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Dear Delegates,

Agendas have progressed, crises have been introduced, the once formal greetings have evolved into strategic alliances, committee debates have heightened tensions among delegates but friendships have enforced memories. CMUN Day 2 is the heart of the conference.

After a 13-hour long first day, caffeine infused delegates supported by rushing adrenaline launched themselves into committee debates once again.

The International Press Corps, as always, stood as the vigilant eye of CMUN, capturing every breakthrough and setback. Our journalists questioned the Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Senate, conducted insightful interviews with EB members and delegates, dived into unfolding crises- all this, they still found time to craft compelling articles, ensuring no story went untold.

But CMUN's magic isn't confined to the committee rooms. It's in the frenetic energy that permeates every corner of this conference. It's in the logistics team, who seem to be everywhere at once, ensuring that the flow of coffee never falters, and that every detail, however minute, is perfectly in place. It's in the IT team, whose quick reflexes keep the tech glitches at bay, and who have learned that sometimes diplomacy means adjusting the AC to please all. It's in the corridors, where delegates from different committees share hurried updates, their minds still buzzing with the debates they've just left.

As you approach the final segment of the conference, stay focused and committed to achieving the goals you've set for yourself. Don't let this opportunity slip by. The last day awaits—make it count.

Yours truly,
Ariya Malkani,
Moderator,
The International Press Corps,
The Cathedral Model United Nations 2024.

ONE NATION TWO IDEALS

By Saisha Nanda, The Washington Post

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The emergency session demanded responses to the alarming rise in Ganga's acidity as the escalating communal violence across North India was purposed to provide a platform for solutions. Instead, chaos ensued within the walls of the Sansad Bhavan escalating into blame-shifting and ideological posturing. The tragic irony is that while the nation stands on the precipice of a humanitarian and environmental disaster, its elected leaders have chosen to engage in petty squabbles, fixating on bickering, rather than act decisively.

The Times of India tragedy, where four Hindu employees were killed in an attack on the editor's office, should have incentivized the delegates into swift action. Yet, the response was muddled, with debates over freedom of the press overshadowing the urgent need to quell the violence. The BJP's proposal to ban the newspaper nationwide was met with derision, yet no alternative solutions were offered, leaving the situation to fester.

On the other hand, the demands from both Hindu and Muslim communities were met with equal disdain and dismissiveness. Calls for apologies, reparations, and even the destruction of religious sites were bandied about with little regard for the broader implications. Ignoring any form of dialogue, the session became a battleground of insults and accusations, with the delegates seemingly more interested in scoring political points than in resolving the crisis at hand.

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The involvement of religious leaders, who should have been voices of reason, let their emotions get the best of them as the arrival of Adhiraaj Shankar and other prominent figures at Parliament added fuel to the fire. Their demands for retribution and their refusal to compromise mirrored the inflexibility of the MPs themselves.

As we stand on the brink of a national crisis, the incompetence displayed by our delegates cannot be overstated. Their inability to negotiate, their disregard for the well-being of the nation, and their willingness to let the situation spiral out of control is a damning indictment of their leadership. If the Lok Sabha cannot rise to the occasion and provide the governance that this nation so desperately needs, then we must question whether they are fit to lead at all.

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DIVIDED ALLIANCES

Tensions Surge at CMUN 2024's Historic Security Council

By Chitrita Nair, Le Figaro



Report of Historic Security Council Sunday, 18th August, 2024.

Events of an enthralling night crisis – the most exciting one at CMUN 2024- have led to a distinct divide among countries at the Historic Security Council. Countries have gravitated to one of two blocs: those supporting Serbia and those supporting the Muslim Bosniaks.

At the night crisis, the separation of co-delegates led to a risky choice being made. A few nations were forced to side with the Black Hand, a Serbian extremist group, leading to the formation of these two distinct blocs.

The two blocs stand face to face with each other, ready for their verbal combat. An open floor is in order. Accusations of terrorism, genocide, extremism, and selfish intentions are shouted from both sides. The Bosnian War, a tragic issue characterized by bitter fighting, genocide, ethnic cleansing and systematic abuse against the Bosnian Muslims and Bosnian Croats, is reduced to a mere war of words, a small smattering of insults and accusations. So much being said, yet so few attempts at solution.

Then begins the cascade of crisis updates which sends the Security Council into a frenzy, increasing dramatic tension and raising the stakes for all countries involved. The Head of Bosnian War military reports that there will be an organized missile strike on Serbia, as a “last ditch attempt to stop Black Hand’s sinister plan, and to regain some kind of control over this spiraling catastrophe.” Those in support of the Bosniaks erupt in applause and satisfaction, but a twist is revealed. With funding from France, Russia and China, Serbia has been building SeaRAMs and Iron domes. The USA and Bosnia’s allies shake their heads in disappointment, but the bitter truth remains that people in Bosnia are still suffering, and so little is being done about it.

