

# Defence Current Affairs

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### Israel Carrying Out Strikes In Lebanon After Anti-tank Missile Fire: IDF

- The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) on Wednesday said it was carrying out strikes in Lebanon in retaliation to the attack on its border with anti-tank guided missiles, The Times of Israel reported.
- The IDF said it would soon come out with more information on the attack. Earlier, the IDF said an anti-tank missile was launched from Lebanon towards a military post near the community of Arab Al-Aramshe.
- Meanwhile, the IDF said it targeted the **Islamic University of Gaza**, which serves as an "important centre of political and military power for Hamas in the Gaza Strip".



### India Closely Monitoring Volatile Situation In Lebanon

- India is closely watching the developments in southern Lebanon, where nearly 900 Indian soldiers are stationed as part of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon

(UNIFIL). UNIFIL has reported incidents involving rockets and artillery fire amidst the ongoing Hamas-Israel conflict.

- UNIFIL, responsible for monitoring the 110-km '**Blue Line**,' which has witnessed fierce confrontations between Israeli and Shiite Islamic Hezbollah forces in the past, confirmed that several rockets were launched from southeast Lebanon towards Israeli-occupied territory in the Kafr Chouba area on Sunday. In response, Israel retaliated with artillery fire aimed at Lebanon.
- On Monday, explosions were detected near Al-Boustan in southwest Lebanon, raising concerns among UNIFIL's 10,500 peacekeepers from 48 countries. The organization has urged authorities on both sides of the Blue Line to exercise maximum restraint and prevent further escalation.



## Rajnath Singh Visits French Jet Engine Manufacturing Plant

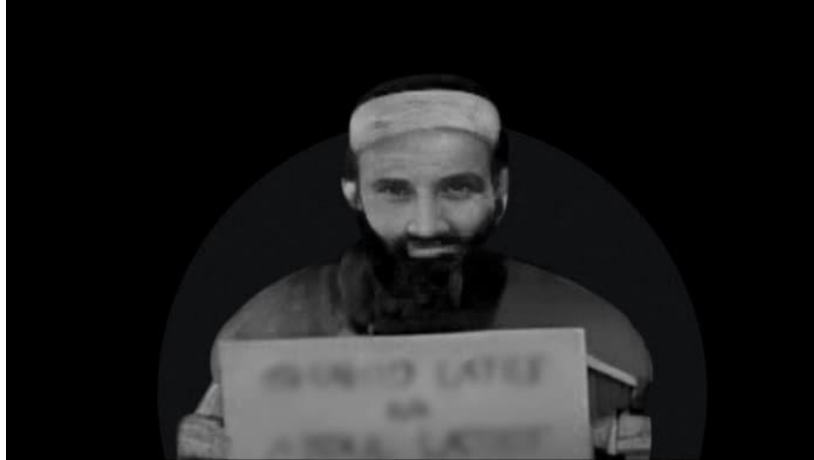
- With a technology transfer deal for jet engines in the works, defence minister Rajnath Singh visited a top-end research and development centre near Paris on Wednesday and interacted with top executives of major French arms companies.
- Singh's visit to the facility at Gennevilliers assumed significance as Safran is looking at co-developing a fighter aircraft engine in India under a mega project.
- The defence minister is visiting France after concluding his trip to Italy.

- Singh also interacted with a group of CEOs of top French defence companies in Paris and highlighted to them the advantages of co-development and co-production of defence hardware in India that he said could be exported to third countries.



## Pathankot Attack 'Mastermind' Shot Down

- Shahid Latif, one of the main conspirators and facilitator of 2016 Pathankot attack, according to Indian security agencies, was gunned down along with his brother by unidentified assailants outside a mosque in Pakistan's Sialkot district on Wednesday. This was the fifth such killing of a top terrorist commander operating from across the border this year, said officials.
- Shahid Latif allegedly provided logistical support for the four Pakistani terrorists who attacked the Pathankot Air Force station in January seven years ago.
- Born in Pakistan's Gurjanwala, Latif came on Indian agencies' radar after his arrest in 1994 in a terror case. He was arrested again from Jammu in 1996 on narcotics and terror charges.
- He was then put on trial and eventually jailed.
- In 1999, Latif's release was demanded by the Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists who hijacked India.



## India Launches "Operation Ajay"

- India has launched Operation Ajay to facilitate the return of citizens from Israel amid a full-blown war with the Hamas group in Gaza. There are 18,000 Indians in Israel.
- "Special charter flights and other arrangements are being put in place. Fully committed to the safety and well-being of our nationals abroad," Foreign Minister S Jaishankar said in a post on X.
- Israel has formed an emergency government to conduct the war against Hamas, five days after the group's fighters killed civilians in their homes and on the streets in an unprecedented assault on Israeli soil.



## Review Questions

1. **Op Ajay Launched By Bharat To Rescue People From**

- A. USA
- B. Israel
- C. UK
- D. Iran

**ANSWER: B**

2. **DGAQA Stands For**

- A. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance
- B. Directorate General of Aeronautical Query Assurance
- C. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assured
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

3. **Ex AL NAGAH, NASEEM-AL-BAHR, Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: B**

4. **President of India Presents Silver Trumpet And Trumpet Banner To The\_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. NSG
- B. Gorkha Rifles
- C. Mechanized Infantry
- D. President's Bodyguard

**ANSWER: D**

5. **The Douglas C-47 Skytrain or Dakota Is A**

- A. UAV
- B. Military Transport Aircraft

- C. Fighter Aircraft
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Infantry Day Is Always Observed On**

- A. 26 Oct
- B. 27 Oct
- C. 28 Oct
- D. 29 Oct

**ANSWER: B**

**7. PBG The Oldest Regiment In The Indian Army, Having Been Raised In**

- A. 1773
- B. 1774
- C. 1779
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Rishi Sunak Become The New PM Of**

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Iraq

**ANSWER: B**

**9. INSAS Rifle Manufactured By**

- A. ARDE
- B. HAL
- C. IAI
- D. ISRO

**ANSWER: A**

**10. ISRO Hq Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Brahmos Is A**

- A. Hypersonic Cruise Missile
- B. Supersonic Cruise Missile
- C. Subsonic Cruise Missile
- D. Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: D**

**13. 'Five S' Vision of Sammaan Coined By PM Modi Stands For**

- A. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Suyog
- B. Samvaad –Sahyog –Sahitya –and Samriddhi
- C. Samvaad –Suknya –Shanti –and Samriddhi
- D. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Samriddhi

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Sarmat Missile Is A**

- A. Nuclear-Capable Missile
- B. Cruise Missile
- C. Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "The Broken Earth" Book Is Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. N.K. Jemisin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Philip Pullman

**ANSWER: B**

**16. What Is The Capital Of Nigeria?**

- A. Oslo
- B. Abuja

- C. Cape Town
- D. Warsaw

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. UK

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In**

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

**ANSWER: C**

**19. The Earth Day Is Observed**

- A. 21 April
- B. 22 April
- C. 23 April
- D. 24 April

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The IAF?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Shillong
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**