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News: Non-Aligned Movement

- Recently, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who hosted the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Kampala, expressed his regret over the expulsion of Indians by Idi Amin in the 1970s.

Non-Alignment Movement (NAM)

- Non - Alignment Movement (NAM) was formed during the **Cold War as an organisation of States that did not seek to formally align themselves with either the US or the Soviet Union, but sought to remain independent or neutral.**
- The basic concept for the **group originated in 1955** during discussions that took place at the **Asia-Africa Bandung Conference in Indonesia.**
- The first NAM Summit Conference was held in **Belgrade, Yugoslavia in September 1961.**
- It has **120 members as of April 2018** comprising **53 from Africa, 39 from Asia, 26 from Latin America and Caribbean and 2 from Europe** (Azerbaijan and Belarus).
- Azerbaijan holds the NAM presidency for 3 years until the 19th summit in 2022.

- As a condition for membership, the **states of the Non-Aligned Movement cannot be part of a multilateral military alliance such as NATO**. It promotes independence of non-aligned countries from great power or block influences and rivalries.