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The area known as 'Golan Heights' sometimes appears in the news in the context of the events related to (a) Central Asia (b) Middle East (c) South-East Asia (d) Central Africa Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) Central Asia. Golan is not in the Kazakh-Uzbek-Afghan belt. Wrong region.

(b) Official key

(b) Middle East. The **Golan Heights** lie on the Syria-Israel frontier and recur in West Asian conflict news. That is the official key.

(c)

(c) South-East Asia. ASEAN geography, not the Levant. Not the key.

(d)

(d) Central Africa. Unrelated to the **Golan plateau**. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) Middle East. **Golan Heights** is a strategic plateau between Syria and Israel. It is not Central Asian, South-East Asian or Central African. Only the Middle East matches the news context.

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Golan Heights

Captured by Israel from Syria in 1967

UNDOF

UN Disengagement Observer Force, 1974

Sea of Galilee

Water resource linked to Golan hydrology

Quneitra

Syrian governorate associated with Golan

1981

Israel applied its law to Golan; not recognised by UN

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