

## China Vs Canada

The Canadian government declared Chinese diplomat Zhao Wei “persona non grata,” for allegedly targeting a Canadian lawmaker critical of China’s human rights record.

Hours later, China announced a “reciprocal countermeasure” by asking Jennifer Lynn Lalonde, a top diplomat in the Canadian consulate in Shanghai, to leave the country by May 13.

Growing Chinese interference in Canada.

After details of the CSIS report were revealed, the Canadian government was heavily criticised for its inaction against China.

Diplomatic ties between China and Canada have been unsteady for the past few years, especially after Canadian police arrested Huawei Technologies executive Meng Wanzhou on charges of fraud in 2018. A few days after her arrest, China detained two Canadians on spying charges a move then called “hostage diplomacy”

During that period, China suspended imports of canola from Canada, alleging pests in the shipment.

The ban was, however, lifted last year amid a global shortage of food

in the wake of the Russia Ukraine war.

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### LIBOR

#### What is LIBOR?

LIBOR is a global benchmark interest rate that combines individual rates at which banks opine they may borrow from each other (for a particular period of time) at the London interbank market.

It is used as a benchmark to settle trades in futures, options, swaps, and other derivative financial instruments in over-the-counter markets (participants engaging directly without using an exchange) and on exchanges globally.

Further, consumer lending products including mortgages, credit cards, and student loans, among others, too use it as a benchmark rate

#### What was the controversy around it?

The central flaw in the mechanism was that it relied heavily on banks, to be honest with their reporting disregarding their commercial interests.

It must be noted that the rates were made public.

Therefore, it would not be particularly useful to impress upon potential and current customers the

various disadvantages in obtaining funds.

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### Hysterectomies

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The uterus is surgically removed with or without other organs or tissues. In a total hysterectomy, the uterus and cervix are removed.

In a total hysterectomy with salpingo-oophorectomy, (a) the uterus plus one (unilateral) ovary and fallopian tube are removed, or (b) the uterus plus both (bilateral) ovaries and fallopian tubes are removed.

In a radical hysterectomy, the uterus, cervix, both ovaries, both fallopian tubes, and nearby tissue are removed. These procedures are done using a low transverse incision or a vertical incision.



#### Warmest Five year Period

It is near-certain that 2023-2027 will be the warmest five-year period ever recorded, the United Nations warned on Wednesday as greenhouse gases and El Nino combine to send temperatures soaring.

There is a two-thirds chance that at least one of the next five years will see global temperatures exceed the more ambitious target set out in the Paris accords on limiting climate change, the UN's World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

The hottest eight years ever recorded were all between 2015 and 2022, with 2016 the warmest but temperatures are forecast to increase further as climate change accelerates.

The 2015 Paris Agreement saw countries agree to cap global warming at "well below" two degrees Celsius above average levels measured between 1850 and 1900 and 1.5 degrees Celsius if possible.

A warming El Nino is expected to develop in the coming months and this will combine with human-induced climate change to push global temperatures into uncharted territory.

"This will have far-reaching repercussions for health, food security, water management, and the environment.



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### SC recent Judgement

Delhi is a Union Territory with a legislature, and the demarcation of powers is spelt out in Article 239AA. The Supreme Court stated that parliamentary democracy implied a government accountable to the people.

The judgment explains that this entails a triple chain of command: civil service officers are accountable to Ministers; Ministers are accountable to the legislature; and the legislature is accountable to the electorate. The severance of any link of this triple chain would be antithetical to parliamentary democracy.

Therefore, the civil services will have to report to the Delhi Cabinet

### Maharashtra judgment

The Court ruled that the Tenth Schedule makes a differentiation

between the legislature party and the political party. The legislature party includes all MLAs/Members of Parliament belonging to the political party.

It determined that the power to issue directions was with the political party, and not the legislature party.

Therefore, the person in charge of the political party (who may not be a member of the legislature) would control every vote of the MLAs/MPs of that party

Failure to adhere to such direction by any MLA/MP would lead to disqualification.

Thus, this judgment further entrenches the power of the party leadership over the legislature.

It reinforces the idea that the MP/MLA is not accountable to the electorate but only to the party that fielded them in the election.

In doing so, it breaks the triple chain of accountability, which is an underlying principle of the Delhi judgment

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