

# Mid-East tension soars

Israel has bombarded Lebanon from land, sea and air in an effort to rescue two soldiers seized by the Shia militant group Hezbollah.

It is the first major offensive by Israel against its neighbour since it withdrew the last of its troops six years ago

Beirut

Shebaa Farms

Sidon

LEBANON

SYRIA

Shlomi

ISRAEL

Haifa

Golan Heights

JORDAN

25km

15 miles

## HOW EVENTS UNFOLDED

**1** Hezbollah launches rockets and mortars at town of **Shlomi** and Israeli outposts in disputed **Shebaa Farms** area. Three Israeli soldiers killed

**2** Four Israeli soldiers killed when their tank goes over land mine in southern Lebanon

**3** Israeli warplanes and gunboats blast bridges and Hezbollah positions in south Lebanon, killing two civilians