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## International News

### Geopolitical and Diplomatic Developments

**U.S. Vetoes UN Resolution on Gaza:** The United States vetoed a UN Security Council resolution that called for an immediate, unconditional, and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the immediate release of all hostages. The draft resolution was put forward by the council's 10 non-permanent members.

**Gaza Conflict Escalates:** Israel reportedly launched a major ground assault on Gaza City, accompanied by air and naval bombardments. Reports from Gaza health officials indicated significant casualties. The European Commission proposed suspending its trade agreement with Israel and sanctioning certain Israeli officials and Hamas members in response to the conflict.

**U.S.-U.K. Relations and State Visit:** U.S. President Donald Trump was on a state visit to the United Kingdom. During the visit, a new agreement on science and technology was signed, and both countries announced more than \$10 billion in new deals. The visit was also a topic of public protest.

**Canada-Mexico Trade Pact:** Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum signed a new pact to deepen trade ties and partnerships between their two nations.

### Domestic Politics and Social Issues

**Jimmy Kimmel's Show Suspended:** The ABC network indefinitely suspended Jimmy Kimmel's late-night talk show, a move that

followed his comments about a recent high-profile arrest. This has sparked concerns about censorship in the U.S. under the Trump administration.

**U.S. CDC Changes Vaccine Recommendations:** A newly overhauled CDC panel, which now includes vaccine skeptics, has reportedly changed guidance on childhood vaccinations.

**Canada and COVID-19 Vaccines:** Quebec announced that COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be free for some people, following a similar decision by Alberta.

**Global Innovation Index:** The Global Innovation Index 2025 was released, with Switzerland, Sweden, and the U.S. ranking as the top three. For the first time, China entered the top 10, while India rose to the 38th position.

### Economic and Technology News

**WTO Report on AI:** A new report from the World Trade Organization (WTO) suggested that artificial intelligence (AI) could boost global trade by approximately 40% by 2040, but also warned that a lack of regulation could widen global inequality.

**New Tech Partnerships:** The U.S. and U.K. announced new deals focused on science, civil nuclear cooperation, and defense technology as part of the U.S. state visit.

### Other News

**Women's Rugby World Cup:** The Canadian women's national rugby team advanced to the semifinals of the Women's Rugby World Cup, set to face New Zealand.

**Upcoming Solar Eclipse:** A partial solar eclipse is scheduled for September 21, 2025. It will be visible in parts of North America, Europe, and Africa.





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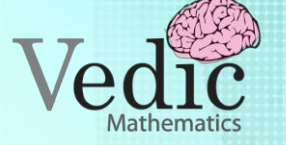
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## MCQS

**1. Which country vetoed a UN Security Council resolution on a Gaza ceasefire?**

- a) United Kingdom
- b) Israel
- c) United States
- d) Russia

**Answer:** c) United States

The provided text explicitly states, "The United States vetoed a UN Security Council resolution that called for an immediate, unconditional, and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the immediate release of all hostages."

**2. Which of the following was a result of U.S. President Donald Trump's state visit to the U.K.?**

- a) The U.S. and U.K. signed a new trade agreement.
- b) The U.S. and U.K. announced a joint space exploration program.
- c) The U.S. and U.K. signed a new agreement on science and technology.
- d) The U.S. and U.K. agreed to a military alliance.

**Answer:** c) The U.S. and U.K. signed a new agreement on science and technology.

The text notes that during the visit, "a new agreement on science and technology was signed, and both countries announced more than \$10 billion in new deals."

**3. Which two countries signed a new pact to deepen trade ties and partnerships?**

- a) Canada and the United States
- b) Canada and Mexico
- c) Mexico and the United States
- d) United Kingdom and Mexico

**Answer:** b) Canada and Mexico







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The text states, "Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum signed a new pact to deepen trade ties and partnerships between their two nations."

**4. According to a new report from the World Trade Organization (WTO), how much could AI boost global trade by 2040?**

- a) 10%
- b) 25%
- c) 40%
- d) 50%

**Answer:** c) 40%

The provided news brief states, "A new report from the World Trade Organization (WTO) suggested that artificial intelligence (AI) could boost global trade by approximately 40% by 2040."

**5. In the Global Innovation Index 2025, which of the following countries entered the top 10 for the first time?**

- a) Switzerland
- b) India
- c) Sweden
- d) China

**Answer:** d) China

The text mentions, "For the first time, China entered the top 10, while India rose to the 38th position."

**6. Which television network suspended Jimmy Kimmel's show?**

- a) ABC
- b) NBC
- c) CBS
- d) FOX

**Answer:** a) ABC

The text states, "The ABC network indefinitely suspended Jimmy Kimmel's late-night talk show."

**7. What action did the European Commission propose in response to the Gaza conflict?**

- a) Sending humanitarian aid to Gaza.
- b) Suspending its trade agreement with Israel and sanctioning officials.
- c) Mediating a peace deal between Israel and Hamas.
- d) Imposing a no-fly zone over Gaza.

**Answer:** b) Suspending its trade agreement with Israel and sanctioning officials.

The text indicates, "The European Commission proposed suspending its trade agreement with Israel and sanctioning certain Israeli officials and Hamas members in response to the conflict."

**8. Which countries will the partial solar eclipse on September 21, 2025, be visible from?**

- a) India and parts of the Middle East.
- b) The U.S. and Canada.
- c) Parts of the Southern Hemisphere, including eastern Australia and New Zealand.
- d) Russia and China.

**Answer:** c) Parts of the Southern Hemisphere including eastern Australia and New Zealand.

The text specifies, "It will be visible from parts of the Southern Hemisphere, including eastern Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica, and the Pacific islands, but not from India."

**9. Which two Canadian provinces have made COVID-19 vaccines no longer free for some people?**

- a) Ontario and Quebec
- b) Alberta and British Columbia
- c) Quebec and Alberta
- d) Manitoba and Saskatchewan





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**Answer:** c) Quebec and Alberta

The text states, "Quebec announced that COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be free for some people, following a similar decision by Alberta."

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