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WORLD NEWS

TALK OF ACCEPTING PALESTINE AS A COUNTRY

The Gaza War in the Middle East rages on, with the Jewish state of Israel and Arabs from the Palestinian group Hamas at war with one another. In between them, thousands of people have died and millions have suffered — including many children.

For decades, there has been fighting between Jews and Arabs in this part of the world. There have also been many peace plans, but none have ever really worked out.

One that many people hope for is an arrangement where Israel and the two Palestinian Territories — the Gaza Strip and the West Bank — exist side by side, with the territories being an independent country called Palestine.



At the moment, the Palestinian Territories are not fully sovereign states. They govern themselves in some ways, but depend on Israel for almost everything, including lights and water; goods getting in and out through its borders; and currency. The money used in the Palestinian Territories is the Israeli shekel.

The West Bank is governed by the Palestinian Authority, while the Gaza Strip is controlled by Hamas, a group considered a terrorist organisation by Israel, the United States, the European Union, and others.

Some countries, including France, Canada and the United Kingdom, which have not usually supported the Palestinians, are now considering recognising the Palestinian Territories as an independent state.

These countries believe that such recognition could help move things toward peace, or at least encourage the different sides to talk to one another.

However, Israel and its close ally, the United States, argue that accepting Palestine as a sovereign state at this point could backfire. They say this is because Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, does not believe that Israel has a right to exist.

They fear that recognition might make it harder to reach a two-state solution.

Meanwhile, as the Gaza War continues, Israel has been accused by some international organisations and governments of actions that could amount to war crimes or even genocide. Israel strongly denies these accusations.

Many people and organisations have also said that Israel is not allowing enough humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, leading to severe food shortages and warnings of famine. Israel says it is not blocking aid, but must inspect trucks going into Gaza for weapons, and that Hamas is partly to blame for the humanitarian crisis.

Quick quiz ... What are the two Palestinian Territories?

What is the name given to the idea of Israel and the Palestinian Territories, or Palestine, living side by side as independent countries?

GLOSSARY

The Gaza War in the Middle East rages on, with the Jewish state of Israel and Arabs from the Palestinian group Hamas at war with one another.

There has been on-and-off fighting between Israel and Palestinians ever since 1948. The latest is the Gaza War that started with Hamas's attack on Israel on October 7 2023. Israel retaliated very forcefully and continues to do so.

One that many people hope for is an arrangement where Israel and the two Palestinian Territories — the Gaza Strip and the

West Bank — exist side by side, with the territories being an independent country called Palestine.

The Palestinian Territories are two areas in the Middle East where Palestinians, who are Arabs, rule. But they are not fully independent. The territories are the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Next to them is the Jewish state of Israel.

Some countries, including France, Canada and the United Kingdom, which have not usually supported the Palestinians, are now considering recognising the

Palestinian Territories as an independent state.

“Recognise,” in this case, means “accept.”

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A sovereign state is a self-governing and independent country.

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Meanwhile, as the Gaza War continues, Israel has been accused by some international organisations and governments of actions that could amount to war crimes or even genocide.

War crimes are acts of war that break what are internationally considered the accepted rules of war.

A genocide is an attempt to wipe out a whole nation or community.

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“Aid” means “help.”

Humanitarian aid is mainly food and medicine, which people are worthy of getting simply because they are human, not because they belong to any particular country, or race, or religion.

A famine happens when there is very little food around and people are hungry.

WORKSHEET

Find words that mean the following in the Word Search:

1. A country in North America that is considering recognising Palestine as an independent country.
2. A country in Europe that is considering recognising Palestine as an independent country.
3. Something that is in short supply during a famine.
4. Young people who are still under the care of adults.
5. A word that describes Israel's relationship with the United States.

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ASIA-AUSTRALASIA NEWS

VOLCANO WAKES UP FROM CENTURIES OF SLEEP

A volcano in the far east of Russia has erupted for the first time in hundreds of years.

It sent out a plume of smoke that went six kilometres up into the sky!

The eruption of Krasheninnikov occurred on Sunday, only a couple of days after a huge 8.8 magnitude earthquake had struck that part of the world.

The volcanic eruption was accompanied by another earthquake, of 7.0 magnitude.

The first earthquake caused small tsunami waves as far away as Alaska and Japan.

A tsunami alert was sent out to places further away, such as New Zealand and Chile, which are also on the Pacific Ring of Fire.



People were warned to move away from the seashore even though the tsunami waves were small.

Later, the warning was lifted.

Krasheninnikov is in a national park. No humans were reported to be in danger.

However, a warning was issued for aircraft.

