

Bus bomb kills 14 in South Lebanon

Attack on Lebanese army

AFP, Tripoli

A bomb blast targeting the Lebanese army killed nine soldiers and five civilians in the northern city of Tripoli yesterday hours before a landmark visit by President Michel Sleiman to Syria.

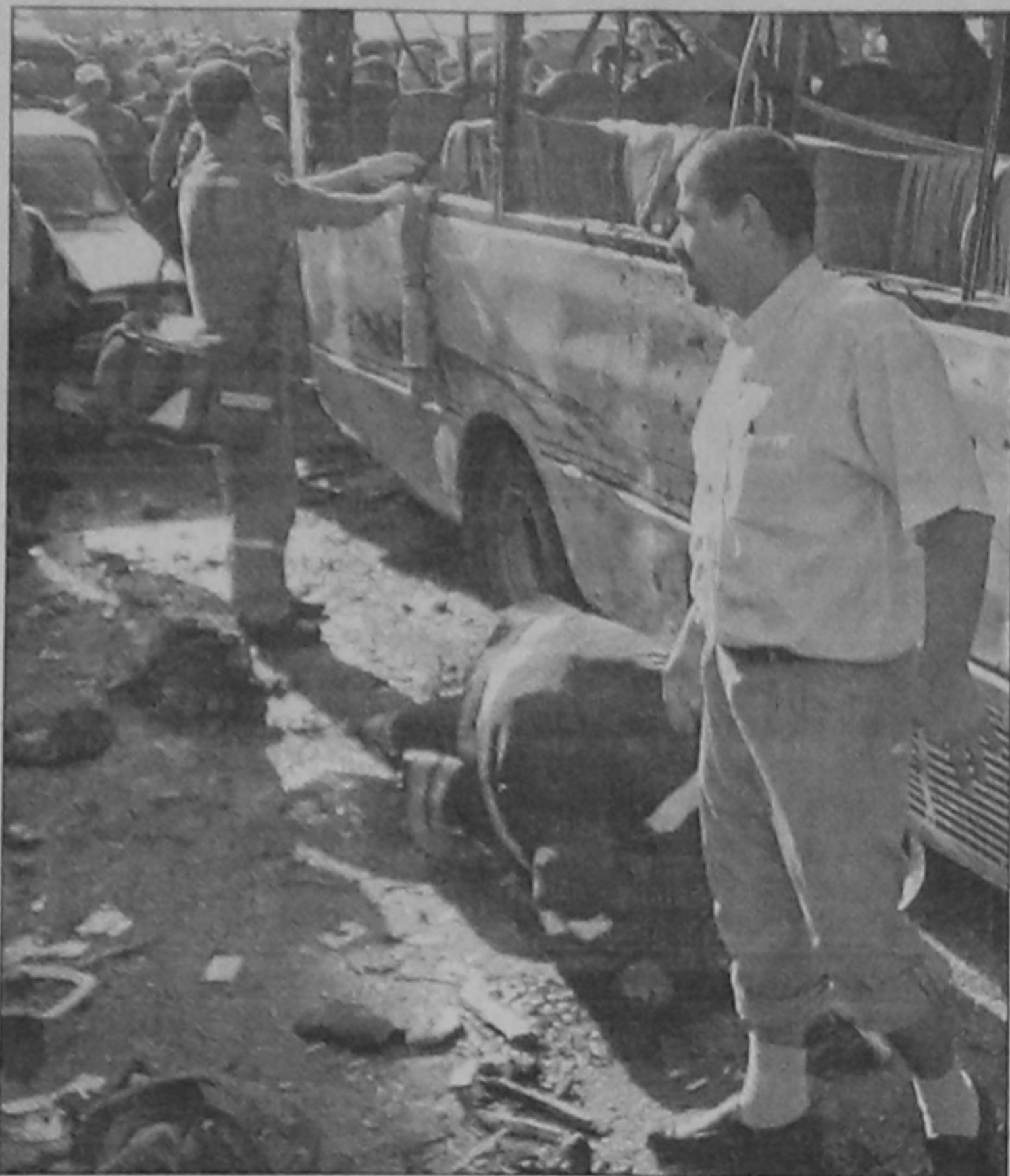
At least 40 people were also wounded in the attack that ripped through a busy shopping street in the heart of the port city during the morning rush hour, a security official said.

A child who was polishing shoes on the street was among the 14 dead, the official said, adding that nine of those killed and many of the wounded were soldiers.

"My son! My son!" screamed one mother striking her chest at a Tripoli hospital after learning that her 22-year-old soldier son was dead.

It was the deadliest attack on the army since a 15-week battle last year the Al-Qaeda inspired Fatah al-Islam militia in an impoverished Palestinian refugee camp near Tripoli that left 400 people dead, including 168 soldiers.

The army said the bomb was planted in a bag at a military gathering point in the Masarif Street commercial district of Tripoli and exploded near a public bus carrying soldiers from the northern region of Akkar.



In a handout mobile picture taken from Hamzet-Wasel news website, Lebanese Red Cross and firefighters search for survivors at the site of a blast in the main north Lebanese city of Tripoli yesterday.

US against strike on Iran: Ehud Barak

AFP, Jerusalem

The United States is at present opposed to any military strike against Iranian nuclear facilities, Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said yesterday.

