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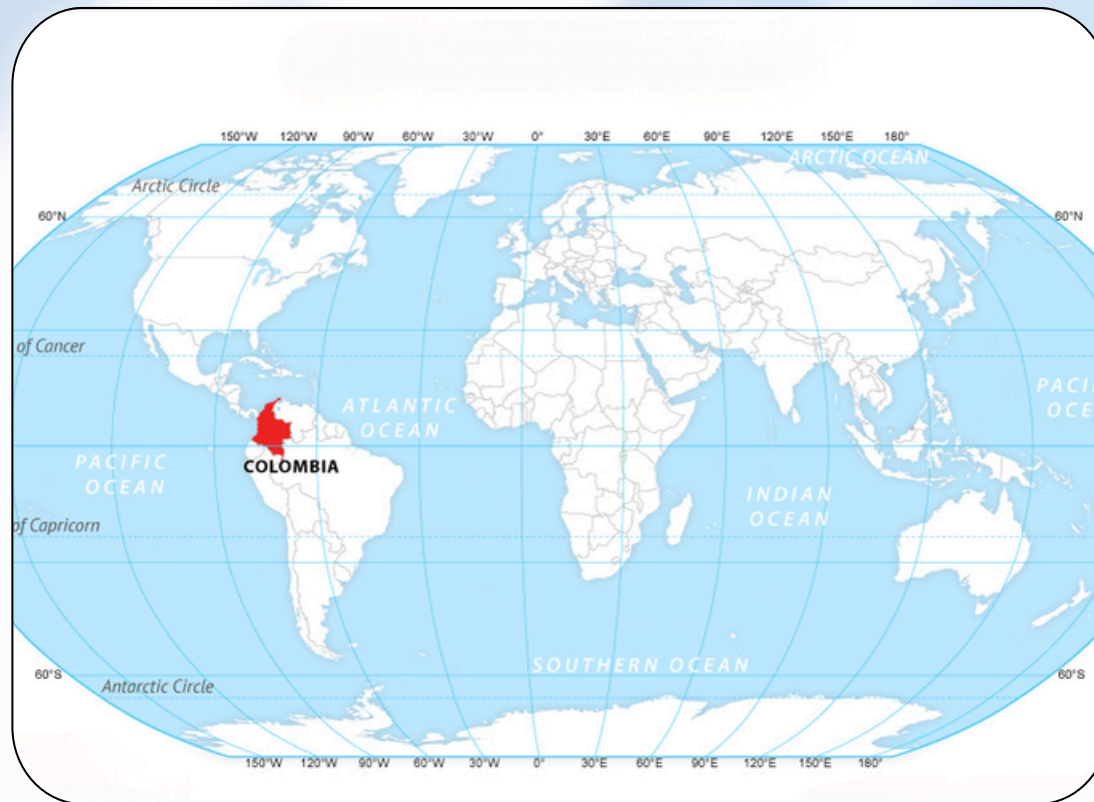
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Colombia

Why in News?

- **Colombian** FARC rebels have promised to fight back if the **United States** tries to invade.



Crucial Facts

- **Official Name:** Republic of Colombia
- **Location:** Mainly in South America; islands in North America
- **Capital and largest city:** Bogota
- **Government:** Unitary presidential republic
- **Borders:** Venezuela (E&NE), Brazil (SE), Peru(S), Ecuador (SW), Panama (NW), Caribbean Sea(N) & Pacific Ocean (W).