Russian volcanologists say it last erupted in about 1463, while American volcanologists, who also measure seismic activity

around the world, believe Krasheninnikov last erupted more recently, in 1550.

The top of Krasheninnikov is one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six metres above sea level.

Quick quiz ... In what part of Russia is Krasheninnikov?

Which ocean is on the coastlines of Chile, Alaska, Japan, New Zealand and the area of Russia where Krasheninnikov is located?

GLOSSARY

The eruption of Krasheninnikov occurred on Sunday, only a couple of days after a huge 8.8 magnitude earthquake had struck that part of the world.

Earthquakes are measured in magnitude. It's a measure of how much energy is released when an earthquake occurs. Earthquakes of 7.0 and 8.8 magnitude are very strong.

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A tsunami is a huge ocean wave, caused by earthquakes or volcanic activity.

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The Pacific Ring of Fire is a horse-shoe-shaped zone around the Pacific Ocean that stretches all the way up the west coasts of South America, Central America and North America; the far east of Asia; Japan; South-east

Asia; and New Zealand. It is peppered with volcanoes. Three quarters of the world's active volcanoes are on the Pacific Ring of Fire, and ninety percent of

earthquakes occur there.

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Krasheninnikov last erupted more recently, in 1550.

Volcanologists are scientists who study and know a lot about volcanoes.

WORKSHEET

See how many words, in English, you can make using the letters in the word “volcanologists.”

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AFRICA NEWS

NEW 'WEAPON' AGAINST ILLEGAL TRADE IN RHINO HORN

Rhinos are among the world's most poached wild animals.

One sub-species – the northern white rhino – is believed to have been poached into extinction in the wild.

Rhinos are hunted for their horns, which some people – especially in south-east Asia – believe can be used as traditional medicine. Modern scientists have not found anything to verify this.

Conservationists have been at pains to find ways of reducing poaching, from having armed guards look after rhinos, to chopping off their horns and letting them live without them.

While corruption and weak law enforcement remain big problems in some countries, there have been successes. Some poachers and smugglers have been sentenced to long prison sentences.



Now, scientists in South Africa have worked out a way of injecting radioactive material into rhino horns. This does not affect the rhino, but if one is unfortunately poached and its horn removed, machines at border posts and airports will detect the radioactive material.

This will make it harder for smugglers to get rhino horns from the wilds of Africa to the markets of south-east Asia.

Quick quiz ... What type of rhino is believed not to be alive in the wild as a result of poaching?

In which part of the world do many people believe rhino horn can be used to make traditional medicine?

GLOSSARY

Rhinos are among the world's most poached wild animals.

If an animal is poached, it is hunted illegally.

One sub-species – the northern white rhino – is believed to have been poached into extinction in the wild.

A species of animal is a type of animal. Sometimes, some animals and their descendants of the same species survive in a different environment over a long time and change a bit, but not enough to be another species. Such animals are then a sub-species.

The northern white rhino, known to science as Ceratotherium simum cottoni, is a sub-species of white rhino. Its “cousin” is the sub-species known as the southern white rhino, known to science as Ceratotherium simum simum. They are both descended from the white rhino, the Ceratotherium simum. The southern white rhino lives in the wild mostly in southern Africa. Northern white rhinos were last known to live in the north-east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and the Central African Republic. Now, they are only known to live in captivity. There is also a rhino species

in Africa called the black rhino, and three in Asia. All are in trouble because of poaching.

If an animal, or plant, reaches extinction, it has died out completely and disappeared from the face of the Earth.

Modern scientists have not found anything to verify this.

To verify information means to make sure it is accurate.

Conservationists have been at pains to find ways of reducing poaching, from having armed guards look after rhinos, to chopping off their horns and letting them live without them.

To be at pains to do something means to go to great effort to do something.

While corruption and weak law enforcement remain big problems in some countries, there have been successes.

Corruption happens when people use their jobs to get money unfairly for themselves.

Now, scientists in South Africa have worked out a way of injecting radioactive material into rhino horns.

Radioactive material gives off invisible energy that can travel through things. This energy comes from tiny parts inside the material called atoms. Sometimes, when atoms break apart or change, they release this energy. Some of

that energy can be helpful, as in medicine. However, too much of it can be dangerous.

This does not affect the rhino, but if one is unfortunately poached and its horn removed, machines at border posts and airports will detect the radioactive material.

“Detect” means “find.”

