

Stop the spread of war in the Middle East

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The threat of a new level of Western intervention in Syria grew yesterday when Barack Obama claimed the threat of any use of chemical weapons Syria was “a red line for us”, adding that even movement of these kind of weapons “would change my calculations significantly.” (see <http://bit.ly/QVRLgn>)

Hillary Clinton announced in Istanbul that “very intensive operational planning” for military action in Syria would take place involving Turkish and US military and intelligence officials. She went on to say, “we have been closely co-ordinating over the course of this conflict, but now we need to get into the real details.” (See Chris Nineham’s article: “How the US and its allies are inching towards more direct intervention in Syria”: <http://bit.ly/Rdcctl>)

Meanwhile, Israel is using the Syrian conflict to raise the stakes over Iran. Last week, the Israeli newspaper *Ma’ariv* reported that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak have set a deadline of 25 September for Obama to clearly state that the US will take military action. (See <http://bit.ly/SgL89F>)

Stop the War is calling on all its groups and supporters to campaign against further war in the Middle East. Public meetings and other events are being organised around the country in September and October. (see <http://bit.ly/qrKPEM>)

A fact sheet on the Syrian situation is available on the Stop the War website. (see <http://bit.ly/NIVuDp>)

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