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WORD LIST-2 (MAY 10, 2023)

1. homecoming (noun) – an act of returning back to home; reunion.
2. Arab League (noun) – The Arab League or the League of Arab States is a regional organization in the Arab world, which is located in Africa and Western Asia. The Arab League was formed in Cairo on 22 March 1945 initially with six members: Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria and now it has 22 member states.
3. keep up (phrasal verb) – continue, maintain, carry on, go on with, persist with.
4. decade (noun) – a period of ten years.
5. set aside (phrasal verb) – disregard, put aside, ignore, forget, shrug off.
6. intra- (prefix) – within.
7. inter- (prefix) – between.
8. ironically (adverb) – paradoxically, unexpectedly, strangely.
9. rally (verb) – bring together, unite, join, combine.
10. expel (verb) – remove, oust, throw out, get rid of, blacklist, ban.
11. amid (preposition) – in the middle of, surrounded by; during.
12. regime (noun) – government, system.
13. crackdown (noun) – clampdown, getting tough/severe measures, suppression.
14. recognition (noun) – (formal) acknowledgement, acceptance, admission.
15. civil war (noun) – a war between organized groups within the same state or country.
16. sanctions (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc.
17. break out (phrasal verb) – start/begin suddenly, flare up, erupt, burst out.
18. Arab Street (noun) – an expression referring to the spectrum of public opinion in the Arab world, often as opposed or contrasted to the opinions of Arab governments.
19. repression (noun) – suppression, crackdown, clampdown, stifling, crushing, quelling.
20. take up arms (phrase) – fight, clash; engage in a fight/conflict/war.
21. back (verb) – support, endorse, favour, uphold.
22. push back (phrasal verb) – repel, repulse, force back, beat back, drive back/away, fend off.
23. Idlib (proper noun) – a city in northwestern Syria.
24. run (verb) - be in charge of; control, administer, govern.

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25. **kurdish people/Kurds** (noun) – the indigenous peoples in a mountainous region of Western Asia (south-eastern Turkey, north-eastern Syria, northern Iraq, north-western Iran and south-western Armenia).
26. **boomerang** (verb) - backfire, come back, bounce back, return (to cause problems); be counterproductive, come home to roost, have an adverse effect, have unwelcome repercussions, be self-defeating.
27. **Damascus** (proper noun) – the capital of Syria.
28. **ties** (noun) – association, relationship, bond, connection.
29. **refugee** (noun) – displaced person, asylum seeker, exile, deportee, stateless person, émigré.
30. **batter** (verb) – damage, destroy, spoil, impair, ruin, crush.
31. **devastating** (adjective) – destructive, ruinous, disastrous, catastrophic.
32. **sustain** (verb) – continue, carry on, keep up, maintain, bolster up.
33. **geopolitical** (adjective) – relating to (the study of) the geographical factors (a country's position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources &, etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
34. **environment** (noun) – conditions, circumstances, surroundings.
35. **warm up** (phrasal verb) – to start to like someone.
36. **rapprochement** (noun) – reconciliation, reuniting, restoration of harmony, compromise/understanding.
37. **token** (adjective) – symbolic, indicative, perfunctory.
38. **gesture** (noun) – sign, signal, indication; action, deed, move.
39. **crack down on** (phrasal verb) – to become more strict in dealing with a problem; to take strict or stern actions to stop something; clamp down on; get tough on, keep under control, repress, suppress, restrict
40. **fester** (adjective) – annoying, upsetting; fuming, simmering, smouldering, brewing (suppressed distress).
41. **infrastructure** (noun) – the basic physical or organisational structure or framework that a country or organization needs in order to function properly. For a whole nation, it includes all the physical systems such as buildings, roads & railways networks, utilities, etc.
42. **reboot** (verb) – restart, reintroduce, restore.
43. **stranded** (adjective) – helpless, without assistance, without help, without resources, in difficulties; in the lurch, abandoned.
44. **reach out** (phrasal verb) – contact someone to obtain/offer help/assistance/cooperation.
45. **cleavage** (noun) – separation, isolation, division, fragmentation.

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