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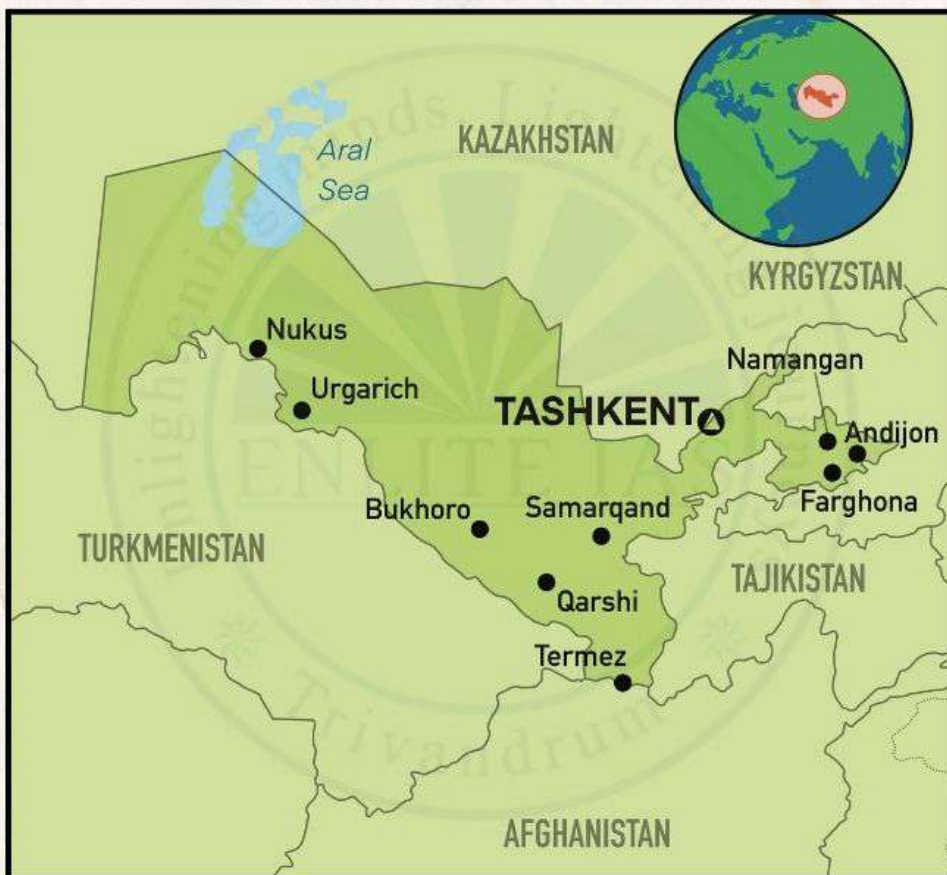
# Uzbekistan



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

UNESCO 43<sup>rd</sup> General Conference held at Samarkand (Uzbekistan).

- **Location** : Uzbekistan is a doubly landlocked country located in Central Asia.
- **Capital** : Tashkent
- **Border Countries** : Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan.
- **Bordering Waterbodies** : Aral Sea
- **Geography** : Part of Eurasian Steppe or Great Steppe.
- **Climate Type** : Continental Climate



- **International Groupings** : Member of Commonwealth of Independent States, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Uzbekistan is also a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and hosts the SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in Tashkent. Uzbekistan joined the new Central Asian Cooperation Organisation (CACO) in 2002, Central Asian Union.



