

## Syria prepares for conflict in Lebanon

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Syria has requested all its citizens living or working in Lebanon to [return to Syria](#), as the security situation in the country continues to [decline](#). Last month, Lebanese soldiers clashed with Fatah al-Islam [terrorists](#) operating in the Nahr al-Bared refugee camp, resulting in the [deaths of over 170 people](#). A few weeks ago, five Spanish [UN peacekeepers](#) were killed by a roadside bomb, in the first attack of [its kind](#) against UNIFIL forces operating in southern Lebanon. On July 16th [a special UN Security Council meeting](#) will decide on whether to place [international monitors](#) on the Lebanese border with Syria, and it is against this backdrop that Syria is calling on its citizens in Lebanon to [return home](#).

**Quote:** *"On July 5, 2007, the Iranian news agency [IRNA](#) reported that Syrian authorities had instructed all Syrian citizens [residing in Lebanon](#) to return to their country by July 15, 2007. The next [day](#), the Israeli Arab daily [Al-Sinara](#) similarly reported, on the authority [of a Lebanese source close to Damascus](#), that Syria was planning to remove its citizens from Lebanon. Also on July 5, the Lebanese daily [Al-Liwa](#) [reported rumours](#) that Syrian workers were leaving Lebanon at the request [of the Syrian authorities](#). In addition, the Syrian government daily [Al-Thawra](#) [reported](#) that Syrian universities would accept Syrian students who were [leaving Lebanon](#) due to the instability there,"* MEMRI said in its [report](#).

Tensions are also increasing between between Syria and Israel. Last [week](#) Syria gave orders to remove [military checkpoints](#) operating near the Golan Heights, heightening fears that [President Bashar Assad](#) may be preparing for some sort of conflict in the [region](#). The checkpoints had been in place since the Six Day War. Israel [has also been](#) conducting manoeuvres in the region, in preparation for the [eventuality](#) that war does break out between the two nations.

In other [news](#), water experts stated Sunday that Israel has been pumping water from springs in the [Golan Heights](#) on the Israeli side of the border, whose natural course would [have flowed down to Syria](#), increasing the chances of war this summer. Conflicts have often broken out between nations over competition to control the [scarce water resources](#) of the Middle East. Turkey is planning to build [22 dams](#) along the Tigris and Euphrates river, which will severely restrict the [flow of water](#) reaching Syria and Iraq. Last month Syria faced major power cuts, as the Euphrates river level dropped during a major [heat wave](#). Syria obtains most of its electricity from generators in the Euphrates river. The Bible states that during the tribulation period, the Euphrates river will be [dried up](#), preparing the way for the armies of the East to march on Israel.

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### Revelation 16:12

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

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