A top official speaking on the condition of anonymity has told WorldNetDaily, Syria is seeking a peaceful resolution on the Golan Heights by the end of the summer or there will be war . The statement is the most ominous yet regarding the prospect of a conflict between Syria and Israel. During the Second Lebanon War, Israeli jets had buzzed President Bashar Assad's palace, sending a warning message to the Syrian dictator to end its support of the Lebanese terrorist organization. But both nations stated that a full-scale regional war was not on the cards. The Syrian regime was emboldened following Israel's failure to defeat Hizbullah, and is seeking to put the pressure on the Jewish state to hand back the Golan Heights. Syria created a special organization called the
Committees for the Liberation of the Golan Heights
, which will adopt the same tactics used by Hizbullah during last summer's war, using terrorism rather than armies to regain the territory...

Quote: *"If Israel doesn't vacate the strategic Golan Heights b y August-September, Syrian fighters will immediately launch "resistance operations" against Jewish communities in the Golan Heights, a top official from Syrian President Bashar Assad's Baath party told WND. The Baath official, who spoke on condition his name be withheld, said Damascus was preparing for anticipated Israeli retaliation following these attacks and for a larger war with the Jewish state in August or September. He said Syria had the capability of firing "hundreds" of missiles at Tel Aviv.*

Syrian opposition leaders have called on Israel not to do a deal with Bashar Assad, for doing so would only strengthen the dictator's grip on the nation. The opposition leader stated that in the event of a peace deal with their party, Israelis wouldn't even have to leave the Golan Heights if ownership of the territory returned to Syria. In what may be an attempt to politically out-manoeuvre his opponent, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced today that he was willing to talk with the Syrian President any time, any place .

Quote: *"In his first appearance on a major Arabic news station in over six years, Olmert, speaking in an office adorned with the blue and white Israeli flag, told his Hebrew-speaking interviewer: "Bashar Assad, you know... You know I am ready to hold direct negotiations with you and you also know that it's you who insists on speaking to the Americans. The American president says: 'I don't want to stand between Bashar Assad and Ehud Olmert. If you want to talk, sit down and talk."*

I wonder if when I take my holiday to Israel in October, will the visit to the Golan Heights still be

on the schedule. I think all this posturing may just be that. Syria knows it cannot win a war with Israel, but may be using the excuse of the Golan Heights to try and bolster its own position in the Middle East. Perhaps Assad thinks he can gain more through threatening war than he can through signing a peace agreement with Israel. Or perhaps Syria wants the Golan Heights without having to sign a peace agreement with the Jewish state. In any case, although there may not be war between Syria and Israel yet, the Bible states that it will come, and will result in the destruction of the city of Damascus.

Isaiah 17:1
The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

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