Consequent crisis updates of the US’s humanitarian aid to Bosnia turning out to be military, and the spreading of the virus h-influenza type B in the Balkan States by Malaysia, add fire to an already heated debate. Countries try to propose solutions, but tension and apprehension is too high. Will the Security Council be able to reach a consensus? And for how long will the innocent continue to suffer?

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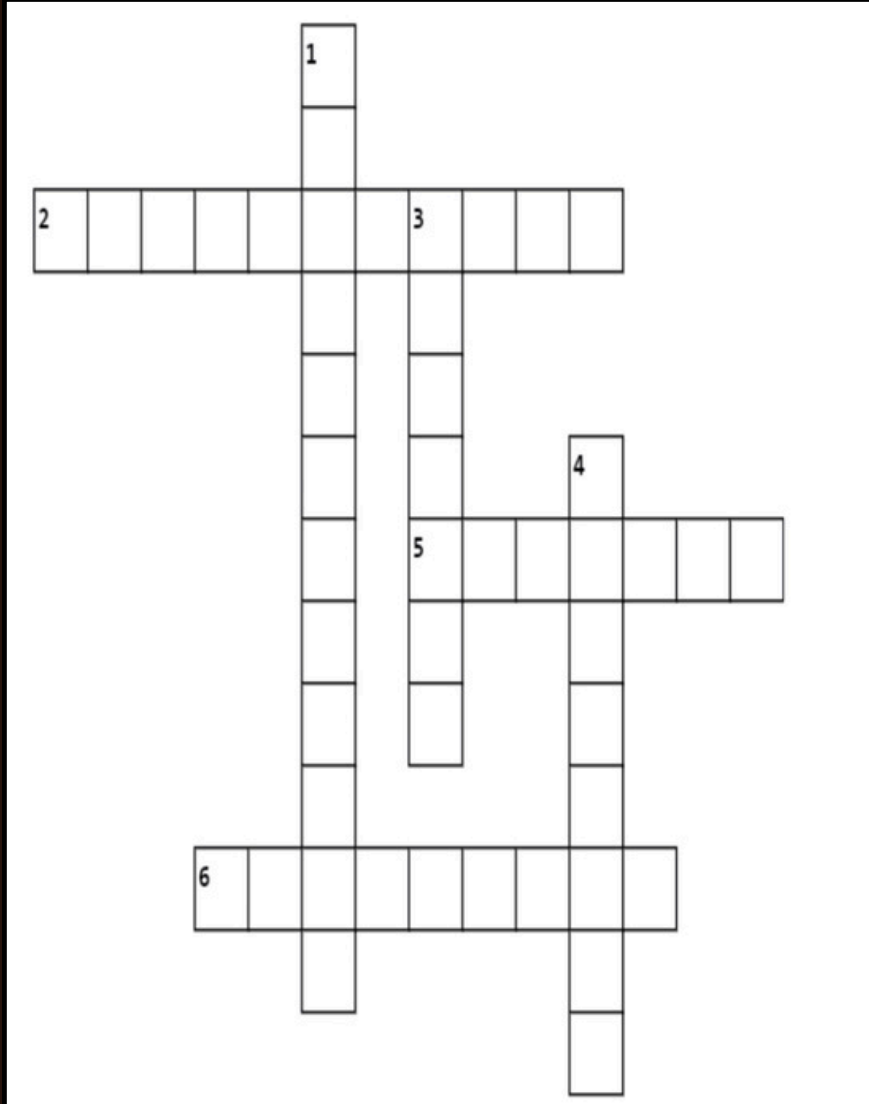
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A RECAP OF CMUN 2024

A 'Crisisword'

By Naisha Chawla, Xinhua News Agency



Down:

1. In the roman halls, a knife turned red, betrayed by his own, now lying dead

3. Name a business that has been consistently named for being shut down during Futuristic Lok Sabha

4. India at the brink of collapse, rise grave rebels, at legality's elapse

Across:

2. Ad Hoc's future in the balance, before the referendum, for combatting the violence

6. To serve Serbs, arose this group, took HSC by storm, and rounded half the coop

5. New president of Colombia

US SENATE

By Rishabh, Russia Today

In the land of stars and stripes, a tale unfolds,
Where two men rise, both brave and bold,
Weiker and Humphrey, on paths entwined,
One from the right, the other left aligned.