WORKSHEET

Rhinos are animals that have been on Earth a long time; far longer than humans. With the help of some research, see if you can work out which of the following animals, like rhinos, are prehistoric:

- 1. Crocodiles.**
- 2. Mountain gorillas.**
- 3. Sharks.**
- 4. Dogs.**
- 5. Rats.**

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

STUDENTS SOLVE WARTIME PLATYPUS MYSTERY

The duck-billed platypus is one of the most extraordinary creatures in the world.

Its young hatch from eggs, just as birds and reptiles do, and then they suckle from their mothers, just as mammals do. As its name suggests, it has a bill like a duck's, but its body is like an otter's.

The semi-aquatic monotreme comes from Australia.

Back in the days of World War 2, Britain's leader, Winston Churchill, badly wanted some for his collection of exotic animals, held in the London Zoo. At the time, Australia wanted to please Britain because the war that was far away in Europe at first, had entered the Pacific Ocean and was nearby.

So, a famous Australian zoologist called David Fleay went and captured a duck-billed platypus near the city of Melbourne. It was a male, and he was named Winston, after the man who wanted him.



He went off to the United Kingdom on board a ship, with lots of worms to eat, and the zoologist looking after him and monitoring, taking meticulous notes of everything that happened on the voyage, which included passing through the Panama Canal.

Winston the platypus died out at sea in November 1943.

His death was put down to his not being able to cope with the effects of depth charges the ship let off when an enemy submarine was nearby. Winston Churchill was very upset.

Since then, many people have wondered whether Winston the duck-billed platypus may have died from something else.

A group of university students decided recently to study all the records of the ocean voyage, and those of the post-mortem carried out on Winston.

They came to the conclusion that the story of Winston dying from the vibrations caused by the explosions was nonsense, and that there were other factors: the death of many of his worms before he could eat them, and the fact that the equatorial climate in the area of the Panama Canal was far too hot for a duck-billed platypus.

Therefore, Winston probably died of heat stress.

The story had been concocted in order to make Winston Churchill less upset at the news of the loss at the time.

Quick quiz ... How is the life cycle of the duck-billed platypus similar to that of birds and reptiles?

How is the climate in the area of the Panama Canal different from that of Melbourne in Australia?

GLOSSARY

Its young hatch from eggs, just as birds and reptiles do, and then they suckle from their mothers, just as mammals do.

To suckle means to drink mother's milk from the body of a mother.

The semi-aquatic monotreme comes from Australia.

Animals that are aquatic live in water. The duck-billed platypus is semi-aquatic because it also lives out of the water.

A monotreme is a mammal that lays eggs from which its young hatch, rather than growing inside their mothers' bodies until they are born.

Back in the days of World War 2, Britain's leader, Winston Churchill, badly wanted some for his collection of exotic animals, held in the London Zoo.

Exotic animals come from other parts of the world. If the opposite is the case and an animal is in the place where it originally comes

from, it is an indigenous animal.

He went off to the United Kingdom on board a ship, with lots of worms to eat, and the zoologist looking after him and monitoring, taking meticulous notes of everything that happened on the voyage, which included passing through the Panama Canal.

“Meticulous” means “in detail and carefully done.”

The Panama Canal is a waterway that has been built on a thin stretch of land – known as an isthmus – between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. It serves as a short cut for ships.

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A depth charge is an explosive weapon used against submarines.

A group of university students decided recently to study all the records of the ocean voyage, and those of the post-mortem carried out on Winston.

A post-mortem is a medical examination of a dead body to work out what caused its death.

They came to the conclusion that the story of Winston dying from the vibrations caused by the explosions was nonsense, and that there were other factors: the death of many of his worms before he could eat them, and the fact that the equatorial climate in the area of the Panama Canal was far too hot for a duck-billed platypus.

“Equatorial” means “to do with the Equator,” which is

the imaginary line around the Earth where the planet is closest to the Sun.

The story had been concocted in order to make Winston Churchill less upset at the news of the loss.

“Concocted” means “made up.”

WORKSHEET

State whether the following sentences are true or false:

- 1. The duck-billed platypus is indigenous to the Panama Canal area.**
- 2. David Fleay was a botanist.**
- 3. Winston the duck-billed platypus was named after Britain's wartime leader.**
- 4. Worms are part of a duck-billed platypus's diet.**
- 5. An enemy submarine probably had nothing to do with the death of Winston the duck-billed platypus.**

BUSINESS NEWS

FELLED TREE FEATURES ON ENTRIES FOR NEW POUND NOTES

Banknotes are redesigned from time to time, as they become outdated and out of step with world trends.

The Bank of England has decided it is time to change some of its pound sterling banknotes.

Banknotes usually carry pictures of people or things that are very important to the country that uses them as legal tender.

