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# The daily caucus

# Meet The Executive Board!



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*A small snack!*



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*Chargers*



*Stationary*



*Bag*

*Must haves for an MUN, recommended by the EB!*

# Journalism- An occupation or a death sentence

## *The UNGA calls for action against journalistic impunity*

The UNGA is debating the concept of journalistic impunity which are the crimes committed against journalists in other countries. The GA is currently discussing the legal

protection that should be provided to journalists reporting about conflicts. Russia meanwhile reaffirms the subject by saying that Russia

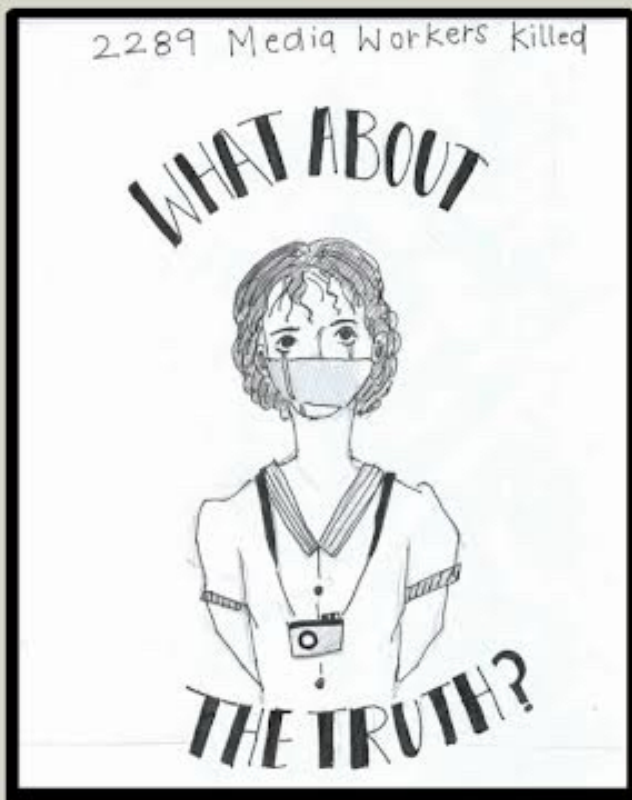
is a land where there is no place for half-truths and conspiracies and justifies Russia's right of detaining Wall Street journalist, Evan Gershkovich on charges of spying and espionage. The US State Department has officially designated Gershkovich as wrongfully detained. The delegate of DPRK has also stated



*Ahaana Dhar*

that the DPRK fully believes in transparency, accountability and the Protection of human rights for all journalists.

By Samaira Angurala



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# The Western Accusations

The Republic of China's sweeping claims of sovereignty over the sea, have antagonised competing claimants, while the United States of America has disputed with China at every step. China states that they are appalled by this situation. Not only do the United States of America have no right to meddle in the conflicts of China, but they also have no right to criticise the ongoings. They boldly declare that the United States of America is intrusive, and all their supporters are blind, as they cannot notice how The United States of America is trying to suppress China. China concludes by saying, "Peace for all, peace for China!" expressing how all they want is a peaceful resolution.

