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## SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION ENGLISH

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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ Tanker with Indian crew hit by drone in red sea

A Gabon flagged crude oil tanker m.v.Sai Baba , heading to India was hit by a one way attack drone ,in the southern red sea , the US National Forces Central Command ( CENTCOM ) said on Sunday.The vessel had all Indian crew managed by an Indian Company . No injuries were reported .

The ship is moving towards India . Houthis are thought to be behind this attack . The twin attack on Sunday took the number of attacks on commercial ships by Houthis militants to 17 to 15 .

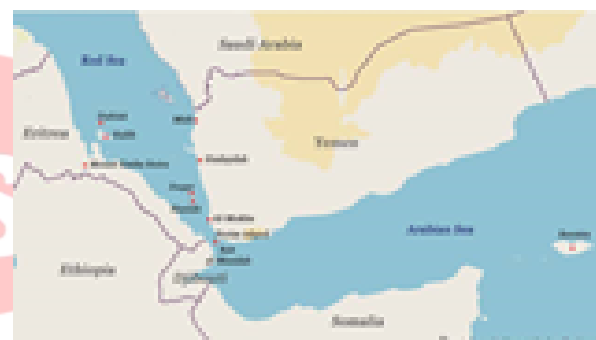
m.v. Chem Pluto that was hit by Drones just outside India's Exclusive Zone ( EEZ ) was being escorted by Indian Coast Guard ship Vikrant .

Pentagon Spokesperson said reuters news agency that chem Pluto was hit by “ a one way track drone fired from Iran “ .

Also two anti ship ballistic missile was fired from Houthi controlled areas in Red Sea .

#### **New Security Initiative**

**On December 18** , US and few other European. Nations launched Operation Prosperity Guardian , a multi national security group to secure the bloc.



### ➔ As sports ministry suspends WFI , BrijBhushan 'retires ' from wrestling

The sports ministry on Sunday suspended Wrestling Federation of India ( WFI ) till , further orders .

The reason cited behind suspension is , the newly elected body made a “ hasty announcement “ of organizing U15 and U20 nationals , “ without following due procedure and not giving sufficient notice to wrestlers “ , to prepare .

“ The new body has not followed the WFI constitution . We have not terminated the federation , but suspended it till further orders .”

“ a sports ministry officials said .

The new body was working under “ complete control of former office bearers “ .an indirect reference to Mr. Brij Bhushn.

#### **Bhushan meets Nadda**

Brij Bhushan Sharan met BJP President JP Nadda , he said that he had “ taken retirement “ from sports and newly elected body will take the decision .

### ➔ Plane carrying over 300 passengers , mostly Indians , allowed to leave France.

French authorities allowed plane carrying over 300 Indians to continue its journey . The plane was bound to go to Nicaragua from Dubai but was grounded because of Human Trafficking suspicion . The plane had over 11 children minors who had no company .

It is still not clear whether the plane will go Nicaragua , Dubai or India ,now .



➔ **WHO urges nations to raise surveillance against CoVID 19**

The World Health Organisation has urged countries in Southeast Asia to strengthen surveillance in view of the increasing cases of new Variant JN.1 .The WHO has urged people to take protective measures .

WHO has classified JN.1 as Variant of Interest ( Vol ) .

In recent weeks JN.1 was reported in multiple countries , and it's prevalence has been rapidly increasing

➔ **140 private Universities set up in India over past 5 years : Gujarat has highest share**

As many as 140 private Universities has been established in India during the past five years .

Data from Education. ministry shows .

Gujrat ( 28 ) topped the list followed by Maharashtra ( 15 ) , Madhya Pradesh ( 14 ) and Karnataka ( 10 ) .

“ A private university is established by an act passed by the state legislature concerned and notification issued by state government concerned “ .

**World**

➔ **Israel bombs Southern Gaza as both sides suffer losses**

Israel bombed the areas of Jabalia in Northern Gaza strip overnight .

Israel said that it has achieved almost complete operational control over Northern Gaza and is preparing to expand a ground offensive to Hamas , to other areas.

A Gaza health ministry spokesperson said on Sunday 166 Palestinians have been killed in the past 24 hours , taking a total palestinian death toll to 20,424 .

The Israel military said that nine soldier had been killed in past day , The daily toll was one of the highest in Israel .

“ The war is exacting a very heavy cost from us ; however we have no choice ( but ) to continue to fight . “

Egyptian and Qatari mediators have been trying to break the deadlock to end the violence .A delegation of Palestinian Islamic Jihad group has also reached Egypt for talks .



➔ **Sri Lanka Police detain nearly 15,000 in drug crackdown**

Sri Lanka's Police announced the arrest of 15,000 people during a week long military backed anti Narcotics drive , a crackdown denounced by right activists .  
440 kg of Narcotics have been seized in the operation

➔ **UN calls for rescue of 185 Rohingya adrift in Indian Ocean**

The United Nations called on Saturday for urgent rescue of 185 people of mainly woman and Children on a distressed boat , last heard to be near the Andman and Nicobar islands in Indian Ocean . Around 70 of those are children and 88 are woman .

UNHCR spokesperson Babar Balich said that it was really a desperate situation that needed urgent attention .

Rohingya Muslims are highly persecuted in 2022 .

More than 2000 Rohingya risked their lives to journey to Southeast Asia in 2022

➔ **Iran summons Russian envoy over statement on disputed Gulf Island**

Iran has summoned Russian envoy to protest a statement made by Moscow and Arab countries calling for talks over three islands controlled by Tehran but claimed by UAE .

Russia signed a treaty with Arab countries that " supported peaceful solution "



**Abu Musa , Greater Tunb , Lesser Tunb are three disputed islands**

➔ **UK to send Naval ships to Guyana amid Venezuela border dispute**

Britain will deploy a Naval ship off Guyana in South America . Guyana is currently facing conflict with Venezuela over the oil rich Essequibo region. Guyana was a British colony and current ally to UK

➔ **Iran's Navy adds sophisticated cruise missile to its armory**

Iran's Navy has included domestically produced Talaieh and Nasir cruise missile to its Arsenal .