# Nigeria

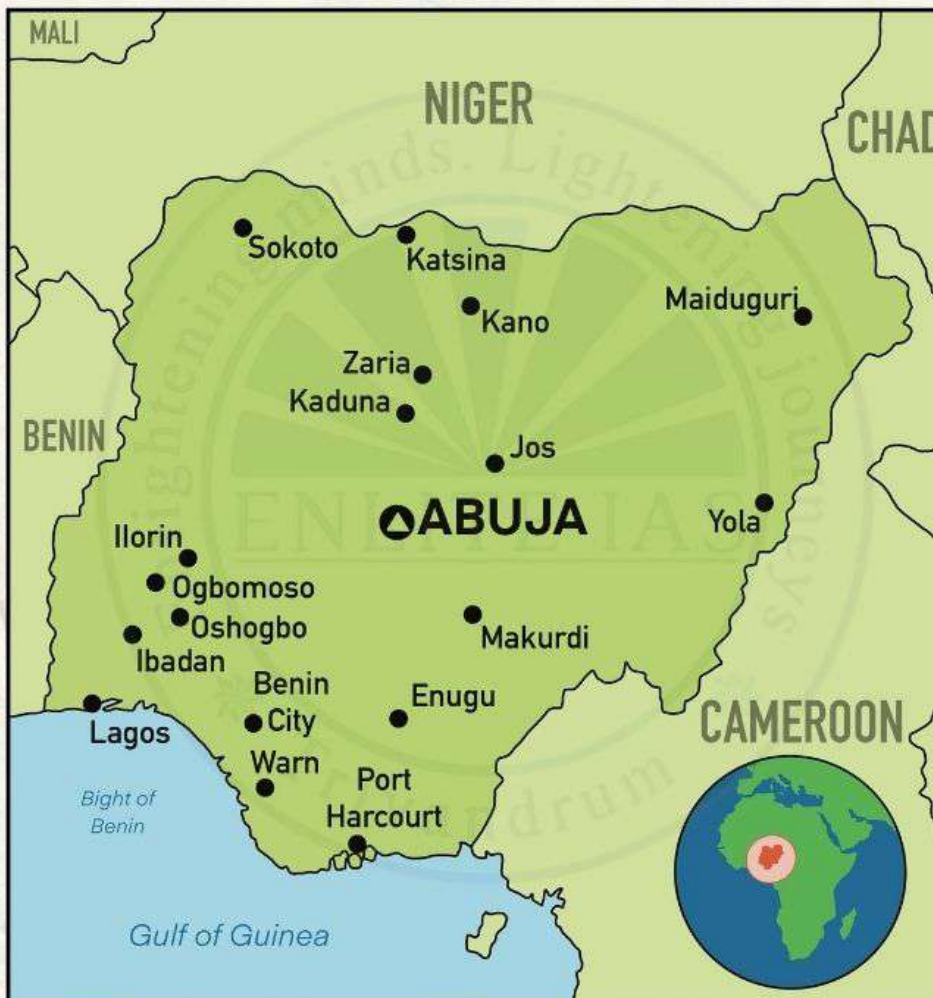


## WHY IN THE NEWS?

US President has stated that the US forces will be mobilized to Nigeria if the Nigerian Govt fails to take appropriate actions to prevent the persecution faced by Christians in Nigeria by the terrorists.



- **Location** : Nigeria is a West African country located in between Sahel to the north and the Gulf of Guinea to the south in the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Capital** : Abuja
- **Bordering Countries** : Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Benin.
- **Major Rivers** : Niger and Benue
- **Bordering Waterbody** : Nigeria shares border with endocrine lake called Lake Chad.



- **Climate** : Tropical rainforest climate, savannah and desert climate.
- **International Cooperation** :
  - Nigeria is a founding member of African Union.
  - other Organisation - United Nations, the Commonwealth of Nations, NAM, the Economic Community of West African States, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and OPEC.



# Georgia



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

Georgia has rapidly emerged as a preferred destination for Indian Medical aspirants, with education-related remittances rising to \$50.25 million in 2024-25.



- **Location** : Georgia is a country located at the boundary of Eastern Europe and West Asia.
- **Capital** : Tbilisi
- **Bordering Waterbodies** : Black Sea
- **Bordering Countries** : Russia, Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan.
- **Topography** : The country is part of Caucasus mountains.





# Bahrain



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

India and Bahrain hold talk on boosting defense and trade ties.



- **Location** : Bahrain is an island in West Asia.
- **Capital** : Manama
- **Border** : It is an archipelago of islands and has no land borders with other countries.
- **Neighbouring Water Bodies** : Persian Gulf
- **Major Physical Region** : Most of Bahrain is a desert with low-lying rocky and sandy plains.



- **Highest Point** : Jabal ad Dukham
- **International Grouping** : Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Arab League, and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).



