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Chagos Archipelago

Why in News?

- **UK signs deal to return Chagos Islands to Mauritius.**



Crucial Facts

- **Location:** Indian Ocean
- **Territory:** British Indian Ocean Territory
- **Major islands:** Diego Garcia, Peros Banhos, Salomon Islands, Egmont Islands
- **Dispute:** Claimed by Mauritius, which demands sovereignty.

Key Highlights

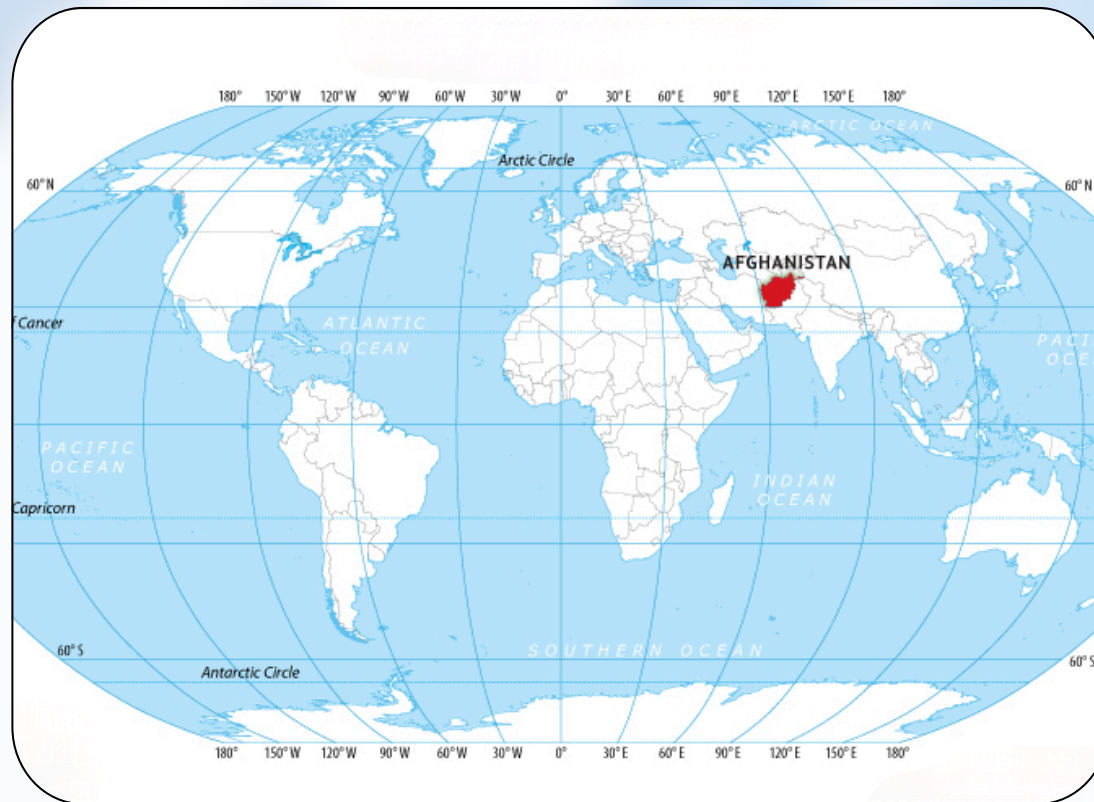


- In 1965, UK separated **Chagos from Mauritius**, forming **BIOT overseas territory**.
- Indigenous **Chagossians expelled** (1967-1973) for the US military base on **Diego Garcia**.
- ICJ and the International Tribunal ruled that the **UK must return the islands to Mauritius**.
- UK to transfer **Chagos Islands to Mauritius** (agreement signed May 2025).

Afghanistan

Why in News?

- **UN** to probe human rights violations in **Afghanistan**.



Crucial Facts

- **Capital and largest city:** Kabul
- **Country:** Landlocked country at Central and South Asia crossroads
- **Government:** Unitary totalitarian theocratic Islamic emirate
- **Borders:** India(SE), Pakistan (E/S), Iran (W), Turkmenistan (NW), Uzbekistan (N), Tajikistan (NE), China (NE/E).

Key Highlights



- Afghanistan is known as **“graveyard of empires”** due to repeated foreign invasions.
- It gained independence after the **Third Anglo-Afghan War in 1919, ending foreign control.**
- Second-largest producer of cannabis resin, **major saffron, cashmere production.**
- **High poverty, child malnutrition, and terrorism** hinder economic development.

Mediterranean Sea

Why in News?

- **INS Trikand** visits Limassol, Cyprus during ongoing deployment to the **Mediterranean Sea**.



Crucial Facts

- **Location:** North Africa, Southern Europe, West Asia
- **Bordered:** Levant (E), Anatolia & Southern Europe (N), North Africa (S).
- **Connected:** Atlantic Ocean via Strait of Gibraltar, to Black Sea via Bosphorus, and Red Sea via Suez Canal.

Key Highlights



- Known as the **“incubator of Western civilization”** throughout human history and development.
- The Mediterranean climate has **mild winters, warm summers, and rainfall** mostly in cooler months.
- Major islands **Sicily** and **Sardinia** are largest in area and population.
- Many islands originated from **volcanic activity**, adding **geological diversity**



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