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Live Coverage - March 14, 2008 March 14 Conference

5:45 Phalenge Party official Michel Mkattaf delivers a speech and declares the conclusion of the first "Beirut Spring 2008" conference.

5:41 Abi Lamaa calls for holding a conference that facilitates the participation of the Lebanese immigrants in building the future of their home country

5:40 Eddie Abi Lamaa delivers a speech on behalf of the Lebanese Forces

5:35 Al-Ashkar calls for a youth conference that tackles the importance of the participation of Lebanese youth's in public service

5:25 Rayan al-Ashkar delivers a speech on behalf of the Social Progressive Party addressing the concerns of the Lebanese youth

5:16 Work shops discussing Taef agreement, activating the constitutional institutions, International tribunal, national reconciliation, fair economic development, Lebanese-Syrian relations, Lebanese-israeli conflict are initiated

5:14 Soueid said we extend our hand and reiterate our call on all factions to overcome the disagreements and participate in molding our common destiny

5:08 During the past three years Lebanon suffered from attempts to re-impose the Syrian and hegemony on it, Soueid said

5:04 Soueid said March 14 Alliance is ready to open a new page with the Syrian regime if Damascus acknowledges the full sovereignty of Lebanon

4:57 Lebanon should not have two armies which take orders from two authorities: the Lebanese state and a foreign country, Soueid added

4:55 Security is the duty of the Lebanese state only, Soueid said

4:54 Internal unity safeguards and consolidates our independence, Soueid pointed out.

4:50 Lebanon is divided between the culture of violence and the culture of peace, Soueid said.

4:49 Lebanon, through out its modern history, never witnessed the acute divisions we live today, Soueid warned

4:44 Soueid said Lebanon is facing a turning point in its history

4:41 Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir and the Maronite bishops launched the independence revolution, Soueid said

4:40 Ex- MP Faris Soueid reads the "Beirut Spring 2008" conference's statement.

4:30 Al-Jisr said March 14 Alliance adhere to the Arab initiative and stress the need to elect a president as soon as possible.

4:28 Blocking the election of Gen Suleiman president is tantamount to destroying the state, he said

4:26 Presidential elections is not a luxury but a necessity, he stressed

4:25 International Tribunal is a top priority , al-Jisr added

4:23 Occupying the public squares in Beirut is an aggression on the people's rights to express their opinion, he said

4:22 Freedom of expression doesn't prevent others from practicing the same right, MP al-Jisr said

4:18 International and regional conditions blocked the full implementation of the Taef agreement , he added.

4:15 Al-Jisr said March 14 succeeded in safe-guarding the government and won the trust of the Lebanese people who participated in Feb 14 rally

4:13 We fell short of salvaging the republic by electing a president , al-Jisr added

4:06 MP Samir al-Jisr said "we are determined on preserving Lebanon's independence and sovereignty.

4:00 March 14 Conference begins.