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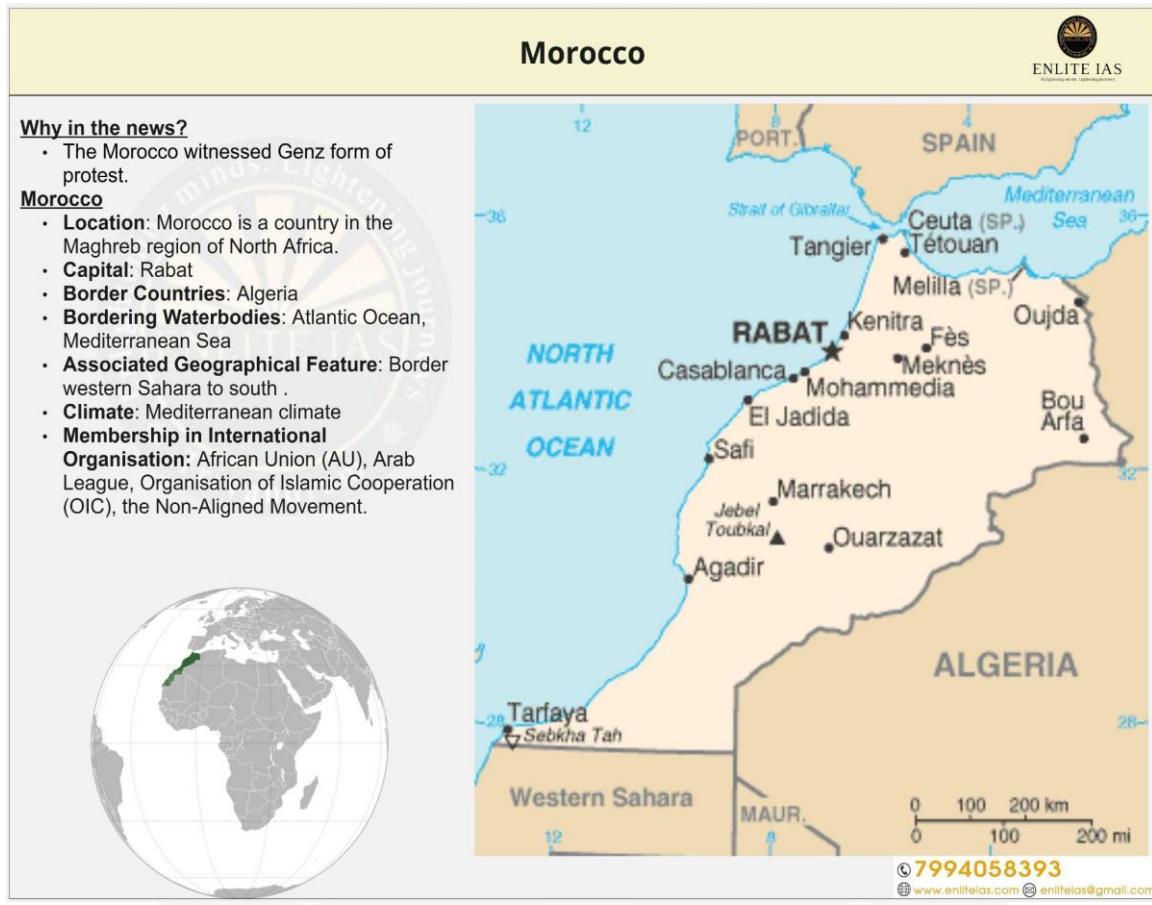
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Places in News - World

1. Morocco



2. Madagascar

Madagascar


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Why in the news?

- Madagascar witnessed military coup.

Madagascar

- **Location:** Madagascar is a island country in India Ocean lying off the southeastern coast of Africa.
- **Capital:** Antananarivo
- **Maritime Border Country:** French territory of Réunion, Mauritius, Comoros, French territory of Mayotte and Mozambique.
- **Climate:** Subtropical to tropical maritime climate.
- **International Groupings:** Member of African Union.
- **Fact:** Madagascar is the world's 46th-largest country, the second-largest island country and the fourth-largest island.



Map of Madagascar showing its coastline, major cities, and surrounding islands like Comoros and Mayotte. The map also shows the Mozambique Channel and the Indian Ocean. A scale bar indicates 0 to 100 km/mi.

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3. Spratly Islands

Why in the news?

- The Spratly Islands witness conflict between vessels of China and Philippines.

Spratly Islands

- Location:

- South China Sea
- Between Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, and China.

- **Composition:**
 - Around 100+ small islands, reefs, atolls, and shoals.
 - Many are submerged at high tide; few are habitable.
- **Claimants:** China, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, and Taiwan (all have overlapping claims).



4. Armenia

Armenia



Why in the news? - Armenia has become the newest state member of the IUCN, the announcement, made during the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi.

Armenia

- **Location:** Armenia is a landlocked country in West Asia.
- **Capital:** Yerevan
- **Borders**
 - West - Turkey
 - North - Georgia
 - East - Azerbaijan
 - South - Iran and the Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan



5. Mongolia

Mongolia

Why in the news?

- India and Mongolia entered into 10 pacts, expanding the relations into strategic partnership.

