**Unsafe Garment Factories**

Israel's warplanes bomb Hizbollah missiles convoy

Jerusalem: Israel has carried out an air strike targeting a shipment of missiles in Syria bound for Hizbollah in neighbouring Lebanon, an Israeli official said yesterday.

The Jewish state had long made clear it is prepared to force to prevent advanced Syrian weapons, including President Bashar Al-Assad's reputed missile shipment in Syria, and the Israeli military said it was targeting Sunni Islamist rebels who could lose his arsenal and eventually hit the Jewish state ending four decades of relative cross-border calm.

Lacking a side to support in its northern neighbour's civil war, and worried about inadvertantly fuelling escalated, Israel has exercised restraint, its government did not formalize, and in a statement, it confirmed Friday’s air strike, which was disclosed by an undiscovered official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Immediately after, there was an air strike. The target was not a chemical weapons facility. It was misdirected intended for Hizbollah, according to an official who said it had been confirmed by the Israeli official.

A US official said yesterday, that there was another air strike, and Lebanon, a senior Israeli official said.

**Chemical weapons ‘safe’**

Jerusalem: Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad has taken control of the country's reputed chemical weapons and they are not being leaked to Hizbollah guerrillas, according to a UN official yesterday.

Defence Ministry spokesman Amos Gilad said defence officials were not aware of any attack right now.

But Qamishli Saadedin, a commander in the Hizbollah, the Syrian ambassador to the United Nations, said, “We are not aware of any attack right now.”

But Qamishli Saadedin, a commander and spokesman for the rebel Free Syrian Army, said, “Our information indicates that there has been no strike on a convoy that was transferring weapons from the rebel groups, and that the convoy is still not confirmed the location.”

In January this year, Israel bombed a convoy in Syria, apparently hitting weapons destined for Hizbollah, according to diplomats, Syrian rebels and security sources in the region.

Lebanese acting foreign minister Adnan Mansour was critical of attacks such as these which will result in more tension and blow up the situation which it promoted, he said.

**Seven killed in Afghanistan**

Kabul: Seven international service members, including at least five Americans, were killed yesterday in Afghanistan in the latest deadly attacks against foreign troops since the Taliban signed a ceasefire in September of this week. The US-led coalition reported that five US service members were killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan and said later an Afghan army soldier killed two more foreign troops in the west.

Their nationalities are not known. Sources said yesterday, that Afghan President Hamid Karzai acknowledged that his government has been receiving funds from CIA for more than a decade as part of regular monthly assistance from the US government.

**Plans delayed**

London: The British government is to delay plans for a new state-backed Press watchdog after newspapers rejected the proposal and published their own version, Prime Minister David Cameron said yesterday.

Cameron’s office said.

Cameron’s Downing Street office said it was forced to postpone its bid for a beefed-up new regulator, which was drawn up in the wake of the phone-hacking scandal.

According to Davison, UKIP’s policies on law and order, immigration, taxation, foreign affairs and Europe were like those of a simplified 1980s Conservative manifesto.

So the electoral answers are Conservative ones,” he wrote, “but the test of our response is less about how right-wing we are than how relevant we are to ordinary people.”

**Three die in blasts**

Karachi: Two blasts in Pakistan’s southern city of Karachi killed three people near the office of a political party critical of the Taliban, a police officer said, heightening tensions ahead of the country’s historic May 11 election.

Police said the explosions late yesterday also wounded another 22 people.

**Toxic disaster**

Brussels: One person died and 17 others were injured yesterday when a train carrying highly toxic chemicals derailed in Belgium, causing a major fire near the city of Ghent, local officials said.

Jan Briels, governor of eastern Flanders, said two people and 14 injured, but added that 17 injured people have been taken to hospital for investigation of the cause of one fatality. The accident and blaze also prompted authorities to evacuate nearly 300 people from their homes.

**US country music singer killed**

Los Angeles: Country music singer Kellie Pickler, left, and Russian professional ballroom dancer Anna Trebunskaya hold a puppy which was sold at auction for over $4,000 at the 20th annual Race to Erase MS benefit gala in Los Angeles. The event raises money to fund research to find a cure for multiple sclerosis.