From the Republican ranks, Weiker stood tall,
A guardian of law, or so he'd recall,
But whispers of scandal began to swirl,
As Democrats accused him of breaking the pearl.

On the other side, with a heart of fire,
Humphrey from the Democrats, his aim no higher,
Yet the Republicans claimed his course was set,
Toward Moscow's shadow, a dangerous bet.

Accusations flew in the Capitol's halls,
As they wrestled for power, amidst the calls,
Each man's integrity hung in the air,
With the nation's future, they'd both have to bear.

Weiker and Humphrey, a fierce debate,
Both seeking the highest of statesman's fate,
One fought for the laws, the other for peace,
But could their visions bring the people release?

In the end, it was not who stood more just,
But whose resolve the people would trust,
For in this land of red, white, and blue,
The fight for freedom was always true.

And so they battled, in word and in deed,
For the heart of a nation, they sought to lead,
But only one could claim the prize,
As the other would fade in the people's eyes.

Yet, in their struggle, a lesson to keep,
That power is fleeting, and promises deep,
For in this republic, where freedom rings,
It's the people's voice that decides such things.



THE IPC AS SABRINA CARPENTER SONGS

By Samaira Chanda, Liberation

Russia Today is espresso - This delegate is always energised in committee making excellent points and it always seems like he's just had a shot of espresso.



Espresso
Sabrina Carpenter



Al Jazeera is Please Please Please - This delegate is always pleading the committee to help them out, pleading something wasn't their fault or pleading committee to stop bickering and get back to the real issue.



Please Please Please
Sabrina Carpenter



Al Arham is Skin - This delegate never lets anyone or any crisis update get under her skin and takes everything in her stride.



Skin
Sabrina Carpenter



Velleurs Actuelles is Looking at me - All eyes are on this delegate when she speaks.

New York Times is emails I can't send - This delegate is unhinged and says things we all think of but never say.



I'm Fakin
Sabrina Carpenter



Le Monde is I'm Fakin - This delegate says they were against the enemy but turns out they were 'fakin' and were working with the enemy all along.

INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR JOSEPH MONTROYA, The United States Senate

By Mehr Kapoor, Al Jazeera

Interviewer: Senator, some have accused you and other officials as using this entire situation just as an opportunity to gain some leverage politically. How do you respond to these accusations?

Our party was committed to justice. We wish to simply understand the reality of the situation, and believe that it is essential to keep our governments accountable.

Interviewer: It has been argued that your support for the Democratic Party majorly influenced your activities during the Watergate investigation. How do you respond to allegations that you prioritised party interests over the pursuit of justice?

The fundamental thing that we as the Democratic party declared in committee is that when Sam Ervin was declared dead when he posed liberal thoughts and ideas, was wrongly interpreted by the Republicans. We as the Democratic Party support and obviously look forward to liberal thoughts, which influenced our decisions in committee.

Interviewer: As the investigation continued, it became evident that high-level officials were involved in concealing the Watergate break-in. Given the gravity of the matter, why didn't the committee act more quickly and publicly to hold these officials accountable?

As soon as it became clear that multiple high-level official was involved in this scandal, we attempted to act immediately and to gather information and verify it before proceeding directly.

Interviewer: Was it a deliberate strategy to avoid direct confrontation with the White House unless absolutely necessary?