Mongolia

- Location:** It is a landlocked country in East Asia.
- Capital:** Ulaanbaatar
- Border Countries:** China and Russia
- Geography**
 - Grasslands:** Mongolian-Manchurian grassland
 - Desert:** Gobi Desert
- Population:** It is the world's most sparsely populated sovereign state.
- Culture:** Tibetan Buddhism



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6. Senegal

Senegal



Why in the news?

- Despite ambitious goals to restore 100 million hectares of land across Africa, the Great Green Wall project faces significant challenges in Senegal.

Senegal

- Location:** Senegal is the westernmost country in Africa.
- Capital:** Dakar
- Borders:** Mauritania, Mali, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal nearly surrounds Gambia.
- Maritime Border:** Cape Verde.
- Geography**
 - Located in Sahel region.
 - The region has tropical climate
- International Grouping:** ECOWAS, African Union.



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7. Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia


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Why in the news?

- A high-level Saudi Arabia delegation met the Secretary, Union Ministry of Textiles, to advance bilateral cooperation in the textile sector.

Saudi Arabia

- Location:** Saudi Arabia is a west Asian country located in Arabian Peninsula.
- Capital:** Riyadh
- Border Countries:** Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen.
- Bordering Waterbodies:** Red Sea, Persian Gulf.
- Maritime Border**
 - Bahrain is an island country off its east coast.
 - The Gulf of Aqaba in the northwest separates Saudi Arabia from Egypt and Israel.
- Fact:** Saudi Arabia is the only country with a coastline along both the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.
- International Relations** - Saudi Arabia joined the UN in 1945 and is a founding member of the Arab League, Gulf Cooperation Council, Muslim World League, and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation ,

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8. Egypt

Egypt

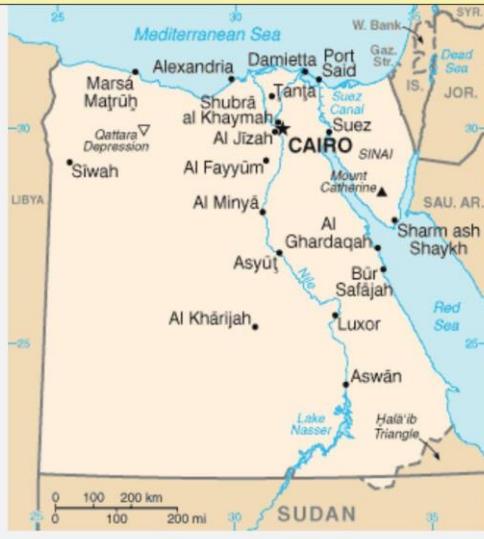

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Why in the news?

- Sharm el-Sheikh city in Egypt hosted Israel - Hamas peace deal.

Egypt

- Location:** Egypt is a transcontinental country spanning the northeast corner of Africa and southwest corner of Asia via a land bridge formed by the Sinai Peninsula.
- Capital:** Cairo
- Bordering Countries:** Gaza Strip of Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Libya.
- Bordering Waterbodies:** Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea.
 - The Gulf of Aqaba in the northeast separates Egypt from Jordan and Saudi Arabia.
- River:** Egypt is known for **Nile delta and Aswan Dam.**
- Climate:** Egypt has both mediterranean type climate and desert type climate.





International Relation

- Egypt is a major non-NATO ally of the United States.
- The permanent headquarters of the Arab League are located in Cairo
- Egypt is a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement and the United Nations.

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9. Netherlands

Netherlands



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Why in the news?

- Netherlands is to host the NATO's annual nuclear deterrence exercise "Steadfast Noon".

Netherlands

- Location:** North-western Europe.
- Capital:** Amsterdam
- Border Countries:** Germany and Belgium.
- Maritime Border:** North Sea in the western and northern side
- Climate:** Temperate maritime climate with cool summers and mild winters, influenced by the North Sea.
- Features:**
 - Around **26% of the land** lies **below sea level**.
 - Rivers:** Rhine, Meuse and Scheldt form a **deltaic network** in the south and west.
 - The Netherlands is often called "**the land of water**".



The Hague is the seat of government.

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10. Venezuela

Venezuela



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Why in the news?

- US President Donald Trump confirmed that US has authorised CIA to conduct covert operation in Venezuela in view of drugs being trafficked to US from Venezuela.

Venezuela

- **Location:** It is a South American country.
- **Capital:** Caracas
- **Bordering Countries:** Guyana, Brazil, and Colombia.
- **Bordering Waterbodies:** Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Rivers:** Orinoco River
- **Grasslands:** Llanos
- **Waterfall:** Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall.



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11. Germany

Germany


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Why in news?

- German Chancellor said that they will develop a comprehensive action plan to counter the Hybrid Warfare waged by Russia.

Germany

- Germany is a country in **Central Europe**.
- **Capital** - Berlin
- **Geographical Borders**
 - *Germany is situated between the Baltic and North seas to the north.*
 - *Alps to the south.*
- **Bordering countries are Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Netherlands.**
- **Member Groupings** - United Nations, the European Union, NATO, the Council of Europe, the G7, the G20 and the OECD.



A map of Central Europe showing Germany highlighted in orange. The map includes labels for the United Kingdom, North Sea, Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands. The capital Berlin is marked with a star. Below the map is a small globe showing the location of Germany.

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