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## Terrorist plots were to be carried out against Lebanon and Syria Lebanon charges Qaeda suspects for attack plots



Two Lebanese soldiers in downtown Beirut (File)

### BEIRUT (AFP)

Lebanon's military prosecutor on Monday charged three suspects allegedly linked to al-Qaeda with planning terrorist attacks in Lebanon and Syria, a judicial source said.

"Judge Saqr Saqr has charged the three people, none of whom are Lebanese, with forming a gang linked to al-Qaeda and preparing to carry out terrorist acts in Lebanon and against the regime in Syria," the source told AFP.

The suspects were identified as Syrian national Samir Hijazi, Kuwaiti Mohammad Abdul Latif al-Dosari and Mohammad Zahamor bin Qamaruddin of Tajikistan.

Lebanon dismantled an al-Qaeda network earlier this month, according to army chief Brigadier General Jean Kahwaji, who told a Kuwait newspaper it planned to "destabilize Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Gulf countries including Kuwait."

In December 2007, Lebanon indicted 31 al-Qaeda-linked suspects, including a Saudi national and four Syrians, on charges of plotting to carry out attacks in the country.