### **Tourist arrested for visiting forbidden Indian island**

Indian police have arrested an American tourist for allegedly traveling to a remote island to visit one of the world's most isolated tribes. The island, North Sentinel, is part of the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago in the Bay of Bengal, around 1,200 km east of the Indian subcontinent. It is approximately 60 square kilometres in size. North Sentinel is a protected area and home to the Sentinelese people, an indigenous tribe who have fiercely defended their isolation from the outside world. The tourist made the prohibited journey to the island. He did not make contact with the islanders, but he did leave them a can of Diet Coke and a coconut. He could face up to five years in prison.

The Indian government has barred outsiders from visiting North Sentinel Island. This is to protect the unique Sentinelese way of life. It is also to shield the inhabitants from modern illnesses. A spokeswoman for a non-profit group that protects isolated tribes said: "It's very well known that uncontacted peoples have no immunity to common outside diseases like flu or measles, which could completely wipe them out." Survival International said the Sentinelese are "the most isolated indigenous people in the world." In the past few decades, the islanders have killed several people who have attempted to visit the island. The recently arrested tourist described himself as a "thrill seeker."

**Homework:**

1. Write a full sentence answer for each question below.
2. What kind of land mass is North Sentinel Island part of?
3. How big is North Sentinel Island?
4. From whom have the tribe defended themselves against?
5. What did the tourist leave on the island besides a soft drink?
6. For how long could the tourist end up in prison?
7. What unique thing does India want to protect?
8. What does India want to shield the Sentinelese from?
9. What could completely wipe the Sentinelese out?
10. How many people have died visiting the island in the past few decades?
11. What did the tourist describe himself as being?

**Academic Writing**

Write 7-10 sentences about the topic below:

* We need to do all we can to protect isolated tribes. Discuss.