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LEBANON-FEDAYEEN: The air strikes and fire-power used against dissident guerrillas in Beirut yesterday reflect the government's resolve to restore order. At the same time, the Lebanese and the fedayeen leadership continued negotiations for a workable settlement.

The army reacted in strength against guerrillas who breached the cease-fire and others who refused to surrender specific types of weapons, such as rockets and mortars. The durability of the latest cease-fire declared last night depends on whether Yasir Arafat can keep most fedayeen from becoming embroiled in fighting incited by guerrilla extremists. The government also faces the possibility of leftist groups, including Communists, joining guerrillas in the fight against the army.

The Lebanese are still concerned about Syria. A claim of Syrian troops entering Lebanon has not been confirmed, but Syria's closure of the border and Radio Damascus calling on the Lebanese people to join the Palestinians in the fight against the government have done little to quiet Lebanese fears.

Except for isolated incidents in the coastal cities of Sidon and Tyre, areas outside Beirut were quiet yesterday. Army units have moved out of the south to reinforce Beirut. If the fedayeen take advantage of the army's pullout and reinfiltate the southern border area in large numbers, the Israelis, at a minimum, can be expected to reinforce their side of the border. [REDACTED]

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