

### 1.3 Headlines from *The New York Times* (November 2018)

**Instructions:** The headlines and the excerpts from the articles below appeared in the November 6 and 7, 2018 editions of the *New York Times*. Working in teams, examine and discuss the headlines and excerpts, locate places mentioned on your world map, and answer questions 1 – 3.

#### Questions

1. What is the main point of each headline and excerpt?
2. Based on your knowledge of current events and the information presented here, what questions do you have about these reports?
3. Using these reports and questions as a starting point, what broader questions do you have about what is taking place in the world today?

#### **Angry East German Men Fuel Far Right in Nation Still at Odds**

By Katrin Bennhold

“Frank Dehmel was on the streets of East Germany in 1989. Every Monday, he marched against the Communist regime, demanding freedom and democracy and chanting with the crowds: “We are the people!” Three decades later, Mr. Dehmel is on the streets again, older and angrier, and chanting the same slogan — this time for the far right. He won freedom and democracy when the Berlin Wall came down 29 years ago on Nov. 9. But he lost everything else: His job, his status, his country — and his wife. Like so many eastern women, she went west to look for work and never came back. To understand why the far right is on the march again in Germany, it helps to understand the many grievances of its most loyal supporters: men in the former Communist East.

#### **As Famine Looms in Yemen, Saudi-Led Coalition Redoubles Attacks**

By Mohammed Ali Kalfood and Declan Walsh, A6

“The fight in Yemen has escalated drastically over the past week, exacerbating a dire humanitarian crisis that the United Nations says could spiral into famine — despite, or even because of, a diplomatic push by the United States to get both sides to the peace table. The Saudi-led coalition, which the United States has armed and supported, has launched a punishing wave of airstrikes against the rebel Houthis. The warplanes have hit targets in the capital, Sana; in the mountainous northern provinces; and in the Red Sea port of Hudaydah where, aid workers warn, the country’s main humanitarian lifeline hangs by a thread.”

#### **Taliban Attacks Pummel Afghan Security Forces**

By Fahim Abed and Rod Nordland, A11

“Dozens of soldiers and police officers were killed or captured in nine Taliban attacks that overran security bases and outposts in different parts of Afghanistan during a 24-hour period that ended on Tuesday, officials said. In perhaps the most severe blow, insurgents captured battalion headquarters of the Afghan Border Force in Farah Province, in western Afghanistan, killing or taking prisoner nearly the entire contingent of officers, with as many as 20 dead. In Kandahar Province, in the south, three separate attacks killed a total of 17 police officers. And in Ghazni, a central province, a joint military and police outpost fell only two days after it had been set up, with all 16 security officials there killed or wounded.”