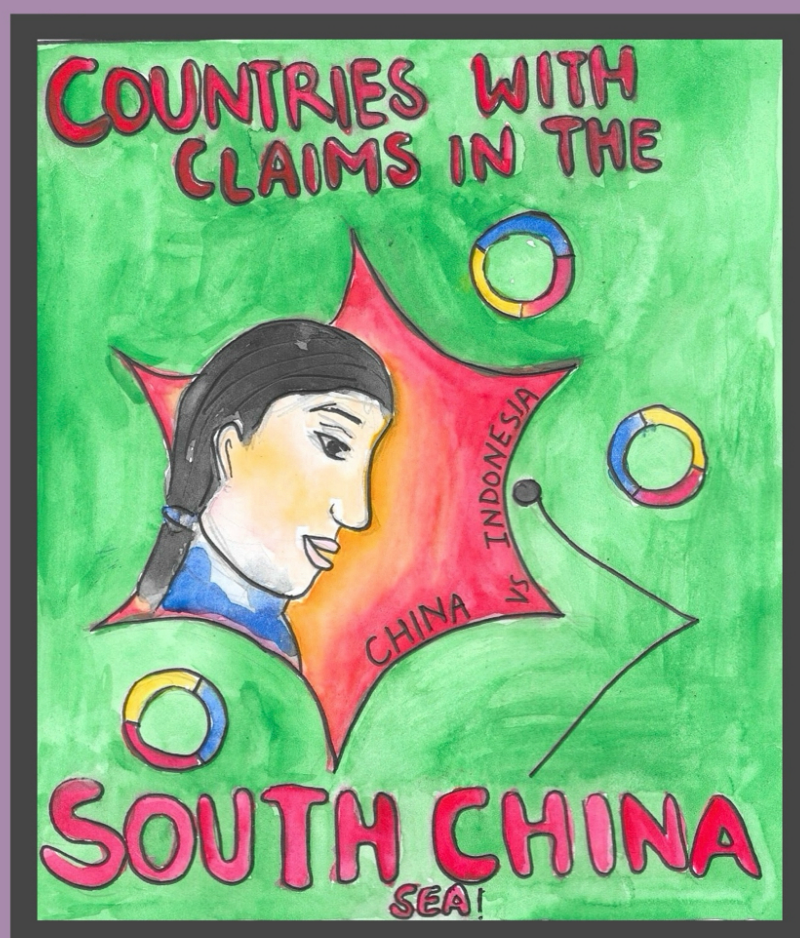
Even though China was accused of fabricating '9-dash maps' to claim the majority of the South China Sea and illegally occupying the Philippines' maritime territory, it denies that claim, saying that they are, again, just false accusations by the West. However, they do agree that the entirety of the South China Sea belongs to them, including the Philippines' maritime territory, regardless of the map. Even when the Republic of the Philippines directly objects by saying that because of the Exclusive Economic Zone which has been set up, China states that this is just another evil made up Western concept to suppress China.

India then says how China is allied with countries like Pakistan, who are known for terrorism and suppressing their citizens, which China also stands by. This seems ironic because all China claims to want is peace. China denies this and says that these are just baseless accusations by the West in an attempt to crush China like

they have always wanted to.

India further asks how China could hope for peace if they are not at peace with their neighbouring countries. They express their frustration by saying that even their country borders are affected by China's attempt to claim the South China Sea and that they will not take this constant bash from them anymore. They conclude by saying that they will be fighting fire with fire and that China "better watch it." However, China again denies and says that it does not affect the Indo-Pacific oceans at all and that this entire situation was fuelled by the West.

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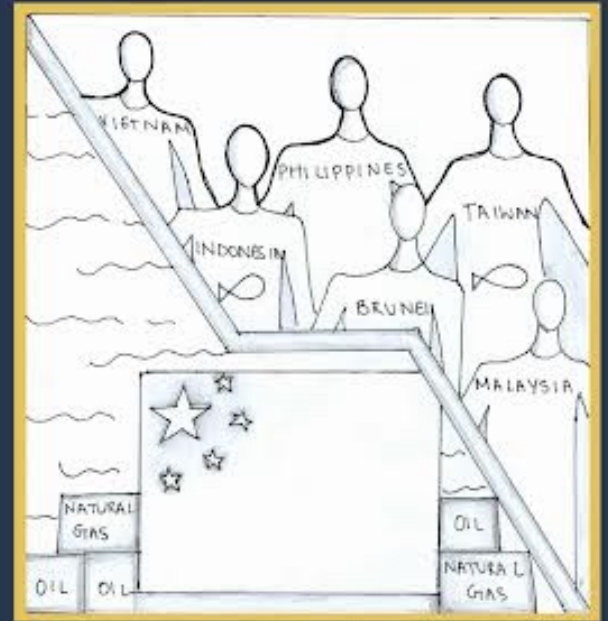
# THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL



*Does everything happen for a reason?*

Everything happens for a reason. It's a phrase that's been repeated for centuries, told by historical, revolutionary figures, told to bright and willing students who grew up to become radical individuals as well. It is a quote that changes perspectives, but it is also used mindlessly, harshly, and carelessly. The delegate of China didn't know whether it was the former or the latter.

Sitting in the middle of the committee, the delegate felt caged, suffocated, as if there was someone wrapping their hands tight around



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their throat, their oesophagus closing in on itself. As they watched the right of the South China Sea territories get distributed amongst every other country but them, guilt throbbed through every fibre of their being.

They had let their country down. Their government, their magnificent leader, had trusted them to represent China in the United Nations Security Council, had his faith in them, to return with the territories that rightfully belonged to them. But now, they could not go back to their country and expect to be received with open arms. The delegate of China had destroyed the reputation of their glorious country, squandered any chance of redemption, and broken down the hope of their entire country's people. They felt ruined, stolen from, done.

