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## Today

What a chaotic and enthralling day. Day two of the DSMUN was dotted with creative and enjoyably fictional crises. Every committee was rocked by drama as delegates witnessed a mass suspension in Lok Sabha, a frenzied mob in SOCHUM and Indo-Pak, and the impeachment of Mikhail Gorbachev in The Cabinet of Mikhail Gorbachev. Following an exhausting day of committees, delegates welcomed an evening of entertainment and celebration. Singing along to the band's popular yet diverse numbers, dancing along with the troop as they made the floor their stage, and ending the day chanting along to the DJ's mixes, the day ended on a high note. One that many Doscos won't forget for sometime, for better or worse.

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The second day of the committee was no less enthralling than the first, with each controversial speech moving the committee forward. The session started off with a crisis when Pakistani forces marched on Kashmir. Two armed unions formed, the Pakistan-U.S block and the Indo-Soviet block. In response, the Indian armed forces under the leadership of General Jayanto Nath Chaudhari declared war on Pakistan against the orders of the Acting Prime Minister of India. This only feeds the opposition's argument against India. A furious debate erupted, with delegates from both sides attempting to justify their country's actions and condemning those of others, ending with no clear consensus.

Meanwhile, the war officially began with the army of India launching an attack on Pakistan through Punjab and Rajasthan. The Soviet Union aided India by funding its war effort and stated that it will not hesitate to use nuclear

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Just when the ball seemed to be rolling smoothly, UNODC encountered its first crisis during the conclusive moments of Day 1's session with the alarming discovery of an illicit drug cybermarket which was traced to Central Asia. The cybermarket was found to be predominantly targeting South-east Asia and South America.

The next day's session began with a resumption of the moderated caucus in which the delegate of Bangladesh emphasised upon their aim to empower marginalised communities through education and by providing alternate sources of income. However, when the delegate was questioned on how they could assure that resources being invested in these social programs were not being wasted, the delegate unsatisfactorily remarked "We can only help to a certain limit".

The committee then began discussing different countries' stances on the crisis and to their relief, all countries, in spite of their contrasting political ideologies did establish a common ground by strongly condemning the dark web and its consequences for the impact it has on

weapons. At this point, the committee was interrupted when newfound evidence emerged in the form of an audio tape from John Mohammed, the cook who prepared the late PM's last meal. In the tape, he mentioned that he poisoned Lal Bahadur Shastri's last meal at the orders of a senior officer of the KGB with the end goal of ruining relations between India and the United States.

We soon learnt that this officer was an undercover agent, working for the CIA. On learning this Pakistan pointed the finger at the Soviet Union and the INC for organising the assassination to put Pakistan in harm's way by using the Tashkent Accords. Pakistan in turn suggested that a new set of accords be drafted and signed on Washington soil. This proposal was met by opposition from Indian delegates who showed their support for the Soviet Union. They requested the delegates to set aside their differences for the greater good and enter into

the economic stability of nations. Though the delegate of Nigeria did acknowledge, "The Nigerian govt. has had a neutral stance on the subject as our nation is on the verge of development and accepting new monetary methods for that". The delegate of Nigeria was opposed by other delegates who condemned cryptocurrency as a whole, without providing substantial reasoning or evidence for their stance.

However, these arguments soon became irrelevant as the committee received a live update from Robert Moore, head of the British Secret Intelligence Services, who claimed that the producers of the drug Serenova also included Russian and Chinese players. Unleashing their diplomatic prowess, the UK stated, "We should not generalise and reach any conclusions", an opinion enthusiastically seconded by delegates of China and Russia. While they conceded their neutral relations amongst each other, they believed the statement may be politically motivated in order to disrupt foreign relations. However, as the delegate of Nigeria stated, MI6, being an extremely reputable source can not be factually

## The Indo Pak Commission: The Trail of Treason

negotiations. Finally it was decided upon that each block will propose 2 amendments to the Tashkent accords, with the most popular amendments being added to the accords. At this point the day came to a close bringing an end to an exciting and intellectual session with much to look forward to in the ensuing days. Now it's anyone's guess what will happen next, after all we are in the endgame now.



## United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime: Division and Subtraction

inaccurate. Though the countries refused to come to a consensus, a speech by Joe Biden, echoing Richard Moore's statement, certainly did spark the unanimous need for cooperation. Yet the speech resulted in more division in the committee, the line between countries following a liberal and conservative approach thickened until there were two blocs.