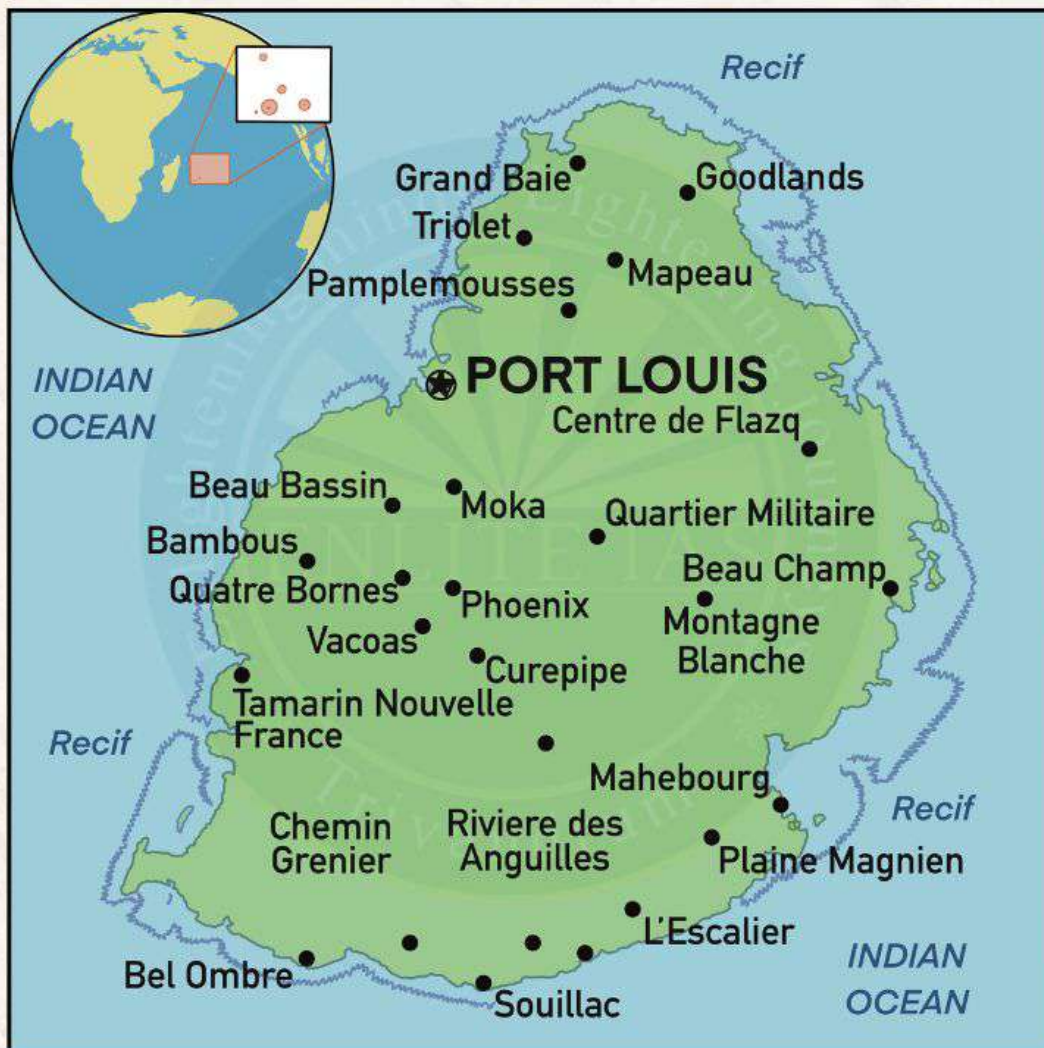
# Mauritius



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Savitri recently arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius as part of a Long-Range Operational Deployment to the South West Indian Ocean Region.

- **Location** : Mauritius is an Indian Ocean island country.
- **Capital** : Port Louis
- **Maritime Border** : It shares a maritime border with Madagascar and Reunion Island.
- **Groupings** : Member of the African Union, the Commonwealth of Nations, the Indian Ocean Commission and the Indian Ocean Rim Association.





# Sudan



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

Sudan's el-Fasher in Sudan's Darfur region witnessed mass killing and burial by Rapid Support Forces after capturing the region.

- **Location** : Sudan is a East African country.
- **Capital** : Khartoum
- **Border Countries** : Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Red Sea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan.
- **Bordering Waterbodies** : Red Sea, Lake Nubia on the Sudanese- Egyptian border.



# Sudan



- **Rivers** : The Blue Nile and White Nile rivers meet in Khartoum to form the Nile, which flows northwards through Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Climate** : Savannah Climate.



# Israel



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

Israel declares Egypt border area 'a closed military zone' to prevent arms smuggling.

- **Location :** West Asia
- **Capital :** Jerusalem
- **Border Countries :** Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt.
- **Palestinian Territories :** West Bank along the east and the Gaza Strip along the southwest.
- **River :** Jordan River



- **Bordering Waterbodies :** Eastern Mediterranean, Red Sea of Galilee and Dead Sea.
- **Climate Type :** Mediterranean climate, Desert Climate.



# Egypt



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

Israel declares Egypt border area 'a closed military zone' to prevent arms smuggling.



- **Location** : It is a transcontinental country spanning the northeast corner of Africa and southwest corner of Asia via 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.



