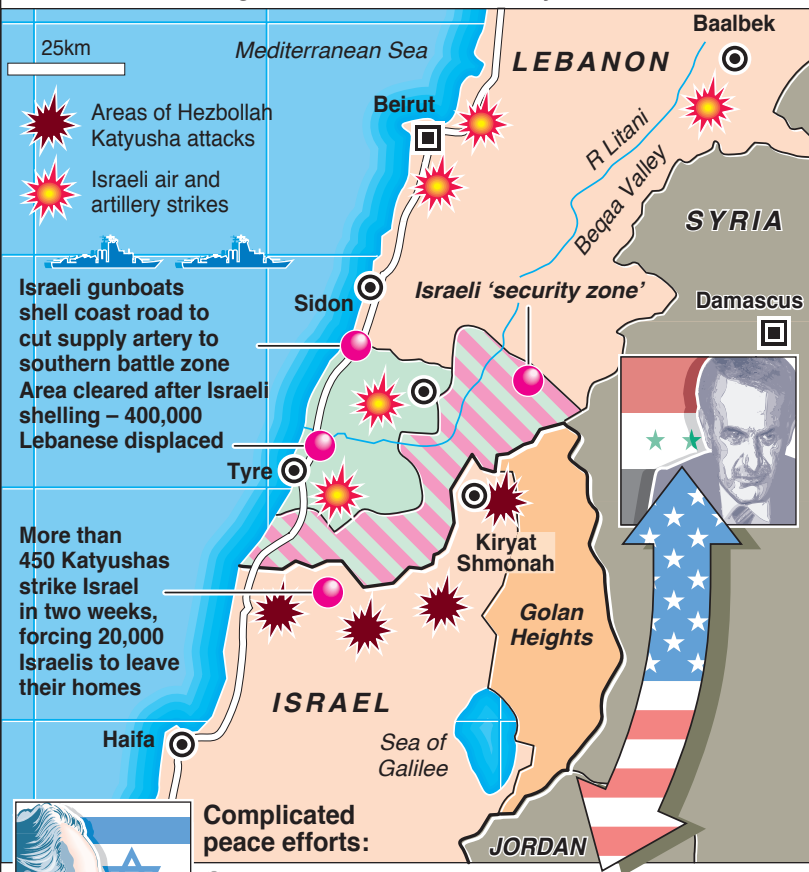


Peace search amid 'Operation Grapes of Wrath'

The air and artillery blitz in Lebanon – aimed at ending rocket attacks on Israel with surgical strikes – has killed at least 137 Lebanese, mostly civilians, and wounded more than 300 on both sides. As the U.S. struggles to arrange a cease-fire, Hezbollah guerrillas continue to rain Katyusha rockets into Israel



Complicated peace efforts:

● U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher shuttles between Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, hoping to forge U.S.- brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon

● Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri meets for most of Tuesday with Syria's vice president. Lebanon calls for the UN to punish Israel for crimes against humanity

● French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette shuttles between Damascus and Jerusalem – offering French peacekeepers in southern Lebanon if Israel agrees to withdraw

