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<http://keesings.com/>

Subject

Newspapers - Archives

Accessibility

On subscription basis

Language

English

Publisher

Keesings Worldwide

Brief History

Founded in 1931, Keesing's quickly became the trusted source upon which experts on international affairs from around the world rely to establish objective, historical facts concerning world events.

### *Scope and Coverage*

Keesing's has been used for decades at major universities all over the world. It is also found in numerous government offices of foreign affairs and intelligence agencies. Major news bureaux, encyclopedias, news magazines, and think-tanks keep Keesing's at hand because they know that it can give instant historical perspective by providing detailed, accurate, and concise information on the places, people, and events that contribute to today's breaking news.

### *Kind of Information*

Keesing's World News Archive provides accurate information on world events and discovers and explore related historical context.

Each month from their office in Cambridge, UK, they write and publish Keesing's Record of World Events, the successor to the weekly Keesing's Contemporary Archives. The Keesing's archive comprises the full text of these two consecutive reference series.

The new Keesing's website applies the latest search technologies to explore this exclusive data archive of more than 98,000 detailed, authoritative, and concise reports which record and describe the world's major political, economic, and social events since 1931. Each month they add at least 150 stories, comprising more than 60,000 words, which summarise the previous month's events.

### *Special Features*

- ❖ Extensive cross-reference links embedded within articles deliver instant historical context. Online subscribers also enjoy advanced searching, filtering, and clustering tools and the facility for users to assign their own tags to articles. Subscribers can cluster search results using their own tags, tags created by other users, or by the growing list of items that the Keesing's editors have tagged.
- ❖ The tagging feature, along with the new function giving subscribers the ability to attach notes to Keesing's articles and save them to a private portfolio, allows subscribers to create their own personal current affairs database in parallel to the Keesing's archive.
- ❖ **Basic Searching:** The simplest way to search the archives to type a word into the search box and click the "Go" button, or hit the "return" key on your keyboard.



A results page will then display summary head lines of all the articles containing that word:



The first heading, in blue, gives the title of the article. By clicking on the title you can access the article. Following the title, (in brackets), is the country under which the article has been filed. The date of the article is given in orange underneath.

- ❖ **Selecting search terms:** The key to effective searching is to make your search terms accurate and precise. Below you will find suggestions for increasing the relevancy of your search results.

Here are some suggestions for conducting more precise searches:

- Use **double quotes** -“ ” - to specify a particular phrase, e.g. “death penalty”.
- Use a **hyphen**, “ - ”, to mean NOT. If you want to exclude a word from the search you can key “-” to mean NOT. So if you search for *budget-provisional* you will find all the articles that contain the word *budget* but do not contain the word *provisional*.
- Do not include words such as “**the**”, “**and**”, or “**but**” in searches, as these words are ignored by the search engine.
- Use the **asterisk character** “ \* ” as a wildcard to represent any letters in a search. So “fight\*” will search for fight, fights, fighter, fighting, etc.

❖ **Searching by date:** To reduce the number of results and form a more targeted search you can limit the date range of articles searched.

- **LIMIT FROM/ LIMIT TO**

You can enter the start and end of your date range in the search boxes. Keesing's was first published in July 1931; the latest set of articles are added monthly.



- **DATE TYPE**

You can limit results by two types of date: publication date, or date within article. You can choose whether you are interested in articles published in a particular time period, or articles that refer to a particular time period.



**Arrangement Pattern** In index the entries to search the articles are arranged alphabetically.

As for example,

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Under each entry the categories are arranged according to the number of articles in a descending order.

As for example,

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a news archive interface. The left screenshot is titled 'Topics' and shows a list of categories with article counts, sorted in descending order. The categories include: 'No Selection', 'Legal Issues (254)', 'Economy (233)', 'Appointments (218)', 'Constitution And Governance (196)', 'Foreign Relations (191)', 'Social Issues (189)', 'Terrorism (177)', 'Human Rights (145)', 'Elections (138)', 'Legislation (135)', 'War (115)', 'Political Parties (94)', 'Disarmament And Rearmament (80)', 'Disasters (74)', 'International Organisations (70)', 'Science And Technology (18)', and 'Environment (17)'. The right screenshot is titled 'Clusters' and shows a list of countries with article counts, also sorted in descending order. The countries include: 'View All Clusters >>', 'No Selection', 'United States (486)', 'United Kingdom (464)', 'Soviet Union (259)', 'China (179)', 'France (179)', 'Russia (163)', 'Germany (157)', 'Italy (128)', 'India (115)', 'Iran (112)', 'Poland (110)', 'Japan (105)', 'Canada (104)', 'Iraq (104)', 'Turkey (103)', 'Switzerland (100)', 'Belgium (99)', 'Greece (96)', 'Spain (96)', and 'Pakistan (91)'. Both screenshots have a blue header bar with navigation options like 'Cloud' and 'List'.

**Remarks**

Keesing's World News Archive is one of the world's best news archives which provides accurate information on world events and discover and explore related historical context.

**Comparable Tools**

- The Times of India : archive (<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/archive.cms>)
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers (<http://www.proquest.com/products-services/pq-hist-news.html>)

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