

Boos directed at Israel's Eden Golan at Eurovision 2024 semi-final rehearsal

Description

Israel's Eurovision contestant, Eden Golan, remained undeterred after receiving boos during a dress rehearsal for her performance of the song "Hurricane." Despite the backlash, Golan expressed pride in representing her country. The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) allowed Israel to compete in the contest, despite calls to block their participation due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The controversy escalated when Golan had to change her original song, "October Rain," as it was deemed controversial in light of the recent conflict. The tension surrounding Israel's participation led to threats against the Israeli delegation, prompting security measures. With political protests expected at the event, Eurovision organizers emphasized the non-political nature of the competition and warned against displaying pro-Palestinian symbols.

In a separate incident, contestant Eric Saade broke Eurovision rules by wearing a keffiyeh, a Palestinian symbol, during his performance. Eurovision officials regretted the political statement and reminded performers of the event's rules. The controversy surrounding political gestures continued as Ireland's entrant had to remove similar symbols from their costume.

The article highlights the political complexities surrounding Israel's participation in Eurovision and the broader discussions on the conflict in the Middle East. Despite the controversies, the show must go on, with various countries and performers navigating the delicate balance between art, politics, and entertainment.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Contestant** // (noun): A person who takes part in a competition or contest.
2. **Backlash** // (noun): A strong negative reaction to something.
3. **Delegation** // (noun): A group of people sent to represent an organization or country.
4. **Escalated** // (verb): To increase in intensity or seriousness.
5. **Regretted** // (verb): Feel sad/repentant or disappointed over something.
6. **Symbol** // (noun): A thing that represents or stands for something else.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term is used to describe the highest point or the end of a process?
Option: Culmination
Option: Misinformation
Option: Allure
Option: Backlash
2. Which word means being watchful and alert to detect danger?
Option: Sophisticated
Option: Vigilant
Option: Liberating
Option: Host
3. What term means to make or become hard or solid?
Option: Eager
Option: Solidified
Option: Optimal
Option: Symbol
4. What word describes compliance with standards rules or laws?
Option: Conformity
Option: Escalated



Option: Regretted

Option: Host

5. What term indicates something that follows or comes after something else?

Option: Palpable

Option: Circulating

Option: Subsequent

Option: Misinformation

6. What term is used to describe something that is prominent or famous?

Option: High-profile

Option: Allure

Option: Contestant

Option: Delegation

7. Which word means to make a choice or decision?

Option: Eager

Option: Opted

Option: Gracefully

Option: Regretted

8. What term describes false or incorrect information spread deliberately?

Option: Vigilant

Option: Misinformation

Option: Liberating

Option: Symbol

9. What do you call a person who takes part in a competition?

Option: Optimal

Option: Contestant

Option: Host

Option: Accompany

10. What term describes a gathering of people who have been separated?

Option: Reunion

Option: Gracefully

Option: Culmination

Option: Symbol

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



11. The children were _____ to open their presents on Christmas morning.
12. The famous actor will _____ the award ceremony this year.
13. Traveling alone for the first time can be a _____ experience.
14. Tensions between the two countries have _____ in recent weeks.
15. She _____ the conference to gain more knowledge about the industry.
16. The CEO was _____ by her assistant during the important meeting.
17. There is a lot of _____ about the company's future direction.
18. Following this diet plan can lead to _____ health outcomes.
19. The decision to raise prices resulted in a significant _____ from customers.
20. Rumors have been _____ about the upcoming product launch.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. The new technology featured a sleek design and advanced features making it highly appealing to tech enthusiasts. |
| 22. The ballerina moved across the stage captivating the audience with her fluid movements. |
| 23. The manager entrusted the crucial project to a of skilled employees to ensure its success. |
| 24. The magician's performance was simply leaving the audience in awe of his skills. |
| 25. The mystical landscape held an irresistible drawing travelers from far and wide to explore its beauty. |
| 26. The spread of can have damaging effects on public opinion and decision-making processes. |
| 27. In a gesture the leader offered a sincere apology to mend relations with the neighboring country. |
| 28. The dove is often seen as a of peace and harmony in many cultures around the world. |
| 29. Regular exercise and a balanced diet are essential for maintaining physical health. |



30. The young entrepreneur was to launch her startup and make a positive impact on the industry.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Culmination 2. Vigilant 3. Solidified 4. Conformity 5. Subsequent 6. High-profile 7. Opted 8. Misinformation 9. Contestant 10. Reunion

Gap-Fill: 11. eager 12. host 13. liberating 14. escalated 15. attended 16. accompanied 17. speculation 18. optimal 19. backlash 20. circulating

Matching sentence: 1. sophisticated 2. gracefully 3. delegation 4. wowing 5. allure 6. misinformation 7. conciliatory 8. symbol 9. optimal 10. eager

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