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News Review

India removes Kashmir's autonomy

The story

The Indian Home Minister, Amit Shah, is expected to place his resolution abrogating Article 370, which confers special status on the state of Jammu and Kashmir, before the lower house of the Indian parliament later today.

Vocabulary

strips

removes (something's) position or status

- The government strips corrupt politicians of their authority.
- After the drug test came back positive, the athlete was stripped of her medal.

in one fell swoop

all at once

- The surprise police raid caught all of the thieves in one fell swoop.
- I'd rather do all my cleaning in one fell swoop than space it out over the week.

grim

serious, worrying and without hope

- The economic report came to a grim conclusion. A recession would come soon.
- Do you still want to go to the beach today? The weather looks so grim!

Language challenge

Which of these means 'formally end a law, treaty or custom'?

- a) abrogate
- b) enact
- c) sanction

Answer:

- a) abrogate