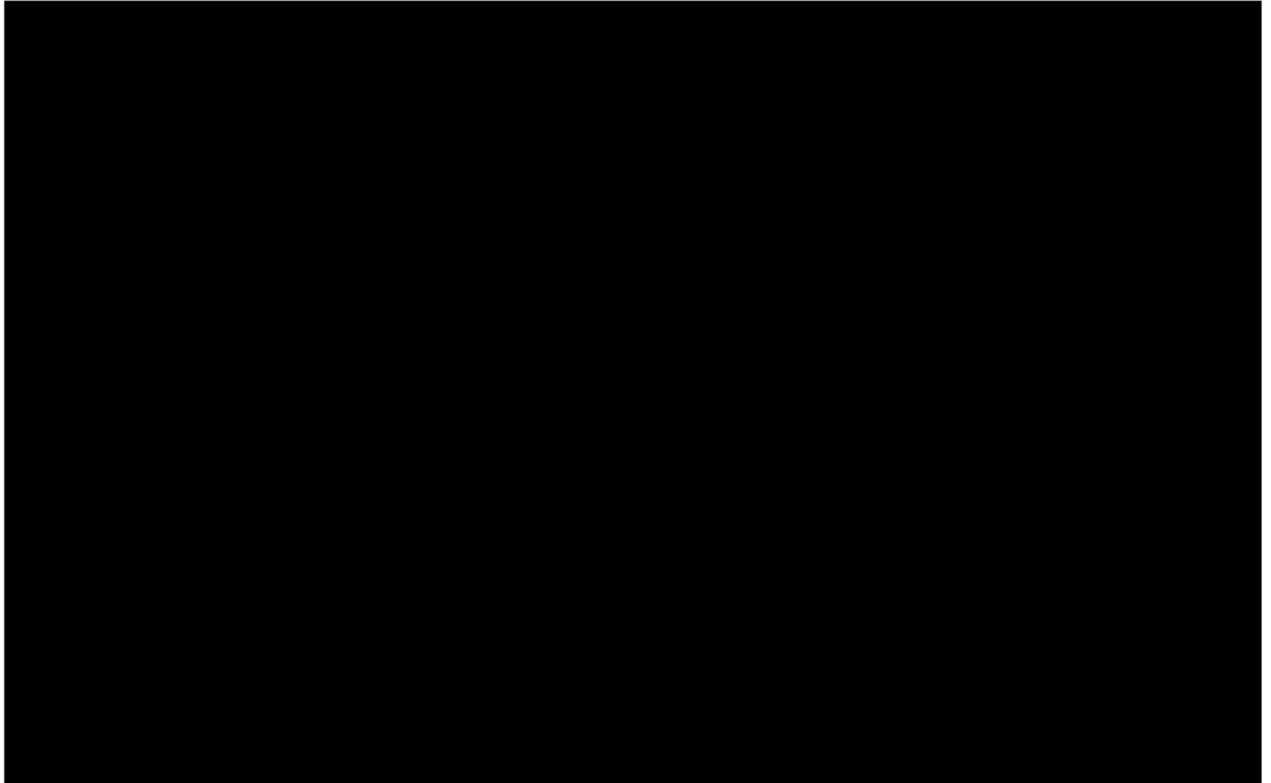


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LEBANON-ISRAEL-SYRIA: Status of Forces

The cease-fire in southern Lebanon is still holding, and the balance of forces has not changed in recent weeks. [REDACTED]



Meanwhile, Prime Minister Begin for the first time in several weeks has reiterated Israel's opposition to Syria's air defense missiles in Lebanon. He told reporters after Sunday's cabinet session that he will write Secretary Haig to ask whether Ambassador Habib intends to resume his mediation mission to remove the missiles.



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