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## **1. Interpol controversy: Protect Interpol from abuse in the long term**

- What is Interpol?
- What is Interpol not allowed to do?
- Which are the important notices that Interpol issues?

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**In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.**

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### **What is the context about?**

- South Korean Kim Jong Yang has been elected as the new head of Interpol.
- He replaces Meng Hongwei, who disappeared during a trip to China in October.
- Meng's wife said she thought her husband was in danger because of a message she received from him of a knife emoji before his disappearance.

- ❑ However, authorities in China have said the official — who resigned while being held in China — was being investigated for alleged bribe-taking.

### **What is Interpol?**

- ❑ Interpol is the world's largest international police organisation, coordinating action between forces around the world, including searches for wanted and missing people.
- ❑ The agency, which has 192 member countries, says its role is “to enable police around the world to work together to make the world a safer place”.
- ❑ “We aim to facilitate international police cooperation even where diplomatic relations do not exist between particular countries,” it says on its website.
- ❑ Based in the French city of Lyon, Interpol's General Secretariat oversees the day-to-day work of the organisation, while diplomats say the role of president is largely ceremonial.

### **What is Interpol not allowed to do?**

- ❑ Interpol does not have the power to arrest or detain anyone, as it must act through the local police forces.
- ❑ Interpol has a constitution and complex series of rules, which state that the agency cannot act in a “political, military, religious or racial nature.

- ❑ There are also rules laying out the basis on which Interpol can issue a Red Notice, how the agency stores data and how the notices can be challenged.
- ❑ The most common misconceptions about Interpol are “that it is a police force and that it actually has any powers”.

### **Interpol notices**

Interpol issues eight different types of notices at member states’ requests. Some notices are published but many others are available only to those with access to Interpol’s information system.

#### **Types of notice include:**

- ❑ **Green** to give warnings and intelligence about criminals deemed likely to repeat their crimes in other countries.
- ❑ **Yellow** to help locate missing people, often children.
- ❑ **Black** to seek information on unidentified bodies.
- ❑ UN Security Council special for groups and individuals who are the targets of UN Security Council sanctions.
- ❑ **Red** to seek the location and arrest of suspects, with a view to extradition or a similar process. These require an arrest warrant or court order issued by the applicant country.