Millions of thoughts ran through their head at rapid speeds, speeds that would have made light cower in shame. They imagined how they would be accepted back at home, having to respond to the frowns and the disapproving shaking of heads of the officials. They would have to spend days stuck in conferences, having to sort out why they lost, how they lost, what *foolish* mistake had they made to lose.

The other countries cheered, celebrated, jubilant. They had won against the formidable forces of China and Russia combined. It was a historic moment for all of them.



Were they being a tad bit too dramatic? Maybe, but they felt like they all had conquered the Earth that day. The winners take it all indeed.

The delegate of Russia gazed at China pitifully, packing up their bag. Though Russia had technically also lost the debate, they could not help but feel bad for the poor delegate. Russia did not know the full extent of the situation that the Chinese

were in, but what they did know was not pretty already. They wanted to get up and console China badly, but being a Russian delegate, they had standards to uphold. So, they watched China silently weep to themselves, praying for any higher power to be kind to them, and take pity for once.

Everything happens for a reason, Russia concluded. As they watched the delegate of China stumble out of the conference hall and into the mob of reporters and media officers, Russia knew what had happened in the session had to happen. Were they thinking it because they meant it? Or did they think it because it was the only thing that would give them peace of mind?

Maybe it was a bit of both. The delegate of China did not know. All they knew, was that it had happened, and they had lost. The winner truly takes it all.

- Mairah Khan



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# Parliament and Privacy

Parties wage war over the DPDP Act and its context in India

Manish Tiwari's impassioned speech begins with a narrative, as he reminds the committee of the RTI Act, which was passed when the Congress was in power. He claims that the Act's incentive to protect the privacy of the citizens of India was overshadowed by the BJP's inability to perceive any actions of the Congress as correct or important to the growth of the country, and so, the DPDP Act was passed.

He reminds the committee of the loopholes in the DPDP Act that could prove fatal to the protection of the privacy of the citizens. However, his credibility burnt a hole when Amit Shah raised a POI reminding the committee that the loopholes 'present' in the DPDP are reflected in the RTI Act as well. He turns the POI around by pointing out that he speaks not of the loopholes themselves, but their potentially fatal consequences currently. This leaves the committee slightly unsure as to his arguments- do they truly hold up?

On the flip side, Narendra Modi tries to play the role of the mediator. He uses his time to mention the similarities between the RTI Act and the DPDP Act. He outlines how they both strive to protect the privacy of the citizens and their data. However, this seems to come off as an oversimplification. A POI is raised,

bringing up the fact that the RTI aims to open up a door for transparency between the government and the citizens, and the former's handling of private data, while the DPDP Act provides a way for the government to hide the same. This POI overturns the mediatory speech delivered by Modi- such legislative matters cannot be simplified as such.

The contrast between the RTI Act and the DPDP Act is one that each party tries to spin to their advantage. Ultimately, the matter of digital privacy is one that is pivotal to the government of any country, and the importance of the same is proved by the passionate speeches of the members of the Lok Sabha. But each individualistically rooted member stands their ground, and a decision proves to be no closer.

*-Inaya*



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# Taken

In a millionth of a moment my world turns upside down.  
I had a life just like you before.  
Parks and plays, tea and toast golden-brown,  
Not anymore.

They came in a burst of passion and fury and might.  
Hate in their eyes.  
But they're only so young, itching to ignite.  
I'm on the wrong side.

The floor is cold and these walls close in from all sides.  
I used to come here everyday,  
It used to be a prison of my mind  
My wrists are sore.

I've been in here for days now as another young boy stand  
It's not me they hate.  
It's a Big Bad I've never met whom they despise from their  
But I'm here.

I thought I'd never done something this unforgivable.  
But I don't know.  
These young men have suffered so much that it's just not  
That I didn't know.

If that makes me accessory to their agony  
I cannot say.

All I can do is hope that humanity  
Doesn't barter me away.

*By Praarthana Pandey*



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# Planning The Action

*Debate and deliberation upon multiple Plan of Actions.*

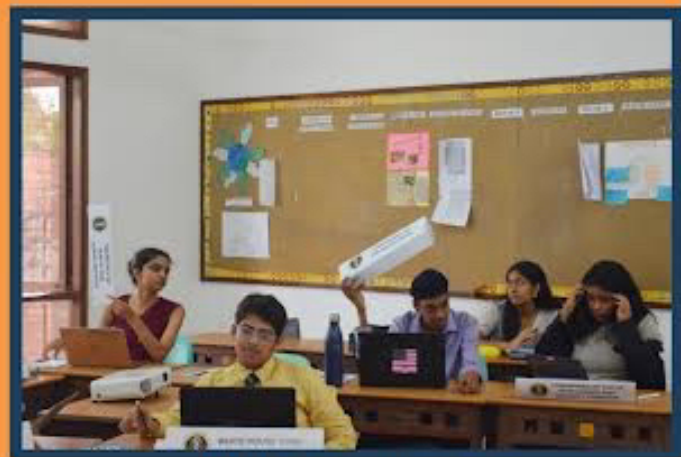
Sixty-plus American citizens had been taken hostage in the US Embassy in Iran by Iranian students. The members of the White House gathered to discuss the plan of action to move forward. Multiple contradictory POAs materialized, with the aim of finding a way to save the captives, and each was questioned and analysed so as to find the best one.

