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## **Syria: War prospects rising in the Middle East**

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Syria's president warned Sunday that the prospects for war in the region were on the rise as chances for peace dwindled amid increased tensions in the region.

Bashar Assad's comments come after Israel accused Syria of smuggling Scuds and other types of missiles to Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group. Syria has denied the charge.

«Chances to achieve real peace are dwindling and war prospects are mounting,» the Syrian leader said in comments carried by state-run news agency SANA.

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