



## What in the World? Weekly Quiz – November 16-22, 2020

Link: <http://www.quiz-maker.com/QBBMFJC3A>

1. Forces in the Tigray region of Ethiopia have expanded fighting beyond its conflict with the national government by launching a rocket attack on an airport in **THIS** neighboring country, formerly part of Ethiopia and sparking concern of wider war in the Horn of Africa.

- A. Djibouti
- B. South Ethiopia
- C. Socotra
- D. Eritrea

Correct Response: **D. Eritrea**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ethiopia-conflict/in-escalation-of-ethiopia-war-tigray-leader-says-his-forces-fired-rockets-at-eritrea-idUSKBN27V05M>

2. The number two among Al Qaeda leaders, nom de guerre Abu Muhammad al-Masri, was killed in a drive-by shooting on a street in Tehran, Iran in August according to news reports last week. Suspicion fell on Israeli operatives working at the request of the United States to kill Masri who is believed to have been mastermind of **THIS** Al Qaeda operation.

- A. 9/11
- B. Killing of Daniel Pearl
- C. 2000 attack on USS Cole
- D. **1998 attack on US embassies in East Africa**

Correct Response: **D. Attack on US embassies in East Africa**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-security-qaeda/israeli-operatives-killed-al-qaedas-no-2-leader-in-iran-in-august-new-york-times-idUSKBN27U02H>

3. The conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh region has been resolved through peace-making efforts of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Moscow's solution, which locks in gains by Azeri forces positions 2,000 Russian peacekeepers in the region, effectively checked the advance of influence in the Caucasus by **THIS** country.

- A. Ukraine
- B. Turkey**
- C. Greece
- D. Georgia

Correct Response: **B. Turkey**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-armenia-azerbaijan-putin-erdogan-anal-idUSKBN27Q2RL>

4. Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey said he hoped there will be a "spirit of goodwill" with the EU about **THIS** issue.

- A. Disagreements among the P5+1 powers over new American sanctions against Iran in advance of the Biden Administrations plans to restore the nuclear deal.
- B. Inevitable trade disruptions when a post-Brexit transition period ends on Jan. 1, 2021**
- C. International sharing of COVID-19 vaccines developed in the European Union.
- D. London's rejection of EU trade sanctions on Hong Kong.

Correct Response: **B. Inevitable trade disruptions when a post-Brexit transition period ends on Jan. 1, 2021**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/britain-boe-bailey-brexit-idUSKBN27T08Z>

5. "The rapidity of the escalation of violence between Tigray and Addis Ababa is concerning in itself, given the stakes for **[THIS COUNTRY'S]** peace and stability. This conflict has the potential to quickly become more polarized and increase violence throughout **[THIS COUNTRY'S]** society, according to USIP's Susan Stigant.

[USIP Question of the Week]

- A. Eritrea
- B. Ethiopia**

- C. Sudan
- D. Somalia

Correct Response: **B. Ethiopia**

<https://www.usip.org/publications/2020/11/what-ethiopias-brewing-conflict-means-country-and-region>

6. America's election attracted international attention beyond the competition for President of the United States. In Maryland Sarah McBride's win of a State Senate seat was reported on due to **THIS**.

**A. McBride is the first transgender state senator in U.S. history, and her new office makes her the highest-ranking transgender person in her country.**

- B. McBride beat her opponent with 99% of the vote.
- C. McBride is the first elected official from the Communist Party of the United States elected in 60 years.
- D. McBride is the spouse of her opponent.

Correct Response:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/world/united-states-canada/article/3109846/first-trans-us-state-senator-sarah-mcbride-says-she>

7. China forced out four Hong Kong lawmakers last week resulting in the mass resignation of 19 other members of the Legislative Council, leading observers to conclude the demise of **THIS** so-called status of the former British colony that was supposed to provide Hong Kong autonomy through 2047.

- A. "One country, two systems."
- B. "Communism with a market face."
- C. "Belt and Road Initiative"
- D. "Harmonious Liberation"

Correct Response:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/11/world/asia/hong-kong-protest-democracy.html>

8. The United States is following up **THIS** normalization agreement between Israel and the UAE with sales of F-35 advanced fighters and drones as well as munitions which has raised concerns in Congress about Israel maintaining its "qualitative military edge" and the potential for technology transfer to China and Russia.

- A. **Abraham Accords**
- B. Jerusalem-Abu Dhabi Letter
- C. Sykes-Picot Agreement
- D. Beirut Agreement

Correct Response: **A. Abraham Accords**

<https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2020/11/13/in-f-35-sale-to-uae-senate-seeks-state-depts-guarantees-for-us-technology-and-israel/>

9. Brahim Ghali, Secretary General of the Polisario Front, announced last week, "the resumption of armed struggle in defense of the legitimate rights of our people," ending a 30-year ceasefire between Morocco and **THIS** region.

- A. French Sahara
- B. Mauritania
- C. Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
- D. **Western Sahara**

Correct Response: **D. Western Sahara**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/14/world/middleeast/western-sahara-morocco-polisario.html>

10. Crown Prince Akishino was proclaimed next in line to the throne of **THIS** Asian nation following a series of ceremonies delayed because of COVID-19. Akishino is younger brother to Emperor Naruhito who became monarch last year when his father Akihito abdicated for health reasons.

- A. Thailand
- B. **Japan**
- C. Myanmar
- D. Laos

Correct Response: **B. Japan**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-royals-idUSKBN27O02Y>