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Position: France should commit more troops

This position addresses the topic 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict.

For this position

“ The difficulties experienced by the UN in implementing Resolution 1701 and enlisting sufficient troops for an expanded international force in Lebanon raise serious doubts about the international community's determination to counter the threats posed by extremists elements in the Middle East.” ”

From Now is the time for sanctions, by Haaretz editorial board (*Haaretz*, August 25, 2006) (view)

“ Realistically speaking, the point of this multilateral exercise cannot be to stop Iran's nuclear program by diplomacy. That has always been a fantasy. It will take military means. There would be terrible consequences from an attack. These must be weighed against the terrible consequences of allowing an openly apocalyptic Iranian leadership to acquire weapons of genocide.” ”

From The Perils of Using 'The Allies', by Charles Krauthammer (*The Washington Post*, August 25, 2006) (view)

“ But significant participation by France, which has always claimed a special role with Lebanon and Syria as well as global political and military responsibilities, is vital to the U.N. force, as Secretary General Kofi Annan said to you [Chirac] this week.” ”

From It's Up to You, President Chirac, by Jim Hoagland (*The Washington Post*, August 24, 2006) (view)

“ With France in the lead, the great powers of Europe are confirming the US right's prejudices. During this summer's war between Israel and Hizbullah, they certainly talked the talk - pressing for a ceasefire, demanding an international force be placed between the combatants. But now it's time to walk the walk, and the Europeans are finding they'd rather stay on their chaise longues.” ”

From If Europe doesn't want Middle East war to begin again, it has to step up, by Jonathan Freedland (*The Guardian*, August 23, 2006) (view)

“ Over the past month, Mr Chirac has salvaged part of his tattered reputation by playing his hand skilfully at the UN. If he fails to increase France's commitment to Lebanon, his hopes of re-establishing himself on the world stage will turn out to be a charade. France and Europe have a chance to play a real role in the Middle East - and they should take it.”

From Stepping up to the plate in Lebanon, by Financial Times editorial board (*Financial Times*, August 22, 2006) (view)

“ If only questions about the command structure vexed the French, there would be little cause for worry. But there are ample signs that more is at work here than a table of organization. Maybe the French and other Europeans have just plain lost the political will.”

From Mideast Echoes Of 1938, by Richard Cohen (*The Washington Post*, August 22, 2006) (view)

“ France got Israel, Lebanon, the United Nations and the U.S. to put their faith in its plan — which included a major presence for French troops as part of the planned 15,000-troop U.N. contingent. Now, with little sense of duty or obligation, it has basically reneged.”

From French Follies, by Investor's Business Daily editorial board (*Investor's Business Daily*, August 21, 2006) (view)

“ It would be tempting to laugh about France's paltry commitment of 200 additional peacekeepers for Lebanon, if it weren't so dangerous. After insisting for years that they be treated like a superpower, the French are behaving as if they have no responsibility for helping dig out of the Lebanon mess.”

From Waiting for Jacques, by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, August 21, 2006) (view)

“ The shamelessness of France knows no bounds. They have a domestic Arabic population and business interests in the Mideast to satisfy. They desperately want to be taken seriously as a major power. So they sat down with the United States and hammered out a peace plan. Then, before the ink was dry, they shrugged a Gallic shrug.”

From With doublespeaking France, honor gets lost in translation, by Jules Crittenden (*Boston Herald*, August 20, 2006) (view)

“ Now France thinks it can't spare more than a few hundred soldiers. Reason, so stated: The UN ceasefire resolution does not sufficiently spell out the rules of engagement. France, you'll recall, was a co-author of the very resolution it is complaining about.”

From Not worth the paper it's written on, by New York Daily News editorial board (*New York Daily News*, August 19, 2006) (view)

“ For France to have retreated from a key role to the realm of “symbolic” gestures “symbolises” only one thing: a French loss of nerve.”

From Marche en arrière, by The Times editorial board (*The Times*, August 18, 2006) (view)

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