

## TWO DECADES OF DIPLOMACY

### THE FINAL ACT: MIDNIGHT CRISIS PAVE THE WAY FOR THE CONCLUSION OF DIPLOMACY AT LUMUN20



### The Final Showdown: Blackbeard's Midnight Crisis

The sweltering island air thrummed with tension as ten of the fiercest pirates (or fools, as Blackbeard may call them) in the seven seas converged for Blackbeard's grand finale. Whispers of betrayal and ambition cut through the rum-laced haze, for at stake was not merely treasure, the seat of Blackbeard's infamous empire. Blackbeard, the undisputed terror of the high seas, lay bedridden, his legacy hanging precariously in the balance. To choose his successor, he devised a series of tests – a brutal gauntlet designed to reveal the

cunning, grit, and ruthlessness worthy of inheriting his mantle. In the end, there were two pirates, Mary Read and Paulsgrave Williams, left standing, and deciding the heir to the throne came at the cost of the mentor of Blackbeard. The midnight crisis tested the delegates as they were brought to their wits' end to determine who possessed the true spirit of diplomacy and the cunning to navigate a crisis such as this one.

## Committees in Session

At the heart of LUMUN lie its committees, which are each unique with their own potential for diplomacy and resourcefulness. As the debate comes to a close today, at Publications, we've got you covered with all the important updates! And we're afraid that is all for LUMUN20, so this dear delegate is also a goodbye from us. We hope you had the most amazing time and learned some new skills. We will see you next year for LUMUN21!

In the middle of a crisis, PNA was taken by storm by a passionate crowd of protesters chanting "Jiye Bhutto!" over and over again. This plunged the committee into complete chaos. With military forces deployed in Sindh, leaked audio calls and the opposition leader dead, stress levels in PNA had never been higher. Amidst declarations of jihad and recitations of poetry, the debate continued as the delegates sought for a way to resolve the crisis. Despite their efforts, day three at PNA concluded with no resolution. Let us hope as day four concludes, our delegates at PNA feel better.

In A8, delegates in UNCSTD succeeded in the formation of two blocs. The chairs made it clear that two Draft Resolutions were due by 3:15 p.m. on the fourth day. Problems emerged with regard to the finalization of presenters for one of the blocs. The chairs granted two minutes for this to be resolved, throwing the delegates into complete disorder as they struggled to make a decision under so much pressure. Although a final agreement was reached, several requests for Panadols were made to the DAIS, a clear indication of the levels of anxiety that marked the final day here at LUMUN.

Delegates at UNHCR found all their plans for the committee shattered as a crisis took them by storm. The president of the United States personally came and delivered an address that changed the world as we know it. With this drastic shift in conditions, delegates found themselves at a crossroads where either road was dangerous and unpredictable. Paired with a shocking video leak, the decision of which path to take was made much harder. The air seemed electric as participants struggled to gain a clear understanding of the situation and the implications it posed. With every person looking for an opportunity to establish a strong foothold for themselves, the crisis made the competition more fierce.

The unmoderated caucus at UNODC found the delegates scampering to reach some sort of agreement with each other. Requests to maintain decorum went largely ignored as the anxiety delegates felt fuelled the chaos within the committee. Blood rushed to the delegates' faces, their foreheads lined with sweat. Ultimately, though, order was restored as the unmod came to an end. The debate and disagreements, though, lived on. We hope the delegates can arrive at a consensus by the time day 4 concludes.

The halls of the UN Security Council hummed with a charged energy today as member states clashed over proposed solutions to the ongoing conflict. At the center of the storm: the volatile and sensitive issues of Hamas, Jerusalem, and the viability of a two-state solution. On the issue of Jerusalem, the spotlight fell on Working Paper 1.92 presented by Israel. While acknowledging the two-state solution as a potential pathway, the paper linked its consideration to the complete eradication of Hamas, a condition deemed overly stringent by many delegations. China, presenting their contrasting Working Paper 1.4, offered a pro-Hamas perspective, further widening the chasm between East and West. The subsequent Q&A session, handled by Russia, did little to bridge the gap, instead solidifying existing positions. Across the aisle, Working Paper 2.1, championed by the UK and supported by France, offered a starkly different narrative. France's subsequent Q&A session emphasized the dangers of legitimizing Hamas and reiterated the need for a solution that prioritizes regional stability and security. We're sitting at the edge of seats, waiting to see, how the process of Draft Resolutions will unfold in this charged committee.

The search for the North Star continues as delegates strive to collaborate with each other despite contentions to finalize a draft resolution in this race against time as UNESCAP hums with the pulse of Asia-Pacific Progress. As UNESCAP continues to chart the future in today's sessions, we're eagerly awaiting what the committee might decide, and which delegates will outshine others with their spirit of diplomacy and quick-thinking.

In the hallowed halls of SOCHUM, justice is not only dispensed, but meticulously refined. This week, we grapple with a crucial challenge:

ensuring the International Court of Justice (ICJ) remains a robust and equitable bastion of human rights. Our agenda features two interlinked draft resolutions: one tackling the need for ICJ rectification, and another seeking improvements to existing resolutions. But reform can't exist in a vacuum. The resolution on improving existing resolutions recognizes that even the most well-intentioned legal frameworks need adjustments over time. We'll be dissecting past SOCHUM resolutions, analyzing their effectiveness, and identifying areas for strengthening. This could involve refining language, addressing emerging issues, and ensuring better implementation mechanisms.

Strap yourselves in, for DISEC is hurtling towards a cosmic clash! The agenda: the controversial use of Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASATs). These technological terrors threaten to turn Earth's orbit into a shooting gallery, jeopardizing critical infrastructure and sparking an uncontrollable arms race in the final frontier. Adding spice to the mix is the Anti-Militarization bloc, a diverse coalition determined to demilitarize outer space altogether. They contend that ASATs are merely the tip of the spear, a gateway to an unwinnable space war with disastrous consequences for Earth. Meanwhile, the Pro-Militarization bloc argues that ASATs can be deterrents, safeguarding national security interests and maintaining order in the cosmos. They emphasize the need for responsible development and deployment, but ultimately see controlled militarization as an inevitable reality. Africa's neutral stance presents a fascinating wildcard. With burgeoning space ambitions and a keen awareness of potential exploitation, their decisions could swing the balance of power and shape the future of space.

The wind howled outside the SPECOPOL chamber, echoing the icy chill that gripped the debate within. Delegates representing diverse nations shed their usual blocs and forged new alliances. This unprecedented coalition aimed to tackle the issue of Antarctic resource management with a united front.

## LUMUN Crossword

### Solutions

We hope you had fun playing this little game we had for you, here's the list of answers so you can truly know how many did you get right.

#### CROSSWORD: DAY 1

ACROSS  
3. HNMUN  
5. REZA  
6. ROHAIL

DOWN  
1. IIMUN  
2. ASHRAFQURESHI  
4. TEN  
7. LONDON

#### CROSSWORD: DAY 2

ACROSS  
2. SUBWAY  
5. IA  
6. IRAADAY

DOWN  
1. PNA  
2. SECURITY  
3. MAHAM  
4. RAFAY

#### CROSSWORD: DAY 3

ACROSS  
3. MND  
5. ADHOC  
7. HASSAN

DOWN  
1. UNODC  
2. HRDA  
4. MANAL  
6. HUMNEWS