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Solana sees EU troops in plan to end conflict

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Europe will have to provide troops for a stabilisation force in the south of Lebanon as part of an agreement to end the conflict in the area, Javier Solana, the EU's foreign policy chief, said on Tuesday.

But although France and Turkey are increasingly being indicated as the likely lead nations of such a force - and both are considering the issue seriously - there remain many obstacles to a deployment.

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Solana: Lebanon peacekeeping force a 'real possibility'

A senior EU official said today sending an international peacekeeping force to Lebanon would be a difficult, but crucial part of an overall solution to end the country's political instability.

"We work night and day to try to resolve a dramatic problem (in a) country very close to us," said the EU's foreign and security affairs chief Javier Solana.

He said deploying a multi-national force "under the umbrella of the United Nations Security Council" would be a difficult undertaking, but "a real possibility".

Separately, an EU diplomat said that at an international meeting in Rome today, there will be pressure for a ceasefire. But wary of

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Relatives of Kidnapped Soldiers Meet with Solana

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(IsraelINN.com) Relatives of three soldiers kidnapped by Hamas and Hizbullah terrorists met with European Union (EU) minister Javier Solana Thursday morning and later spoke with Red Cross officials. The visitor expressed sympathy but did not indicate what they would be able to accomplish to return the soldiers, said Shalom Goldwasser, relative of Ehud Goldwasser.

He added that each of the families showed Solana a picture of the soldiers and gave him a letter for the kidnapped victims stating, "We love you very much and hope you come back soon."

Goldwasser said a reply via the Red Cross would be a sign that they still are alive.

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EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana and Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni



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Olmert hopes for "eternal covenant" with Arabs

By JPOST.COM STAFF



Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Monday that he hoped an "eternal covenant" could soon be signed between Israel and its neighbors.

"Israel didn't want these confrontations, on the contrary, we did our utmost to avoid them by withdrawing to borders recognized by the international community," said the prime minister.

Olmert added that Israel had no business in involving itself with the internal struggles within Lebanon and the Palestinian Authority adding, "our problem is with the

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Israel holds Khaled Mashal, the leader of Hamas' Syrian branch, responsible for the abduction of two Israeli soldiers and wants Syria to expel Palestinian leaders from the country.
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Syrian reporter: In Syria there is atmosphere of eve of war

Exclusive: In conversation in Damascus, senior Syrian journalist tells about sentiments in Syria ('as if there will be war any moment'); talks about military preparations in his country ('identifying your reinforcements in Golan Heights'); and estimates that Israeli pounding in Lebanon to intensify grassroots support of Nasrallah and his organization. Also in Syria, he says, Nasrallah more popular than ever
Ali Waked

As the conflict with Hizbullah in Lebanon escalates by the day, the question of Syria's involvement in the conflict becomes increasingly more relevant.

"The atmosphere in Syria is in every way an atmosphere of war, or at least of the eve of war. Syrian television for the first time since the '80's has started broadcasting Syrian military marches and nationalistic songs. There is not difference between Svrian television



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Israelis edge closer to war with Syria

By Michael Hirst and Harry de Quetteville in Jerusalem
(Filed: 30/07/2006)

Israel and Syria appeared to be edging closer to direct military confrontation last night after tit-for-tat attacks around the Lebanese border and the revelation that a new type of long-range missile fired into Israel by Hezbollah was built in Syria.

Tension between the two countries over the war in Lebanon was growing as both Tel Aviv and Damascus readied their forces for the possibility of a direct clash. Israeli intelligence reported that Syrian forces had been put onto their highest state of alert, while Israel has called up 15,000 reservists who many believe will be despatched as reinforcements to the disputed Golan Heights, between the two countries.

Last night an explosives expert with the Israeli police concluded that the "unknown" missile fired by the pro-Syrian Hezbollah at the town of Afula on Friday, 30 miles inside the Israeli border, was Syrian-made, and was capable of reaching Tel Aviv, the country's largest city.

Earlier in the day, Israeli warplanes struck Masnaa, the main crossing point between Lebanon and Syria, with three missiles leaving craters in the middle of the road, forcing the border to close. Witnesses said the Israelis targeted



Israel's defence minister Amir Peretz

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