The Bank of England has asked the public to come up with designs, and suggested several different themes.

One of the themes is nature.

Some of the entries from children included pictures of England's famous Sycamore Gap tree, which was chopped down by vandals in 2023. You may remember reading about it (*Tuesday is Newsday* 13 May 2025; Edition 18).



People had until the end of last month to send in their entries.

Andrew Bailey, the governor of the Bank of England, will make the final decision on how future banknotes will look.

Quick quiz ... What is the currency of England (and the rest of the United Kingdom)?

What was the date of the last day people entering their illustration of banknotes had to hand them in?

GLOSSARY

Banknotes usually carry pictures of people or things that are very important to the country that uses them as legal tender.

Legal tender is money that people must accept to pay for something. It is usually different in different countries.

Some of the entries from children included pictures of England's famous Sycamore Gap tree, which was chopped down by vandals in 2023.

The Sycamore Gap tree was a tree along the ruins Hadrian's Wall, which the Romans built to protect England, which they ruled and called Britannia.

People loved the tree; some people even proposed to their future spouses under it! It featured in the film Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.

The last time *Tuesday is Newsday* reported on the chopping down of the Sycamore Gap tree, a court had found two men guilty of doing it. They have since been sentenced to prison terms.

WORKSHEET

It has become more and more common for people to pay for things with bank cards rather than banknotes.

How long do you think banknotes will still be around for?

How often do you buy something that can be paid for only in cash and not with a bank card?

What are the advantages of bank cards? Are there any disadvantages about them? What are the advantages and disadvantages of cash?

Discuss this with your family, friends and classmates.

Remember that hearing an opinion that is different from your own is a way of learning more about an issue.

A discussion or a debate does not need to turn into a fight!

SPORT AND ADVENTURE NEWS

INDONESIA WANTS ALTERNATIVE TO KITE FLYING

The government of Indonesia has been handing out footballs and badminton racquets to young people who live close to the airport in the capital city, Jakarta.

This is to encourage them to have something else to do rather than fly kites, which get caught up in the engines of passing aircraft.

The airport has sent out police to stop people flying kites. Kite fliers now say they need to keep an eye on their kites in the air, and an eye on the ground to look out for the law enforcers!

It is difficult to get young Indonesians to give up flying kites. They have been making them and flying them for generations. It is part of their culture.

It is a very popular pastime at the moment because it is the summer holidays, as it is for most schools in the northern hemisphere.



Indonesia is in both the Southern Hemisphere and the northern hemisphere as the Equator passes through it. However, Jakarta is to the north of the Equator.

Quick quiz ... What two sports is the Indonesian government encouraging young people to play rather than to fly kites near airports?

What makes it so difficult for the Indonesian government to stop people flying kites?

GLOSSARY

They have been making them and flying them for generations.

You and your brothers and sisters are one generation; your parents and your uncles and aunts are another generation; your grandparents and your great aunts and great uncles are

another generation; and so on.

It is part of their culture.

A people's culture is a combination of the beliefs they share, their customs, their arts, and their everyday way of life.

It is a very popular pastime at the moment because it is

the summer holidays, as it is for most schools in the northern hemisphere.

The northern hemisphere is the half of the world that is north of the Equator.

WORKSHEET

With the help of some research, see if you can work out which of following countries are in the southern hemisphere, which are in the northern hemisphere, and which are in both hemispheres.

1. Ecuador
2. Kenya.
3. South Korea.
4. Angola.
5. Burkina Faso.

TODAY IN HISTORY

August 5, 2025

U.S. ARMY QUILTS FLOGGING (1861)

On this day one hundred and sixty-four years ago, in 1861, the United States Army stopped the practice of flogging as a punishment. Corporal punishment is illegal in much of the world today, including in schools.

INDEPENDENCE FOR UPPER VOLTA (1960)

On August 5 sixty-five years ago, in 1960, the country of Upper Volta -- now known as Burkina Faso -- became independent from France. The current leader, Ibrahim Traoré, is trying hard all these years later to get the country to have less to do with France. Traoré came to power in a military coup in September 2022.

AUSTRALIA'S VICTORIA STATE LOCKED DOWN AGAIN (2021)

On this day four years ago, in 2021, Australia's state of Victoria entered lockdown because of the Covid virus for the sixth time, after six new cases of Covid were recorded that morning.

If it's your birthday today, you share it with Irene, Princess of the Netherlands. She spent her early life in exile when the Dutch royal family left their home country for a while when it was occupied by Nazi Germany. She turns eighty-six today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PRINCESS IRENE ... AND TO YOU!