



Escalation-oriented		De-escalation-oriented
H	1	<b>"The worst possible solution"</b> Israeli politicians see an increased danger to their country in an immediate ceasefire
1	1	In Israel, an immediate ceasefire is being described as the worst of all solutions.
1	2	It is hoped that the US will completely destroy the Iraqi war machine and that Saddam Hussein will be driven from power.
1	3	"Very bad and dangerous" for Israel were the words used by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in describing the possibility that Saddam Hussein would remain in power after the end of the Gulf War and that "a substantial part of his powerful army [would] remain intact."
2	1	Almost all commentators rate the possibility of an immediate ceasefire as "the worst resolution for Israel."
2	2	The fact that Iraq renounced the linking of the Kuwait and Palestine problems was mentioned, but not assessed as a political success.
3	1	An immediate end to the fighting would not only expose Israel to continued risk of missile attacks, but would even increase it.
3	2	Firstly, the Jewish state would have to fend for itself and, secondly, Iraq could direct its entire offensive potential against Israel.

4	1	Ex-Foreign Minister Abba Eban summarized the Israeli opinion on an immediate ceasefire with the following observation: The US would have won the war, but missed the goal of the war.
4	2	For this goal was not, as declared in the UN resolutions, an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait only, but also the elimination of Saddam Hussein and the destruction of the Iraqi war machine.
5	1	Even though 83.6 percent of all Israelis are against military intervention at the present time and 62.7 percent even believe that Israel should refrain from future involvement in the war, pressure is mounting within the government.
5	2	Although only four ministers have come out in favor of military action against Iraq so far, this number will increase sharply if the fighting is discontinued now.
5	3	The probability that Israel would target at least Iraq's missile launching pads and Scuds in West Iraq before the Iraqi withdrawal or while it was being carried out would be substantially higher in this case.
6	1	In contrast, every Palestinian politician in the occupied territories welcomed the Soviet peace plan and Iraq's acceptance of it
6	2	They said that the fact that Baghdad has, for the first time, rejected a link with the Palestinian problem will have no political consequences.
6	3	They added that, when the Gulf War is over, the issue of Palestine would be discussed.