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Places in News - World

1. Denmark and Norway

Denmark

Why in the news?

- Denmark, Norway report new drone sightings at military installations.

Denmark

- Location:** Nordic country in Northern Europe.
- Capital:** Copenhagen
- Borders**
 - Land Borders:** Germany
 - Maritime Borders:** Sweden, Norway, Poland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Iceland, Canada (In Greenland Region).
- Climate:** Temperate climate
- Vegetation:** Boreal Forest



DENMARK

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Norway

Why in the news?

- Denmark, Norway report new drone sightings at military installations.

Norway

- Location:** Nordic country located on the Scandinavian Peninsula in Northern Europe.
- Capital:** Oslo
- Border Countries:** Sweden, Finland and Russia
- Bordering Waterbodies:** Barents Sea, the Norwegian Sea, the North Sea.
- Climate:** Subarctic Climate and Tundra Climate.
- International Grouping:** North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Council of Europe and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).



NORWAY

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2. Moldova

Moldova


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Why in the news?

- Moldovans cast ballots in a tense parliamentary election plagued by claims of Russian interference.

Moldova

- **Capital:** Chișinău
- **Location:** Moldova is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, on the northeastern corner of the Balkans.
- **Borders:** Romania, Ukraine and unrecognised breakaway state of Transnistria lies across the Dniester river

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



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3.

Suriname



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Why in news?

- Suriname's government has pledged to permanently protect 90% of its tropical forests.

Suriname

- Location:** Suriname is located on the north eastern coast of South America.
- Capital:** Paramaribo
- Border Countries:** French Guiana, Brazil, Guyana.
- Bordering Waterbodies:** North - Atlantic Ocean.
- Associated River:** Suriname River
- Vegetation:** It is one of the countries through which Amazon forest spread.



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4. Scarborough Shoal

Scarborough Shoal



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Why in the news?

- China's coast guard raised its flag at disputed Scarborough Shoal on National Day, shortly after declaring it a nature reserve.

Scarborough Shoal

- What is it?**: The Scarborough Shoal is an oceanic coral atoll that developed on top of a seamount into a triangle shape in the eastern part of the South China Sea.
- Fact**: It is the largest atoll in the South China Sea.
- Significance**: The deep waters around the shoal make it a productive fishing area, rich in marine life.
- Dispute**: Dispute between the China and the Philippines.





CHINA
TAIWAN
HONG KONG
Hanoi
LAOS
THAILAND
CAMBODIA
VIETNAM
Ho Chi Minh City
Kuala Lumpur
SINGAPORE
INDONESIA
BRUNEI
PHILIPPINES
Manila
Paracel Islands
Spratly Islands

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Legend: China and Taiwan (Red), Malaysia (Yellow), Vietnam (Blue), Brunei (Green), Philippines (Purple)

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5. Poland

Poland



Why in the news?

- A quarter of a century after it joined NATO and amid rising tension with Russia, Poland will finally join the alliance's fuel pipeline network.

Poland

- **Location:** Country in **central Europe**.
- **Capital:** Warsaw
- **Border countries:** Lithuania, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Germany
- **Maritime Border:** Adjoins **Baltic Sea**.
- **Climate:** Transitional Temperate Climate.



6. Vietnam

Vietnam



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Why in news?

- The coastal region of Vietnam was hit by Typhoon Bualoi .

Vietnam

- Location:** Vietnam is a country in Southeast Asia located in Indochinese Peninsula.
- Capital:** Hanoi
- Border Countries:** China, Laos and Cambodia.
- Maritime Borders**
 - Thailand through the Gulf of Thailand
 - Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia through the South China Sea.
- River Delta:** Red river delta , Mekong river delta
- Climate:** Tropical Climate
- Associated Groupings:** ASEAN , Non Alignment Movement
- Island Dispute:** Sparty island dispute with China



Map showing the location of Vietnam in Southeast Asia, bordered by China to the north, Laos to the west, and Cambodia to the southwest. The map highlights the Red River Delta in the northwest, the Mekong River Delta in the southwest, and the coastline along the Gulf of Tonkin and the South China Sea. Major cities marked include Hanoi, Haiphong, Vinh, Hue, Da Nang, Quy Nhon, Nha Trang, Cam Ranh, Ho Chi Minh City, Can Tho, and Long Xuyen. The map also shows the Tonle Sap lake in Cambodia and the Gulf of Thailand to the west. An inset map in the top right corner shows the location of Vietnam within the context of the South China Sea and surrounding countries.

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