

FSA offers truce to Hezbollah

The Free Syrian Army announced it would stop its shelling of Lebanese areas affiliated with Hezbollah in exchange for the party's withdrawal from Syrian villages.

The FSA said in its statement that a political operation was being conducted by prominent Lebanese personalities and others from the Syrian opposition to convince Hezbollah to retreat from Syrian villages.

The FSA also pledged to stop its shelling of the Lebanese areas affiliated with the Shiite party as an initiative of a good will in order to make this political operation succeed.

“The failure of this operation and Hezbollah's abstinence from retreating from the Syrian territory will lead to an open war [with the party],” the statement added.

“We expect Hezbollah to abide by the initiative starting from [Monday] morning, and all the details [of the initiative] will be revealed [Monday].”

The statement also reiterated its condemnation of Hezbollah's “violation of the Syrian territory in recent days, especially in the western villages of Al-Qusayr.”

Activists say the Syrian army, backed by the Lebanese Shiite movement Hezbollah, is aiming to crush insurgents in villages surrounding Al-Qusayr, and to then launch an assault on the town itself.