"The position of the United States is well known. They do not want, for the time being, any (military) action against Iran," Barak told army radio.

"Our position is that no option is to be taken off the table but in the meantime we have to make diplomatic progress," he said.

Israel, the region's sole undeclared nuclear armed power, considers Iran its main strategic threat because of its atomic drive, which Israel and its US ally suspect is aimed at developing weapons.

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providing electricity for its growing population when its fossils fuels run out.

Israel's Haaretz newspaper reported that Washington recently rejected an Israeli request for military equipment that US officials said indicated Israel was at the "advanced stages" of preparing an attack.

Washington urged Israel not to strike Iran's nuclear facilities, warning that it would undermine US interests and demanding to know ahead of time if Israel decided to go ahead regardless, the paper said.

Senior US, European, and Iranian diplomats held rare face-to-face talks in Geneva last month aimed at resolving the impasse over Tehran's nuclear ambitions, but were unable to agree on a deal to resolve the dispute.

Pro-Israeli remarks ire Iranian lawmakers

AFP, Tehran

More than 200 conservative Iranian lawmakers lashed out on a top aide to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday over his controversial remarks that Iranians are "friends with Israelis."

The MPs issued a strongly-worded statement calling on Ahmadinejad to take action against his deputy, Esfandiar Rahim Mashaie.

"Mashaie does not have the right to take such a disgraceful stance and he is not competent to hold such a responsibility," according to the statement read out in parliament by one of the MPs.

"Condemning this regretful position, we deputies ask Dr Ahmadinejad to deal with him seriously," the MP told the 290-seat assembly.

Rahim Mashaie, vice president in charge of tourism, is one of Ahmadinejad's closest allies and earlier this year his daughter married the president's son.

"I have said before that we do not have any hostility against the Israeli people and I still say the same thing proudly," he said in

remarks published in several local newspapers on Monday.

"Not all the Israeli people are wearing (military) boots on the street,"

Ahmadinejad himself has earned international notoriety for his frequent verbal assaults against the Jewish state, which he has described as a "stinking corpse" and has predicted is doomed to disappear.

The Islamic republic vows never to recognise Israel, an ally of the pro-US shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi who was ousted in the 1979 Islamic revolution, and Ahmadinejad has repeatedly said Iran is ready to talk to all countries except the "Zionist regime."

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Russian troops, flanked by some journalists, drive out from Gori yesterday some 10km from Gori on the road leading to Tbilisi. European Union foreign ministers called Wednesday on Georgia and Russia to observe "an effective ceasefire" in a joint statement issued at the end of a crisis meeting in Brussels.

S Ossetia militia attacking ethnic Georgians: report

AFP, BBC ONLINE, S Ossetia

South Ossetian militia have been looting and burning ethnic Georgian villages in the breakaway region, Human Rights Watch reported yesterday.

The group said its researchers travelling in South Ossetia on Tuesday "witnessed terrifying scenes of destruction in four villages that used to be populated exclusively by ethnic Georgians."

They quoted local residents who had not fled the region saying South Ossetian militias had "looted the Georgian villages and set them on fire".

"Human Rights Watch saw numerous vehicles carrying South Ossetian militia members, as well as Russian military transports moving in the direction of Tskhinvali," it said, referring to the capital of South Ossetia.

"Numerous houses in the villages of Kekhvi, Nizhnie Achaveti, Verkhnie Achaveti and Tamarasheni had been burnt down over the last day," it said, adding that the villages were virtually deserted, with only elderly and incapacitated people left behind.

"The remaining residents of these destroyed ethnic Georgian villages are facing desperate conditions, with no means of survival, no help, no protection,

and nowhere to go," one of the researchers, Tanya Lokshina, was quoted as saying.

Violence has flared up and Russian tanks have been seen

'Questioning Saakashvili's legitimacy not acceptable'

AFP, Berlin

German Chancellor Angela Merkel believes it is "totally unacceptable" for the legitimacy of Georgia's democratically elected government to be put into question, her spokesman said yesterday.

"It is completely unacceptable for the legitimacy of the democratically elected government of Georgia... to be put into question," spokesman Thomas Steg said at a news conference.

She will "make it clear" to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev at a meeting between the two tomorrow in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, near the disputed Abkhazia province, that problems in the Caucasus "cannot be solved militarily," Steg said.

patrolling the town of Gori, reports BBC.

One witness told the BBC he saw a convoy of Russian vehicles on the road to the Georgian capital Tbilisi. People leaving the town say there is looting going on involving South Ossetian separatists.

A ceasefire is in place, but it seems to be very fragile, correspondents say.

In Gori, the Russian tanks seem to be dismantling and destroying Georgian army bases in the town, our correspondent says.

It is not clear where the Russian convoy on the Tbilisi road is heading.

There are reports of residents being stripped of their belongings at gunpoint on the entrances to the city.

There is a pall of smoke over Gori's market, but it is not clear if any more fighting has been going on in the town.

Terrified residents have watched their houses being torched, and the situation may well be worse in outlying villages, our correspondents add.

Researchers also reported seeing armed Ossetian militia members in camouflage fatigues taking furniture, television sets, heaters and other household goods out of houses in one village.



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