# Kazakhstan

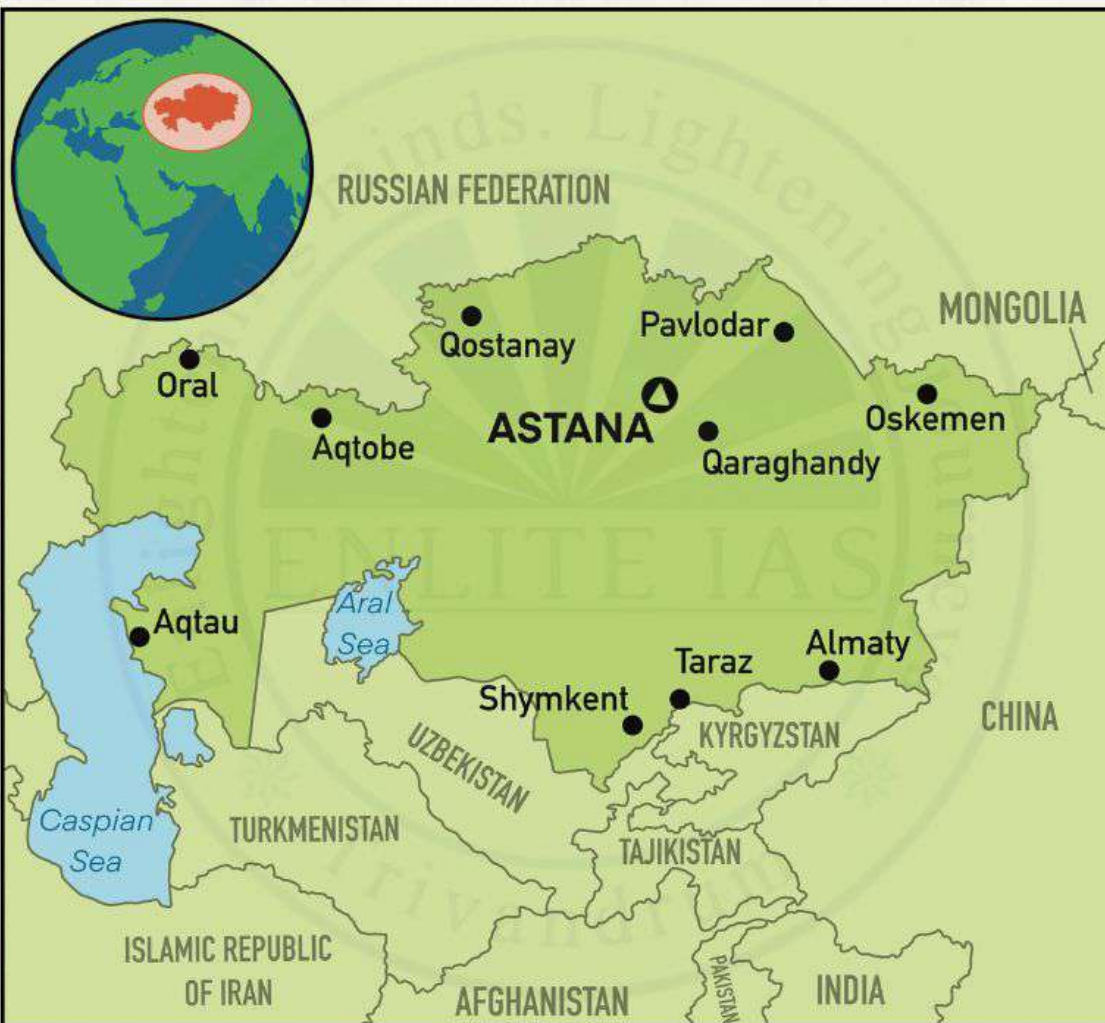


## WHY IN THE NEWS?

Kazakhstan set to join Abraham Accords as per US Officials.



- **Location** : It is a landlocked country primarily in Central Asia.
- **Capital** : Astana
- **Bordering Countries** : Russia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.
- **Bordering Waterbodies** : Caspian Sea.
- **Geographical Features** :
  - Part of steppe grasslands.
  - Part of Altay Mountains.



- Kazakhstan has an “extreme” continental and cold steppe climate.
- **International Grouping** :
  - SCO
  - OIC
  - CSTO



# Tanzania



## WHY IN THE NEWS?

The African Union (AU) stated that last week's elections in Tanzania did not meet democratic standards.

- **Location** : Tanzania is a country in east Africa within the African Great Lakes region.
- **Capital** : Dodoma
- **Border Countries** : Uganda, Kenya, Comoro Islands, Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- **Geographical Features** :
  - Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain locate in Tanzania.
  - Major lakes are Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika.