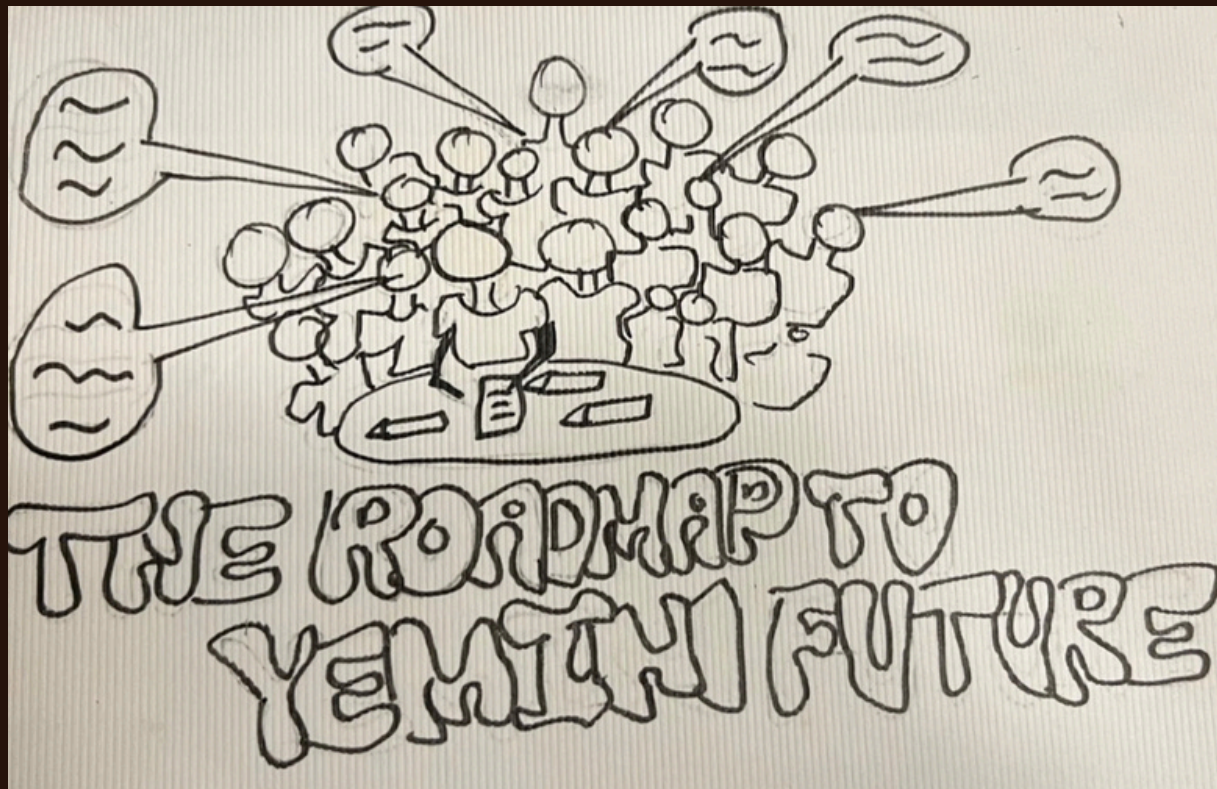
When something starts of, the entire network of everyone involved is very complex. With that comes deceit. We thus had to be very cautious in your attempt to gauge who has guilty or not. We wanted everything to be fair, and were obviously not looking forward to anyone perjuring themselves.

Interviewer: Thank you for your time, Senator.

ILLUSTRATION

Ad Hoc Committee on the Roadmap to Yemini future.

By Alina Khan, Middle East Eye



This illustration showcases the different opinions that were present in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Roadmap to Yemini future. It is an illustration of how the delegates would gather during an unmoderated caucus to discuss and write about their portfolios and their opinions on the crisis or agenda.

The Yemini Civil war is a war filled with different aspects and different sides. Its a prime example of a conflict that isn't as black and white as the media tends to display most conflicts, instead It brings up important points on the amount of different perspectives that can be there on a singular topic.

India in Crisis: Circulation of 10,000 CR Worth of Counterfeit Money

By Naisha Chawla, Xinhua News Agency



The destabilised Indian economy continues to suffer fatal blows, now with 10,000 crores worth of counterfeit currency notes in circulation, instigated by their very own banks. The import and export ban on grain and humanitarian aid proposes additional difficulty on external help. While China planned to help the Indian economy revitalise and recover, that goal, at present, seems beyond the scope of horizon.

Facing wealth disparity and utter poverty for the majority of the population, it is obvious that the free market is an enterprise difficult to manage in a country such as India. The lack of government interference hampers the image of the model of India as socio-capitalist and endangers the social fabric of the nation by creating desperation amongst the people. The Home Ministers Affair, Mr. Amit Shah was allegedly kidnapped by the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, while the president, Ms Draupadi Murmu removed and the position taken over by the Executive Board. The BJP government seems to be fragmenting bit by bit, with Amit Shah and foreign affairs minister, S. Jaishankar publicly berating the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, calling for the creation of an interim government.

Xinhua was able to contact the CEO of NITI Aayog, India's policy making body, Mr BVR Subrahmanyam to get an insight on the inner workings of the current crisis at hand. "The NITI Aayog is working with the clean officials of the government to return the country to normalcy as soon as possible," stated Mr Subrahmanyam, continuing on to state, "The Torrents' means do not justify the ends and we strongly oppose the extremist approach taken by them. While the founder of Torrents, HMS, as a working-class union believes they are working for the people, however, in action they have caused hyperinflation and become complicit in degrading human rights." China strongly opposes the rise of such insurgent groups against public peace and social order and expresses its concerns over getting back on track with the bilateral economic relations shared between the two sovereign nations, supporting the current government.