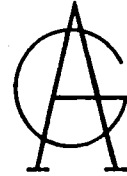


Solution: 11 letters, 3 words (Two newsworthy nations)

A L A P E N B A S U Y I Y
 I N N I I S R A E L S N A
 R A I D D C A N A D A U L
 E P H T N N Z T N M S A U
 G A C I N A I A R T G R R
 I J A A I E L E R U E A N
 N P D R C R G A T P Y G E
 S U E N E R L R E L I H C
 S A A H E I O N A Z D I U
 R R T E A P U S S R W A B
 F E C Q M U I G L E B E A
 N E D E W S M E X I C O N



Clues

- A • In terms of area, South America's second largest nation (9)
- While it is a nation, it could also be described as an island and as a continent (9)
- B • Its major cities include Antwerp, Brussels, and Ghent (7)
- In terms of both area and population, it is South America's largest nation (6)
- C • In terms of area, it is the world's second largest nation (6)
- This South American nation is the world's largest exporter of copper (5)
- The world's most populous nation (5)
- The largest and most populous of the West Indian nations (4)
- E • Most of this country's 43 million people live in the Nile River Valley (5)
- F • Excluding the Soviet Union, it is Europe's largest nation in terms of area (6)
- G • Excluding the Soviet Union, it is Europe's most populous nation (7)
- This European nation is known as the birthplace of democracy (6)
- I • The world's second most populous nation (5)
- It was declared an independent state in 1948 after Palestine was partitioned by the U.N. (6)
- On a map, this country appears as a boot-shaped peninsula extending into the Mediterranean Sea (5)
- J • The world's largest city is located in this nation (5)
- M • The world's second largest city is located in this central American nation (6)
- N • Astride the Himalaya Mountains, its neighbors are China and India (5)
- Much of this nation's land has been reclaimed from the North Sea (11)
- Its native people are known as Maori (3,7)
- Africa's most populous nation (7)
- P • Lima is the capital city of this South American nation (4)
- The smallest of the Iberian nations (8)
- S • The largest of the Iberian nations (5)
- In terms of area, it is the largest nation in Africa (5)
- The largest of the Scandinavian nations (6)
- U • In terms of both population and area, this nation ranks fourth in the world (abbreviation) (3)
- The world's largest nation in terms of area, third largest in terms of population (abbreviation) (4)
- Z • This nation was formerly known as the Belgian Congo (5)