

# JUNE 28 NEWS QUIZ

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# ANSWERS

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Hajj is [a significant religious pilgrimage in Islam that every able-bodied Muslim must undertake at least once in their lifetime](#). It involves a series of rituals performed over five days in and around Mecca, Saudi Arabia. In 2024, the Hajj pilgrimage saw [over 1.83 million participants](#), but extreme heat conditions, with temperatures [exceeding 50C \(122F\)](#), led to [over 1,300 deaths due to heat-related illnesses](#).

## 2. According To His 2024 Plea Deal, How Long Is Julian Assange Expected to Be Jailed in the US?

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Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder, was [released from Belmarsh Prison on June 25, 2024](#). As part of a plea deal with the US Department of Justice, he [plead guilty to one count of violating the Espionage Act](#). This deal includes a sentence of five years in prison. However, since Assange has already spent over five years in detention, this time will be credited towards his sentence, [meaning he will not serve additional jail time](#). By agreeing to this plea deal, [Assange avoided the risk of a much harsher sentence that could have resulted from the original 18 charges he faced](#), which collectively carried the potential of up to 175 years in prison.

### *3. Where Is Dagestan?*

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Dagestan is a [republic in the North Caucasus region of Russia](#), known for its diverse ethnic composition and history of militant violence, mostly Islamist. On June 23, 2024, it was the site of [multiple coordinated attacks on synagogues, churches, and police posts](#), resulting in significant casualties.

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Russia formalized [a mutual defense pact with North Korea in June 2024](#). This agreement signifies a strategic military alliance between the two countries, allowing them to [support each other using all available means if either is attacked](#). Russia and Belarus [signed the Union State Treaty, including mutual defense commitments, on December 8, 1999](#). Russia is also a leading member of the [CSTO, a regional security alliance formed in 1992](#). The CSTO includes Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

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Lionel Messi holds [the record for the most Copa America appearances](#), a milestone he reached in June 2024. This 70-year-old record was previously held by [Chilean footballer Sergio Livingstone](#), a legendary goalkeeper who played in [34 Copa America matches between 1941 and 1953](#).

## 6. Where Can You Find This Shiny Bean?

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The shiny bean, officially known as [Cloud Gate](#), is [a famous public sculpture in Millennium Park, Chicago, USA](#). Anish Kapoor designed it, and it attracts around 20 million visitors annually. After [nearly a year of renovations](#) to the surrounding Grainger Plaza, The Bean [reopened on June 23, 2024](#).

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In June 2024, [Elon Musk welcomed his 12th child with Shivon Zilis](#), a top executive at his neurotechnology company Neuralink. It's their third child together, following twins Strider and Azure's birth in November 2021. Despite the complexities of Musk's personal life, which includes [a total of 12 children with three different women](#), he and Zilis have maintained a professional relationship, working closely on projects at Neuralink. This latest addition to Musk's large family underscores his public stance on addressing declining birth rates by having more children.

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The adorable creature in the picture is a [wombat](#). In June 2024, Tasmania Tourism launched a unique campaign to [boost winter tourism by offering quirky "odd jobs,"](#) including the role of a [wombat walker](#). This job involves [leading wombats on their morning walks as part of their rehabilitation program](#) at East Coast Natureworld. The initiative aims to attract Australians to take a break from their daily routines and experience Tasmania's natural beauty and unique wildlife. The campaign features ten quirky positions, including "oyster organizer," "paranormal investigator," "sauna stoker," and "wine whisperer."

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The first [Black Barbie doll debuted in 1980](#) - a significant milestone in the toy industry, representing a step towards greater racial diversity and inclusion. The documentary "[Black Barbie: A Documentary](#)," which premiered on Netflix on June 20, 2024, delves into this history, highlighting the contributions of [designer Kitty Black Perkins](#) and the cultural impact of the Black Barbie doll.

### 10. What Was Donald Sutherland's Character In "MAS\*H"?

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Donald Sutherland played the iconic role of [Hawkeye Pierce in the 1970 film "MAS\\*H."](#) This role catapulted him to fame and became one of his defining performances. Over the decades, [Sutherland built a diverse and remarkable career](#), earning acclaim in various genres. He [continued acting until his passing on June 20, 2024, at 88](#), including as [President Snow in "The Hunger Games" series](#).

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[Prince William, born on June 21, 1982](#), is 42 years old in 2024. He [celebrated his 42nd birthday just a day before attending Taylor Swift's Eras Tour concert](#) at Wembley Stadium on June 22, 2024, where she took [a viral selfie with the prince and his kids](#).

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In 2024, the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) in Tasmania [moved two Picasso paintings to a public toilet cubicle](#) to protest a legal ruling. The Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal had [ordered the museum to allow men into the previously women-only Ladies Lounge](#), an installation that featured the Picasso artworks.