

# Syria refuses Golan talks until after Bush

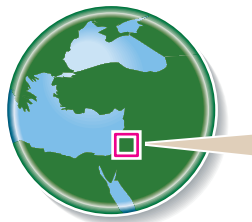
Syrian President Bashar Assad has said there will be no talks with Israel until a new U.S. administration takes office. With Turkey acting as intermediary, Israel has allegedly agreed to hand back the Golan Heights in return for a full peace treaty and an end to Syrian support for Hezbollah

## GOLAN HEIGHTS

**1967:** Strategic plateau captured by Israel in **Six-Day War**

**1973: *October War*** – Syrian advance repelled

**1981:** Annexed by Israel



**Sea of Galilee:** Israel wants to retain land alongside lake to ensure control of vital water supplies

- Israeli development
- ⊙ Arab town/village