Key Highlights



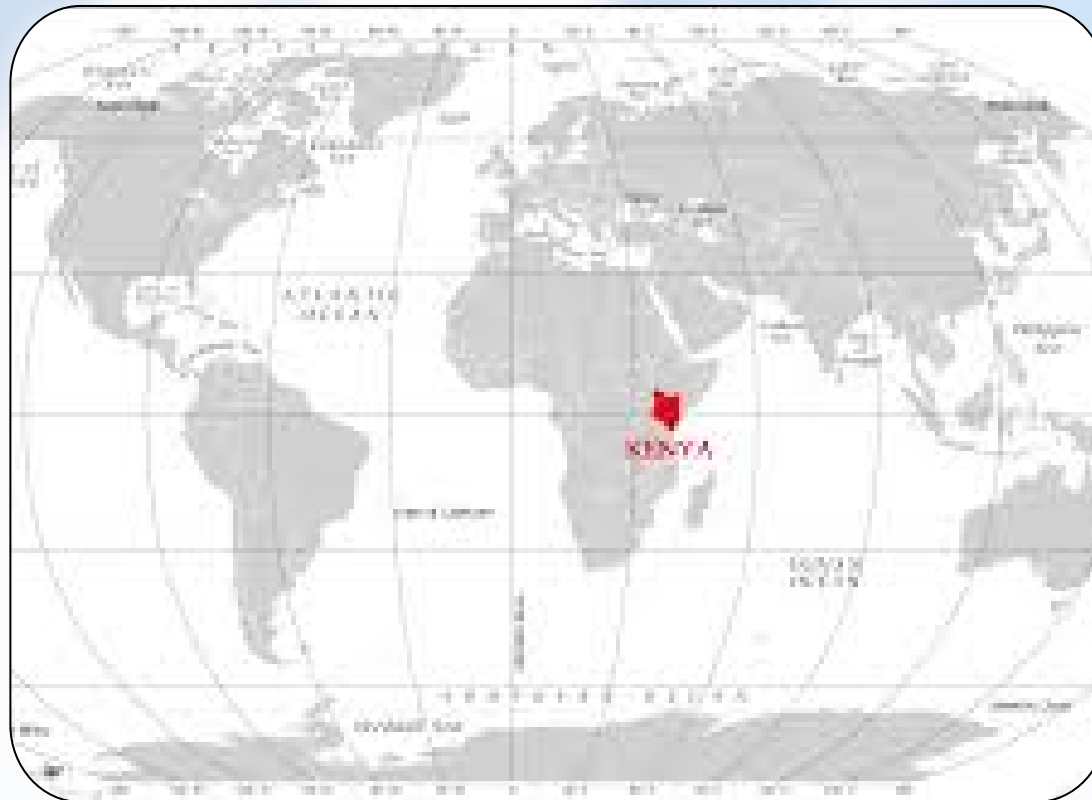
- Colombia was a Spanish colony from 1499 and **gained independence in 1810.**
- It officially became the **Republic of Colombia** in the year **1886.**
- Colombia has the **third-largest** and rapidly **growing economy in South America.**
- The U.S. has sanctioned **President Gustavo Petro** and key ministers and may cut military aid to **Colombia.**



Kenya

Why in News?

- All 11 on board, majority foreigners, were killed in Kenya light aircraft crash.



Crucial Facts



- **Location:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Nairobi
- **Government:** Unitary Presidential Republic
- **Deserts:** Chalbi Desert, Nyiri Desert
- **Borders:** Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, and the Indian Ocean

Key Highlights



- It was **colonized by the British** in the late 19th century and gained **independence in 1963**.
- Kenya adopted a **new constitution in 2010**, replacing the 1963 version.
- It is a **presidential democratic republic**, where the **President is both head of state and government**.
- The **economy is the largest in East and Central Africa**, driven by **agriculture, tourism, and services**.

Kerch Strait

Why in News?

- Ukraine has claimed responsibility for targeting the Crimea Bridge using underwater explosives.



Crucial Facts



- Location:** Eastern Europe
- Connects:** Black Sea and Sea of Azov
- Separates:** Kerch Peninsula (Crimea) and Taman Peninsula (Russia)
- Historical Names:** Cimmerian Bosphorus, Strait of Taman, Strait of Yenikale
- Kerch Bridge:** Links the Russian mainland (Taman Peninsula) with Crimea

Key Highlights



- The strait's narrowest section, near the **Chushka Landspit**, is only 3–5 km wide.
- The city of **Kerch**, located mid-strait on the **Crimean side**, plays a central role in the region's strategic landscape.
- The area has been a focal point of conflict since **Russia's annexation of Crimea** in 2014, marking a major **geopolitical flashpoint**.



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