

Lebanon News Roundup - June 18, 2008

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Wednesday, 18 June 2008

U.S. diplomat motorcade was attacked by Hezbollah's Shiite supporters when the U.S. Charge d'Affaires Michele Sison was inspecting some social and educational projects financed by the U.S. government in the southern market town of Nabatiyeh, a Hezbollah stronghold, south of Lebanon, Wednesday June 18, 2008.

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- Hizbullah Partisans Besiege Sison and Stone her Motorcade

Hizbullah partisans besieged U.S. Charge d'Affaires Michele Sison during a visit to the southern town...

- Washington's Version of the Attack on Sison's Motorcade

A Lebanese guard working for the U.S. embassy in Beirut was slightly hurt when Hizbullah supporters...

- Jumblat Hammers Elimination Advocate Aoun

Democratic gathering leader Walid Jumblat accused Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel Aoun of seeking...

- Lebanon Rejects Negotiations with Israel

Premier Fouad Saniora's office rejected Wednesday any negotiations with Israel, emphasizing that Lebanese...

- Karami Hammers Aoun

Ex-Premier Omar karami, who is close to the opposition, criticized Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel...

- Israel-Hizbullah Prisoner-Body Swap Imminent

A prisoner swap between Israel and Hezbollah is imminent, a Lebanese official said on Wednesday, with...

- Geagea Opposes Talks with Israel, Criticizes Aoun

Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea opposed talks with Israel and criticized Free Patriotic Movement...

- Berri: Aoun's Demands Non-Applicable

Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri on Wednesday announced that demands by Free Patriotic Movement leader...

- Suleiman Upset ? No Government Soon

President Michel Suleiman was on Wednesday reportedly frustrated with Free Patriotic Movement leader...

- Prisoner Swap in Germany, Not Along Israel-Lebanon Border

Israel has denied reports that Syria played a role in a prisoner swap deal with Hezbollah. "Negotiations...

- Suleiman Prepares to Host Muslim-Christian Reconciliation Meeting

President Michel Suleiman is preparing to host a summit of Christian and Muslim spiritual leaders which...

- Israel Ready for Peace Talks with Lebanon

The Israeli government said Wednesday that it was interested in direct peace talks with Lebanon. Israel...

- Hizbullah: Liberating Shebaa Farms Ploy to Nail Resistance Arms

Hizbullah believed that U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's emphasis on resolving the Israeli-occupied...

- New Christian Front to Be Launched Soon

Opposition Christian leaders were preparing to launch a new group --the "Christian National Gathering."...

- Aoun Demands Curtailing Saniora's Powers, Session to Ratify Election Law

Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel Aoun has demanded constitutional amendments curtailing Premier-designate...

- Army to Host Reconciliation Meeting in Bekaa

The Lebanese army on Wednesday will host a reconciliation meeting between residents of the Bekaa Valley...

- Two Men Indicted in Assassination of Ahmed Jibril's Son

A retired Lebanese police officer and a Palestinian were indicted Tuesday for working with Israeli intelligence...

- Mustaqbal Accuses Hizbullah of Shipping Weapons to Bekaa

Mustaqbal Movement accused Hizbullah of provoking clashes in the Bekaa Valley town of Saadnayel to cover...

- Aoun Criticizes Rice's Classroom Meeting with March 14 Leaders

Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel Aoun on Tuesday criticized U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza...

- Hariri Urges Calm in Bekaa

Mustaqbal Movement leader Saad Hariri on Tuesday urged supporters in the Bekaa towns of Saadnayel...

- 3 Killed, 4 Wounded in Renewed Violence in Bekaa

Three people were killed and four others wounded in armed clashes that raged well into the early morning...

- Mufti Qabbani Criticizes Terrorist Acts against Bekaa, Beirut

Grand Mufti Sheikh Mohammed Rashid Qabbani on Tuesday termed attacks by Hizbullah against Bekaa villages,...

- Hizbullah-AMAL Blame Bekaa Clashes on Mustaqbal

Hizbullah and its ally AMAL accused al-Mustaqbal movement on Tuesday of provoking clashes in the Bekaa...

- Suleiman, Aoun Reject Each Other's Cabinet Offer

President Michel Suleiman and Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel Aoun have reportedly rejected each...

- Prisoner Exchange Likely Next Week

An exchange of prisoners between Israel and Hizbullah is likely to take place as early as next week,...

The Daily Star > Lebanon Politics Politics articles covering Lebanon

- Three dead as rival gunmen clash in Bekaa villages

Pro-government and opposition forces traded accusations on Tuesday over responsibility for deadly clashes that erupted overnight in the Bekaa Valley. Three people were killed and several wounded in fighting between supporters of the Future Movement, on the one hand, and Hizbullah and Amal on the other.