The committee looks forward to drafting and approving a resolution tomorrow.





# THE HINDU

On the second day of committee proceedings Lok Sabha members succeeded in passing a no-confidence motion brought by the opposition party. After this humiliating failure and downfall the BJP left the House, heads hung in shame.

Prime Minister Modi attended the proceedings in the Lower House on the second day of committee proceedings to reply after a debate on the no-confidence motion brought against his government. Mr. Modi spoke for almost one hour and touched on the topic of violence in Manipur, saying that peace will be restored soon. He stated, "Thereafter, we will leave no stone unturned to expedite the pace of development in Manipur".

Mr. Modi also focused on recounting Congress's

shortcomings from the past, even going back as far as the 1960s. Drawing a comparison with a similar motion from 2018, the INC retaliated by accusing Mr. Modi once again of "not preparing well". The opposition humiliated Mr. Modi by asking him what INDIA stands for (Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance), to which Mr. Modi replied 'Indian National Democracy', and when asked the meaning of the word 'secular', Mr Modi replied entirely incorrectly. A similar incident occurred when Mr. Modi was asked to define 'integrity' to which he refused to do. This event was enough to push BJP Minister Kiren Rijiju to switch his support from BJP to INC. Later in the day, the Lower House was briefly adjourned due to persistent sloganeering by the Opposition over the issue of Manipur.

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## Lok Sabha: A day of turmoil

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi showed his support by following Mr. Gandhi into the no-confidence motion. Questioning the government, Mr. Owaisi highlighted the atrocities against the Muslim community and asked what had happened to the government's conscience.



# The New York Times

## Emergency Response Cabinet: Crisis in and Crisis out

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If the destruction of the White House was not significant enough, the recent passing of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld may carry even more weight. The committee in its third session - another crisis left an uproaring response when covertly a foreign government discreetly disclosed documents to the President containing information revealing Osama Bin Laden to be the perpetrator of the attack. After the committee plummeted into a whirlwind of discord, another crisis shook the nation. Under the leadership of Acting Secretary of Defense, Paul Wolfowitz, a new initiative titled "Project Phoenix" was introduced which aimed to channel the entirety of the funds allocated for the reconstruction of the Pentagon. "Wolfowitz is being trailed by a shadow of suspicion," said Colin Powell.

Earlier, Paul Wolfowitz had made the dictatorial decision to launch five missiles at locations within Afghanistan where known terrorists were believed to be present; this

action resulted in the loss of innocent civilians. This was merely symptomatic of the extent to which a political leader can go to gain power. Widespread and catastrophic riots swept across the nation, overwhelming the NYPD. Delegates swayed off topic by confessing that the committee had a long way to go before reaching solutions for these global threats and crises.

Kathleen Sawyer faced significant criticism when she advocated for Paul Wolfowitz's resignation and expressed her interest in assuming his position instead. The committee's proceedings were interrupted by a young man named Hamza Adams, an American citizen who was one of the many prisoners freed during a prison break which took place during the riots. He burst into the room and criticised the "infidel" government for playing the blame game and allowing all these tragedies to occur. He claims that their failure to function has

turned him to Jihad, which he believes to be the only way to cleanse the world. In today's world, politics play a major role in every part of the country. Our politicians' constant desire to be in power has blinded the leaders of our country. We hope that our leaders can reach a consensus and work together to identify practical and prompt solutions.





# The Economist

From Conflict to Clarity: Analysing Intense Discussions on banking crises within the International Monetary Fund

In the annals of financial history, few spectacles are as gripping and destructive as a banking crisis. These seismic events send shockwaves through economies, disrupting lives and livelihoods in their wake. While their effects are painfully visible, the underlying causes often remain obscured beneath layers of technical information. At the heart of these cataclysms lies the term “guardians of greed,” an idea that encapsulates the questionable practices and ethical lapses within the banking sector that sow the seeds of crisis.

Banking crises are not merely economic phenomena, they are manifestations of a systemic failure that often stem from the relentless pursuit of profit and power at the expense of prudence and integrity. Examining the roots of banking crises unveils a tapestry woven with hubris, short-sightedness, and a culture that too often prioritises immediate gains over long-term stability. The 2nd day of the International Monetary Fund was full of heated discussions in which (almost) all delegates took part. The first session discussed the previous day’s joint directive, which stated

that that the IMF will act as the touch-point for immediate liquidity access to decrease deposit friction, until and after a merger is complete and that it will be made and overlooked by IMF members to ensure the responsible utilisation of funds.

