I

Today I want to share with you some pieces of news. The first piece of news is strict law banning tobacco in New Zealand. New Zealand’s government will make **tobacco** **illegal** for young people. The government says that young people will not smoke cigarettes at all.

The new **law** will start next year. It will be even stronger in the future. Supermarkets and small businesses will not sell cigarettes after 2027. Children under 14 years old will not **be able**to buy cigarettes. This is the second strongest cigarette law in the world.

Some experts are happy. Cigarettes are dangerous. It is good that young people will not smoke.  They can choose less dangerous products.

Other experts do not like the new law. They say people will want cigarettes in the future. It is possible that people will buy and sell cigarettes illegally.

II

The next piece of news concerns the explosion of a car. Yesterday, the 15th of December, a taxi **explodes** in Liverpool, UK. Police say that it is a **terrorist attack**.

Two men are in the car. The **passenger** is a man from the Middle East. He is 32 years old. He lives in the UK. He becomes a Christian in 2017. He dies in the car.

The driver is hurt. Luckily, he isnt very hurt.

Some reports say that the driver sees a bomb on the man’s body. Then, he locks the man in the car. Police cannot say if it is true. The driver is very upset. He cannot tell police yet what happens in the car.

The situation in the UK is dangerous now. It is possible that another attack will happen somewhere in the country.

III

The third piece of news: high-profile murder of a celebrity. Alec Baldwin is an American actor. He is 63 years old. He is filming a movie in New Mexico now. The movie is called ´Rust´. It is a **Western** set in the 19th century.

Baldwin fires a gun. It is not a real gun. It is a prop. A prop is a thing which people use in a play or movie. **However**, he shoots two people.

A camerawoman dies in hospital. She was 42 years old. Baldwin also hits the **director** Joel Souza. Souza must go to hospital, too. He leaves hospital on the same day.

Police must find out what happens. They say that it is an **accident**. Baldwin is very upset. He talks to police. He cries.

IV

The last piece of news for today concerns detection of the largest illegal gold mine in the Amazon. The Amazon is the largest forest in the world. Millions of special animals and plants are there. It is home to indigenous people.

Indigenous people live in and understand nature. They **protect** it. They live in the Amazon for hundreds of years.

Gold and other special rocks are under the ground in the Amazon. People take rocks from the ground. It is **illegal** to **mine** in the Amazon. Many illegal **mines** are there. People destroy the forest and rivers to make the mines. They bring sickness to the indigenous people.

The Brazilian president will change the law. It will be possible to mine in the Amazon. About 30% of gold comes from illegal mines now. That’s all, thank you!