- No let-up in logjam over new cabinet

Efforts to put together a national unity government and continue the momentum of the Doha process remained stagnant through Tuesday, despite a series of high-level visits to Lebanon aimed at lending support to the consultations. While

meeting with leaders of the ruling March 14 coalition during an unannounced trip to Lebanon on Monday.

- Sfeir receives official invite to Sleiman's spiritual summit

Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir received an official invitation from President Michel Sleiman on Tuesday to attend a conference of Christian and Muslim spiritual leaders that is expected to take place at the Presidential Palace in Baabda early next week as part of a continuing process of national reconciliation.

- Hariri tribunal concludes negotiations on premises

The UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon has now taken control of the former Dutch intelligence building in The Hague which will serve as the tribunal's headquarters, tribunal registrar Robin Vincent told The Daily Star on Tuesday. "We have now concluded the negotiations on the lease," Vincent said.

- Moallem says events vindicate policy on Lebanon

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said Syria's regional policy remains the same, especially regarding Lebanon. "The course of events has proven that Syria's policy was right, especially concerning the situations in Lebanon, Iraq and Palestine," Moallem told the Syrian Parliament on Tuesday.

- Butros plan finds districting middle ground

Despite putting forth a broad reform package targeting the overall Lebanese electoral order, the Butros draft law has drawn much attention in the public debate for its proposed electoral districting and voting-system overhauls, which differ considerably with the general Lebanese electoral experience and the approach adopted by the Doha agreement.

- UNIFIL denies latest talks with Lebanese and Israeli armies dealt with Shebaa

Representatives from the Lebanese Army, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), and the Israeli Army held a meeting in the Southern border town of Naqoura Tuesday. Denying media reports which said the participants discussed Israel's imminent withdrawal from the occupied Shebaa Farms.

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Man in hair salon shooting died of self-inflicted gunshotThe man police said shot his estranged... Tennessean.com - Growth & Development 20:02

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Rock-throwers attack convoy of U.S. envoy in Lebanon (Reuters) Yahoo! US - RSS -Top Stories 19:49

Calm returns to Lebanon after clash Aljazeera.Net, Qatar - Middle East 19:45

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Israel 'favours' talks with Lebanon Aljazeera.Net, Qatar - RSS 19:33

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Lebanon police clamp down on mischief at park WISH-TV, Indianapolis - News 8 19:17

Hezbollah supporters hurl stones at U.S. envoy's car in Lebanon Ha'aretz 19:14

Hezbollah supporters attack US diplomat in Lebanon Nasdaq - Global Markets 19:14

Hezbollah Supporters Attack Motorcade of US Envoy in Lebanon Voice of America News - Politics 19:06

US envoy greeted with stones in south Lebanon (AFP) Yahoo! US - Mideast Conflict 19:05

In the last 4 hours

Hezbollah supporters stone U.S. diplomat's motorcade on visit to south Lebanon myTELUS - World 18:21

Israel offers direct talks to Lebanon - Summary The Earth Times 18:09

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Witnesses: U.S. envoy's convoy stoned in S. Lebanon San Diego Union-Tribune, California - World 17:14

Israel renews call for peace talks with Lebanon The Star Online - World Updates 17:08

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Israel Calls On Lebanon for Talks The Washington Post 16:26

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 General Sources - Comment on this Hezbollah ally says Israel swap deal may be close
 Gulf News - Comment on this Migrant workers face special hardships in Lebanese jails
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 WISH TV8 - Comment on this Meeting between Lebanese president and Christian opposition leader unfruitful
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US pushes for Israel-Lebanon deal on Shaba Farms, peace talks - Ha'aretz

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Drivers from 12 countries to participate in Rally of Lebanon - Xinhua

Middle ground - Lebanon plays buffer as Syria and Israel simmer - Jane's

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Lebanese Christian-Muslim summit: July 24

6/17/2008 11:03:55 PM [The Lebanese Inner Circle]

Oh really ?

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Liban : de l'escalade de violence au déblocage politique

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life after death: Samir Qantar returns

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Grid-Lock in Lebanese Politics: How to Resolve It.

6/16/2008 5:16:13 PM [Ramblings]

The return of Samir Kuntar the child killer!

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So why did Hezbollah use their weapons?

6/16/2008 12:57:00 AM [Lebanon Update]

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6/15/2008 10:38:00 AM [I Hate Lebanon]

Will history come back to bite ME in the ass?

6/14/2008 3:01:00 PM [For a better Lebanon]

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