A crisis then shook the entire atmosphere of the committee. It was revealed that the IMF was aware of the CTI’s vulnerabilities and imminent failure in the stress tests. Despite this knowledge, the IMF refrained from alerting member countries or taking any preventative measures. Baffled by the crisis, the delegates caused chaos and to the surprise of the EB, the entire committee walked out. Upon returning, the delegates who previously had their sentiments hurt, were now discussing measures to not ‘boycott’ the IMF and rather find a solution to the crisis. The committee yet again saw a series of heated discussions following the announcement of the crisis (and the dramatic walking out). Later, a press conference was held in which The Economist interrogated several delegates, few of which had impressive responses whilst some

delegates refused to defend their countries and declined to answer.

It was also observed that the participation in the committee was unjust. Some delegates had an upper hand in superiority while others had no say at all. The Economist hopes to see those who prefer to listen and deliberate contribute their ideas and perspectives to our discussions. Their carefully considered points will surely enrich future conversations. Those who speak frequently with enthusiasm spark enthusiasm within our debates and I must encourage more delegates to speak with confidence and energy. However, let’s also value the pauses in discussions which are vital for deliberation and make room for diverse voices to be heard. Together, we strike a balance which creates an harmonious dialogue, where every contribution, whether brief or expansive, moves us toward a deeper understanding.

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Infighting: The skirmishes within the UNSC

The People’s Republic of China denied having any connection to the vessel found near US waters. Germany suggested that heavy sanctions be placed on China. The People’s Republic of China was focused on the human rights violation of a US cyber attack that affected 350 million Chinese citizens. The US stood strong, justifying this act citing it as self defence. Russia and Switzerland expressed their sympathy towards Chinese citizens. Russia also stated that “if it really was an act of self defence, the vessel would be targeted instead of Chinese citizens” and they believe this is a sign of poor investigation by the US.

Later, the Russian president, Vladimir Putin was arrested by The US for war crimes. At this moment the committee was rocked by yet another crisis. Turkey had refused to give asylum to a group of Yemeni refugees and it soon emerged that the strait of Hormuz was also blocked. India and the US believed

that Turkey had committed a humanitarian crime which resulted in the blocking of the Strait of Hormuz affecting millions of lives. The delegates expressed the need to condemn Turkey and Iran causing this crisis. Iran stated that the actions of Turkey were completely justified as the refugees could be soldiers in disguise.

Soon after this, the Turkish representatives accused the Russian delegates of being American spies and they were promptly assassinated. The delegate of the US denied this claim and therefore the delegates of Turkey were arrested. The delegates presented the committee with a directive that finally dissolved the crisis. The committee then agreed to discuss the drawbacks and need for amendments to be made in the UNCLOS. The US stated that they don’t have to be a part of the UNCLOS to protect and preserve the rights for their maritime security. China suggested

the UNCLOS must give more recognition to historic claims. Russia proposed to set laws against piracy. Lastly, the session concluded with a press conference where the news agency and the delegates of various countries interacted and justified the actions taken by their countries.

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**BREAKING:** The Strait of Hormuz, through which approximately 21 million barrels of oil per day are moved, has now been blocked by Turkey  
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# Around the committees

## Cabinet of Mikhail Gorbachev

The Cabinet of Mikhail Gorbachev kicked off today with some members starting talks against Mikhail Gorbachev, which continued throughout the sessions today. A crisis was brought to light during an unmoderated caucus in which a terrorist organisation sent a letter condemning ministers from the USSR, UK, and USA. These ministers attempted to use Gorbachev's falling popularity against him to dodge backlash from the Cabinet, however this plan ended up falling through as their supporting ministers - leading members of the Russian government - were suspended from their positions in the government and the Cabinet. The Cabinet of Mikhail Gorbachev started with a discussion of a nuclear meltdown and ended with an attempt to impeach the President of the USSR and the Chairperson of the Cabinet.



## DISEC



The delegate of Yemen condemned the US, China and Russia for hypocrisy making some very bold claims about their integrity. A crisis was then introduced to the committee "Al-Khilar has invaded Afghanistan, they have access to advanced weaponry and have already conquered the capital Kabul". The USA and China pledged their allegiance to the Taliban Government and agreed to help exterminate Al-Khilar. The Taliban Government in return, agreed to democratic elections in Afghanistan. This was followed by a very amusing Motion of Entertainment as love was confessed, challenges were completed and memories were made.