The first Plan Of Action was labelled, "To-do: flirt with Russia, start civil wars, embarrass Iran", the second POA was called "Tauba Tauba", the third was known as "Operation Weiner Dogs" and lastly the Plan Of Action named "Saving the dogs in Iran". Each Plan proposed different and often contradictory points, which resulted in a heated discussion amongst the members.

By Ananya Jha



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# Is that an Asteroid in the Sky?



Knowledgeable conversations between two gossipers

"Hey, what's that in the sky?!"

"What?! What is it?"

"Don't you see that asteroid?!"

"You're scaring me! What's going on?"

"Nothing, nothing, I'm just pulling your leg. I've just recently heard the discussions that went on in the Futuristic Crisis Committee?"

"Oh... what is that exactly?"

"It's basically an emergency conference that was held by the United Nations, and what's interesting is that the head of the DART mission, Steve Rogers, was assassinated apparently by a Russian or something."

"Wow, that actually seems interesting, even though I don't have a huge interest in space."

"Yeah, some asteroid is supposed to hit the ASEAN countries sometime this year."

"Really? Even ours?"

"Of course it includes ours, and other countries like Bahrain, Cambodia, Indonesia, Singapore and the likes."

"Wow, that really is scary, but I trust our country will be able to defend us."

"Yeah, and you know that Russia tried to deflect it, and turned it towards us? God, I really hate that country..."

"As if China is any better! But at least the US is against Russia and its allies and trying to stop them..."

"Wait, how do you know about the US being against Russia?"

"I have a friend in the United Nations, who's representing the United States of America. He passes a few comments about Russia here and there, so I just assumed the USA against Russia."

"Wow, the US and Russia really hate each other, even now. It's 2028, for god's sake..."

"Yeah, I know, but at least there's someone defending us in their battle."

"Yeah, if I'm being completely honest, I hate being a civilian of an important country, like wouldn't it be easier if we lived in Nigeria, or something? Life would be so much simpler..."

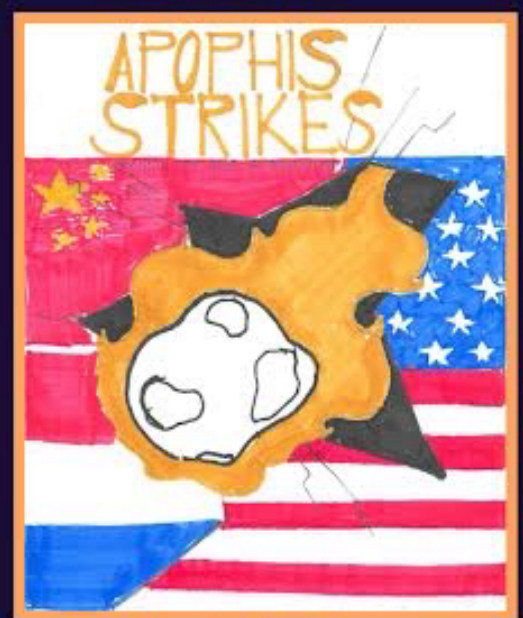
"Yes, thank you so much for telling me. The Futuristic Crisis Committee seems so interesting, but at the end of the day, I'm just appreciative of the fact that there's nothing actually in the sky right now."

"Not yet, anyway..."

By- Shukriti Grace and Mairah Khan



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# The ESL: End of Foot ball?

It all started with a simple idea. All problems do. Florentino Perez, The President of Real Madrid, has had his fair share of controversy in the recent past. However, none of them even come close to the European Super League fiasco. In 2009, Real Madrid were in a rebuilding phase, after the end of the famous “Galacticos” era. Perez realised the club was in dire need of funds. That is when the idea of the “ESL” emerged in his mind. In 2018, Perez started to hold formal discussions with the presidents of other clubs who might be interested in the idea. However, it was not met with much interest. The Covid-19 pandemic changed everything. All clubs took heavy blows to their finances, as the games were stopped for months, and when they finally resumed, the generation of revenue had taken a hit due to no possibility of ticket sales. In 2021, twelve of Europe’s biggest clubs came together to establish a new mid-week competition, the Super League. This included 6 English clubs, 3 Italian clubs and 3 Spanish ones.

