Israel-Hezbollah prisoner swap to go ahead

Under a German-mediated deal, Israel will release five Lebanese prisoners in exchange for two Israeli soldiers seized in a cross-border raid that triggered a 33-day war in 2006







Lebanese prisoners due to be freed include *Samir Qantar* (above), jailed for life in 1979 for brutal murder of three Israelis in coastal town of Nahariya

of Nahariya Qantar – longest-serving Arab prisoner in Israel – described by Israeli Prime Minister

Ehud Olmert as last bargaining chip for word on fate of Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad (right) missing in Lebanon since 1986

■ Israel is also expected to hand over bodies of 200 Arab fighters killed while infiltrating northern Israel. Hezbollah is to return remains of Israeli soldiers killed in south Lebanon in 2006 war

■ Israeli army reservists *Eldad Regev* (*left*), and *Ehud Goldwasser* captured July 12, 2006.
Hezbollah has given no word on their condition but they are widely presumed to be dead

■ Hezbollah has handed over report



handed over report on Arad, which states he died in captivity. Israel says dossier does not give clear answer on Arad's fate

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Naqoura border crossing: Likely location of swap

ISRAEL 40km

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