# Path Ahead

## Indo-Pak Commission

With new mutually beneficial amendments being added to the Tashkin Accords peace is established between India and Pakistan. The U.S and Soviet Union follow suit and end the Cold War. India and Pakistan start working together. They go ahead to form the Union of South Asian Nations with several countries joining them. Their technological advancements soon surpass those of any other western power and soon emerge the first countries to colonise mars. This goes to show the power of unity, after all, “Ape alone... weak. Apes together... strong”.



## UNFPA

In the year 2050, Muslim countries, spearheaded by Iran, have finally looked past religion and legalised abortion as well as embraced women's empowerment with Iran forming a coalition with France and the UK. The fallout of USA and China's leaders attending KKK meetings has led to numerous wars against the UN, with the UN sending in special forces and placing sanctions on both countries, displacing their economies. Amidst this, Afghanistan has changed its stringent stance on women's education and Finland has become the first country part of the UNFPA with 0% sexual violence for a consecutive 5 years.



## DISEC

In a groundbreaking twist of military evolution, armies have officially been replaced by “Influencer Squads.” Forget tanks and camouflage – these squads arrive on the battlefield armed with selfie sticks and hashtags. Their formidable arsenal includes snarky tweets, makeup tutorials, and viral dance challenges that bewilder enemies into submission. Strategic retreats are now choreographed dance routines, and battles are live streamed for maximum engagement. The power of an Influencer Squad lies not in firepower, but in the ability to sell questionable products during peace talks. Welcome to warfare, where likes and shares determine victory!



## UNODC

The world population is rapidly galloping. From 1.7 billion people last year, Earth's population today is at an unstagging number of 850 million people. As the drug named Serenova lifts people off the face of Earth, it's safe to assert that humanity is facing a pandemic from which it will probably never recover. With innumerable predictions about the end-of-the-world date, scientists, what is remaining of them, have concluded that in a matter of 10 years we shouldn't expect to wake up in the morning.



## Creatives

### A crisis to be discussed

Guards on Turkey's coast,  
Deny asylum to refugees.  
To dodge the civil war in their country  
They decided to flee.  
Some support Turkish actions,  
While some stand firm against it.  
To resolve the global crisis  
And to build peace, all plead.  
The strait of Hormuz blocked,  
A rise in oil crisis.  
All borders of integrity crossed,  
And here remains the question of peace.  
Russian president arrested,  
And Turkish delegates too  
In the heated atmosphere of the committee  
What will all the countries do?

- Xinhua News Agency

### The War within

I come home,  
I see bloodshed with a motive,  
What's the motive, i ask,  
It's to kill.  
One day, all this will end,  
Maybe, it's upon us to decide,  
Some might kill, and some might get killed,  
That's life.  
It's time to choose,  
It's either war or peace,  
Bloodshed or love,  
You or them.  
Answer god,  
What was your motive,  
And when you'll say 'saving you was the motive'  
You will be kicked out and will be on your own,  
That's the moment you realise,  
It was a war in my own head.

- Saanvi Jain, The Washington Post



Words in Vain

## Unstately Statements

“You yourself are anti yourself”  
- **Mhd.Ayub. Khan** (*Indo-Pak*)

“More than half of you are incompetent”  
- **Russia** (*UNODC*)

“I don't consider Russia powerful enough to put forth their stance”  
- **U.S.A** (*DISEC*)

“Lets all commit suicide and end the government”  
- **Paul H O' Neil** (*ERC*)

“We sent money to terrorist organisations but did not know that it would be used for terrorist activities.”  
- **Yuri Maslyukov** (*CMG*)

“It's not about the majority. You need to be competent enough”  
- **Russia** (*UNODC*)

“Russia will kill everyone, including kindergarteners, when it comes to invading Ukraine”  
- **Russia** (*DISEC*)

## Dance Breakdown

With expectations and reservations, our delegates entered the esteemed delegate dance. Unfortunately, a lot of DoscOs, like our executive director, weren't as lucky as the secretary-general, where the scent of a woman still held its fragrance even in the face of an adverse and silence-filled DJ performance. In a classically hospitable fashion, DoscOs moved with the rhythmic barbarity of baby elephants, often fighting tooth and nail to resolve recognition issues on a new front. We're sure other delegates would've enjoyed dancing with the hosts, but of course, whilst knowledge is our light, the other gender has often left us in the dark. Speaking of those in the dark, the lack of light accentuated numerous impromptu partnerships, livening their experience in the face of grim early exits.





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