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CONFLICT REGIONS IN NEWS

RUSSIA - UKRAINE CONFLICT

- conflict started in 2014
- present phase in Feb 2022
- Kyiv - capital Ukraine
- countries bordering Ukraine
 - Crimea - annexed by Russia
 - Donbas region (Donetsk & Luhansk)
 - Mariupol
 - Chernobyl
 - Snake island (Zimniy Island)
 - Dnieper river
 - Carpathian mountains



BLACK SEA

- Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine } countries bordering
- Russia, Georgia, Turkey }



Drains into Mediterranean sea via Dardanelles strait & Aegean sea
 Bosphorus strait connects it to the 'Sea of Marmara'
 To the north, it connects to the Sea of Azov by the Kerch strait

(* Caspian Sea)

KAZAKHSTAN

- a CAR country
- world's largest land locked country
- Capital - Nur-Sultan
- Caspian sea, Aral sea
- bordering countries



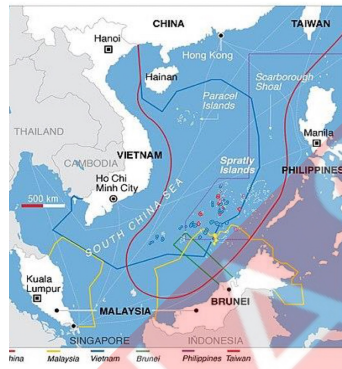
ISRAEL PALESTINE

- Two state solution
- Regions
 - Gaza
 - West Bank
 - Golan heights
- Sea of Galilee
- Jordan river
- Dead Sea
- Mediterranean sea



SOUTH CHINA SEA

- Linking Indian ocean Pacific ocean
- Nine dash line by china
- Disputed islands
 - Natuna
 - Spratley
 - Paracel
- Strait of malacca



TAIWAN

- officially Republic of china
- Capital - Taipei
- Taiwan is claimed by china and refuses diplomatic relations with countries that recognises Taiwan
 - One china Principle



SRI LANKA

- Island country
- Separated from the Indian sub continent by the Gulf of Mannar & the Palk strait
- Sri Lanka - going through economic crisis



OTHER REGIONS

- 1) Maldives - Adducity
- 2) Assumption Island - Seychelles
- 3) Agalega Island - Mauritius
- 4) New Caledonia - France
- 5) Solomon Islands
- 6) Kuril Islands - Japan Russia
- 7) Falkland Islands - UK - Argentina
- 8) Durand line - Afghanistan - Pak
- 9) Baltic region
- 10) Nordic countries

IMP ORGANISATIONS IN NEWS

UNITED NATIONS

- 2020 marked 75th anniversary of UN & its founding charter
- The 'charter of UN' - founding document
 - signed on 26 June 1945 in San Francisco
- India is a founding member

UNSC

- one of the UN's 6 main organs
- maintain intl peace and security
- P5 - US, UK, Russia, China, France (veto power)
- Non Permanent member - 10 ; India (term 2021-22) → India's 8th term
 - ↳ elected by UNGA - term 2 years

UN PEACE KEEPING

- Blue helmets
- Provide security and peace building support to help countries make early transition from conflict to peace
- India is the 4th largest troop contributor

ICJ

- Principal Judicial organ of the UN
- Seat - Peace Palace The Hague
- It settle disputes submitted to it by the states and to give advisory opinion on legal questions referred to it
- Composition - 15 Judges Term 9 years
 - elected by a majority of UNGA & UNSC
- J. Dalveer Bhandari (Indian) appointed as judge

WHO

- Specialised agency of the UN Hq. Geneva
- Obj - attainment by all people of the highest possible level of health
- Publishes 'world health report'
- Alma Ata Declaration - 10 healthcare focus
- Pandemics declared by WHO - H3N2 (1968) H1N1 (2009)
- COVID-19 (2019)
- Global centre for Traditional Medicine - estbd in India

BRICS

- Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
- All are G20 members
- first summit - Yekaterinburg Russia (2009)
- Fortaleza declaration establd NDB & CRA
 - ↳ New Development Bank HQ Shanghai
- NDB committed \$ 100 million to NIF

SCO

- founding members - china, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan in 2001
- India & Pak - admitted as full members in 2017 - Astana Summit
- Iran accepted as permanent member
- observers - Afghanistan, Belarus, Mongolia
- known as 'Alliance of East'
- 8 wonders of SCO - statue of unity of Gujarat
- RAIS an orgn of SCO to fight 'terrorism'

GCC

- Gulf Cooperation Council
- Oman, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain & Kuwait
- UAE - federation of 7 emirates (capital Abu Dhabi)

QUAD

- Informal strategic Dialogue mechanism between India, USA, Australia, Japan
- Malabar exercise - Naval exercise

AUKUS

- Security alliance between Australia, UK and the USA

NATO

- North Atlantic Treaty Orgn
- Security Alliance of 30 countries HQ - Brussels (Belgium)
- last country to join - North Macedonia
- Article 5 of the Treaty - collective defence ; 'Partnership for Peace' program

NON PROLIFERATION TREATY

- Prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and promote cooperation in peaceful use of nuclear energy
 - It recognises P5 as 'NWS'
 - India, Israel, Pakistan never joined NPT
 - North Korea withdrew from it
- (*Budapest mos)

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

- arms control treaty administered by OPCW
- prohibits chemical weapons
- 113 countries are party
- Israel signed but not ratified
- Egypt, South Sudan & North Korea have not signed
- 'Novichok agents' developed by Russia are banned

OPCW

- Intergovernmental organ implementing CWC
- Nobel peace prize in 2011
- Power to send inspector to any signatory country to search for evidence of banned chemicals

WTO

- Established in 1995
- international organ dealing with rules of trade between nations
- Highest decision making body - Ministerial Conference
- WTO Dispute Settlement Body
 - Appellate body - a standing committee of 7 members
 - uphold, modify or reverse findings of the panel that heard the dispute
 - The reports once adopted by WTO's DSB are final & binding
- 'Developing country status' - no such formal classification by WTO; individual countries are allowed to unilaterally classify themselves as developing country
- India & China are 'developing economies'
- They will get some temporary exemptions from WTO commitments
- TRIPS
- India, South Africa demanded temporary patent waiver on COVID vaccines

INTERNATIONAL NGOS

- 1) Red Cross
- 2) Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / Doctors Without Borders