As of 22nd December 2023, just Barcelona and Real Madrid are the remaining advocates for the formation of “ESL”. It is common knowledge that



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Barcelona is in financial trouble, with their debts exceeding 400 million euros. They could really use as much money as they can get, and the formation of the “ESL” will make their problems disappear in no time.

If the European Super League is established, it will be the start of a monopoly in the world of football. All the revenue generated by the Super League will be divided between the founders, which will make it easier for them to improve their teams by bringing in world-class talents. This would stunt the growth of the smaller football teams.

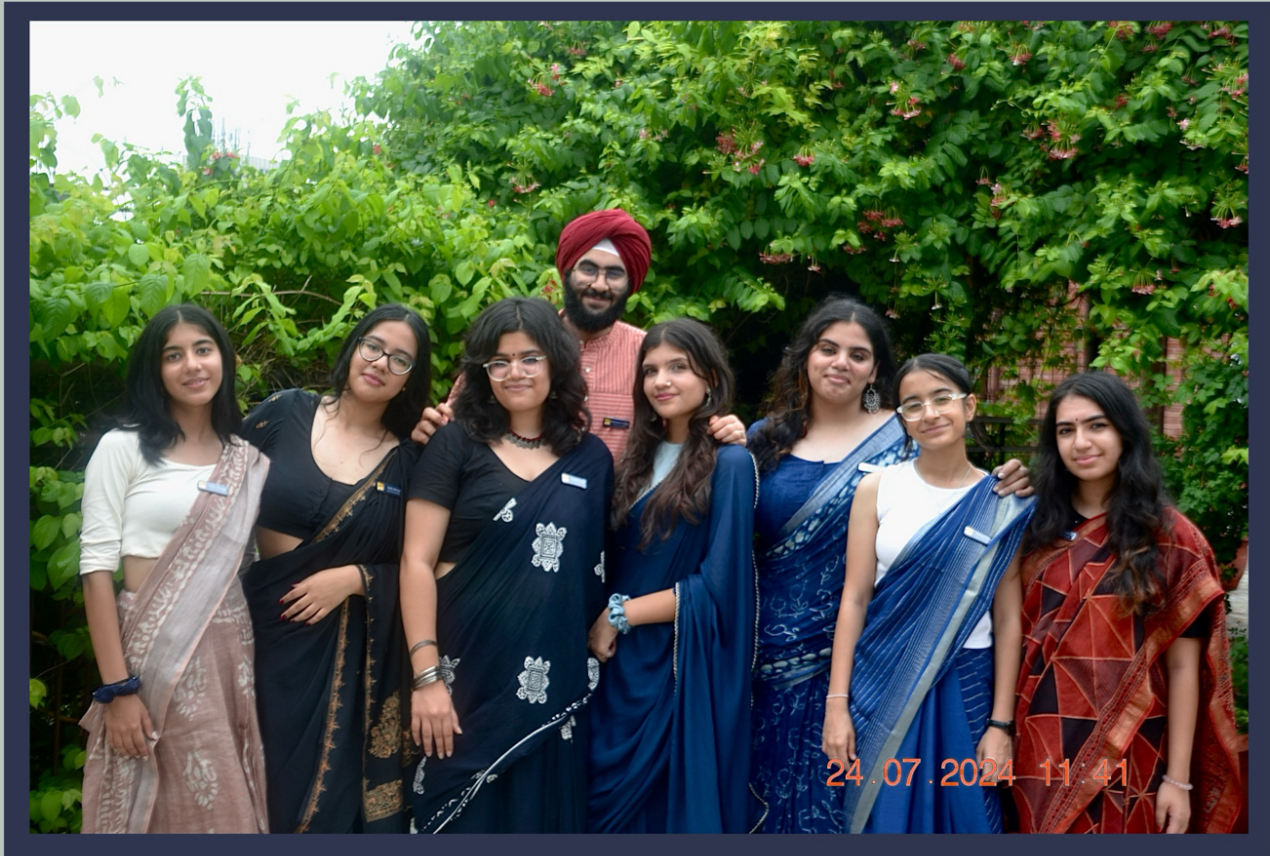
As stated by the representative of Marseille, the introduction of the “Money Printing League” would transform football into a mode of entertainment. Our beautiful game could be heading for a premature death.

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