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Pakistan seeks UN help to stop India from missile deployment

ISLAMABAD, June 13: Pakistan warned Friday of a ballistic missile race in the region, chastised the international community for its indifference and urged the United Nations to put pressure on India to pull back on its missile programme, reports AP.

In 1990 Washington cut all military and humanitarian aid to Pakistan because it believed Islamabad had built a nuclear weapon, contrary to US law governing aid distribution. "We have pointed out to the United States that India appears to have been encouraged by the discriminatory American legislation against Pakistan that has resulted in a serious military imbalance in the region," said Salim.

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Mussolini's son Vittorio dead: Vittorio Mussolini, the second son of the Italian fascist leader Benito Mussolini, died at a Rome clinic on Thursday at the age of 81, his family said. AFP reports from Rome.

4 killed in Colombian prison riot: A riot and subsequent shootout Thursday between guards and prisoners at a maximum-security prison left at least four inmates dead and 24 wounded, authorities said. AP reports from Bogota.

4 executed in China for rape, murder: Four people were executed in Beijing for murder, rape and robbery following a sentencing rally for criminals convicted of attacking women, a Chinese newspaper reported Friday. AP reports from Beijing.

US fusion energy pioneer dies: Amasa Stone Bishop, a lifelong environmentalist and an American pioneer in the quest for clean energy from nuclear fusion, has died, his family said Thursday. He was 76, AP reports from Geneva.

UK marines banned from Cyprus: The commander of the Royal Marines has barred the corps from training in Cyprus after three marines were convicted of indecency and fined for stripping in a bar, AP reports from London.

Russian poet dies during Paris trip: Bulat Okudzhava, a prominent Russian poet, writer, folk singer and bard who was a hero to many Soviet liberals in the 1960s, died Thursday during a trip to Paris, Soviet officials said. He was 73, AP reports from Paris.

Two thieves killed in Congo: An angry mob attacked two alleged criminals Thursday after they had been arrested, burning one to death and burning the body of the other after he had been shot dead, state-run radio reported. AP says from Kinshasa.

New French PM won't join G-7 summit: Newly elected French Premier Lionel Jospin will not attend the upcoming summit in Denver of the Group of Seven most industrialised nations, his office said Thursday. AP reports from Paris.

LTTE alleges Pakistan's involvement in latest Lankan offensive: COLOMBO, June 13: Tamil Tiger rebels accused Pakistan Friday of helping the Sri Lankan army plan its latest military campaign to capture a vital highway in the guerrilla-controlled north, reports AP.

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Syrians stage a sit-in in front of the Turkish embassy in Damascus Thursday to protest the Turkish incursion to northern Iraq. The banners hoisted by the protesters read: "The national movements show solidarity with Syria in the face of new military pacts", and "We call on the international body to exert pressure on Turkey to withdraw its troops from northern Iraq."

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