

## FSA says will hit Lebanon in response to Hezbollah fire

BEIRUT: The rebel Free Syrian Army warned Tuesday it would strike back at Hezbollah if the party did not halt its attacks on Syrian territory.

“If Hezbollah does not stop shelling Syrian territories, villages and unarmed civilians from inside Lebanese territory within 48 hours, we will respond with our arms to the sources of its fire and silence them inside Lebanese territory,” the FSA command said in a statement.

It urged residents in the eastern city of Hermel near the border with Syria to stay away from Hezbollah’s rocket launchers and military posts.

The FSA again accused Hezbollah, a key ally of embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad, of “committing massacres” in Syria with “artillery cover from inside Lebanese territory.”

The FSA’s warning came a few days after three Hezbollah fighters and 14 others were wounded in fierce fighting with Syrian rebels in the Syrian town of Qusayr near the border with Lebanon. Twelve Syrian rebels were also killed the clashes.

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