Elon Musk's SpaceX?

- A) Wireless spectrum licenses
- B) Satellite parts
- C) Ground stations
- D) Launch services

Answer: A) Wireless spectrum licenses

The news indicates that "EchoStar has agreed to sell wireless spectrum licenses to Elon Musk's SpaceX for its Starlink network for about \$17 billion."

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