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BEIRUT: A Lebanese priest will take a step toward sainthood on Sunday, when the beatification of Father Yaaqoub Haddad Kabouchi will take place in Beirut's Martyrs Square.

During his lifetime, Father Haddad - known as Qabouna Yaaqoub in Arabic - founded the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of the Cross in Lebanon in 1933 as well as numerous hospitals, rest homes and schools throughout the country.

Born on February 1, 1875, in the village of Ghazir in the Kesrouan district, Kabouchi was the third child in a family of 14. At the age of seven, Kabouchi joined Saint Francis Elementary School in Ghazir before moving on to Sagesse School in Beirut. He later moved to Alexandria, Egypt, to teach Arabic at Saint Mark for the Brotherhood of Christian Schools.

Born with the name Khalil, Kabouchi received the moniker of "Brother Yaaqoub" upon joining Saint Anthony's Monastery for theological studies on the path to priesthood. After returning to Lebanon, Kabouchi founded a number of schools before becoming director of the Capuchin school network in Lebanon and conceiving the idea for constructing the renowned Jesus the King Church near Nahr al-Kalb.

By 1945, he suffered from deterioration in his health, gradually losing both the ability to hear and see. Kabouchi died in 1954, and his last words were reportedly: "This is the last day I have on this earth ... Oh God, I rest my soul in your arms."

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- Opposition Gives PM 2-Day Deadline to Form Cabinet, Saniora Snubs Threat

The Hizbullah-led opposition reportedly gave Premier-designate Fouad Saniora 48 hours to form a new...

- Israel Army Joins Swap Deal? Bodies in Return for Bodies

Senior Israeli army officers have joined a deal on a prisoner swap between the Jewish State and Hizbullah...

- Assad to Send Invitations to Lebanon Once Cabinet is Formed

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said he will be sending out official invitations to President Michel...

- Iraqi Official: Hizbullah Behaving as though it is a Neighboring State

A senior Iraqi government official believed Hizbullah of Lebanon was acting in Iraq 'as if it was a...

- Opposition Pressures Majority ? Electoral Law before Cabinet

Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri will ask the justice committee to intensify its meetings as of next week...

- Liberated Shebaa ? An Exile's Dream

Lebanese Mohammad Hammudi hasn't seen his home village in the disputed Shebaa Farms since it was occupied...

- Berri Offers New Cabinet Line-Up Basket to Please Aoun

Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri on Saturday reportedly pushed toward finding a settlement to the deadlock...

- Qassem Hits Back at Saniora: Free Shebaa First, Then We Will Discuss Defense Strategy
Hizbullah's second in command Sheikh Naim Qassem hit back at Prime Minister-designate Fouad Saniora,...

- Rice: Time to Put Lebanese Track Into Motion
U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said it was time to put into motion the "Lebanese track"...

- Saniora Snubs Hizbullah's 'Shameful Behavior'
Prime Minister-Designate Fouad Saniora on Friday hinted that Hizbullah is behaving as if it wants Israel...

- Haaretz: Israel Seeking to Block U.S.-Lebanon Weapons Deal
Israel is seeking to block a \$400 million arms deal between the United States and Lebanon that reportedly...

- Donors to Fund Nahr al-Bared's Reconstruction
International donors will meet in Vienna Monday to collect funds for the reconstruction of the Nahr...

- National Bloc Criticizes Doha Accord and Aoun
The Lebanese National Bloc party on Friday criticized the Doha Accord for treating both the majority...

- MP Bazzi Preaches New Cabinet
MP Ali Bazzi, member of the Liberation and Development Bloc, spoke on Friday of 'positive indications...

- MP Atallah: Hizbullah Does Not Want to Discuss the Fate of its Weapons
MP Elias Atallah said Friday that criticism by the Hizbullah-led opposition to efforts aimed at regaining...

- Hardan Heads SSNP
The Syrian Social National Party (SSNP) on Friday elected MP Assaad Hardan chairman by unanimous vote....

- Tueni Advises Saniora to Quit Cabinet-Forming Mission by Tuesday
MP Ghassan Tueni on Friday criticized Premier-Designate Fouad Saniora for seeking to form a new cabinet...

- Hizbullah Will Not Give Up its Arms Even After Liberation of Shebaa
Hizbullah has vowed not to give up its arms even if Israel pulled out of the disputed Shebaa Farms area...

- Two Pilots Wounded in Helicopter Emergency Landing
A Gazelle helicopter used by the Lebanese army made an emergency landing in the Bekaa Valley on Friday...

- July Time Limit for Cabinet Formation
Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri has cautioned that if obstacles facing the cabinet line-up persist an...

- Suleiman Hails Resistance, Urges Lebanese to Unite Against Unrest
President Michel Suleiman has praised the "resistance in Lebanon," which he said had "the support of..."

- Venezuela Says 'No Terrorists Here' After U.S. Action Against Alleged Hizbullah Supporters
Venezuela's foreign minister on Thursday rejected U.S. government accusations that a Venezuelan diplomat...

- No Government One Month After Doha Accord
One month after a breakthrough deal to end a long-running political crisis, Lebanon remains without...

- Report: Hizbullah Activated ' Sleeper Cells' in Canada
U.S. and Canadian intelligence agencies are reportedly warning of mounting signs that Hizbullah is poised...

- Rice, Ban Discuss Shebaa
U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon have discussed the Shebaa Farms...

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- Feuding camps move dispute from cabinet to electoral law
The dispute over distributing portfolios in the new cabinet has started to recede in importance as rival factions enter a fresh debate over the proposed new electoral law. A source close to Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri told The Daily Star on Friday that failing to form a national unity cabinet will allow all parties.

- Shebaa moves into local, international spotlights
Talk of a prospective Israeli pullout from the occupied Shebaa Farms intensified on Friday, with Hizbullah officials reiterating that a withdrawal would not mean their group disarming and Lebanon's prime minister agreeing that the two issues were separate - albeit for very different reasons. On the international scene, US Secretary of State Condoleezza.

- Europe raises contribution ahead of Vienna donor conference
International donors will meet in Vienna on Monday to collect funds for the reconstruction of the Nahr al-Bared Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, the Austrian Foreign Ministry announced on Friday. The conference, which convenes at the request of the Lebanese government, will be attended by Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora.

- Immortalized in stone Baabda ceremony commemorates Hajj
A ceremony was held in Baabda on Friday to commemorate the assassination of Brigadier General Francois al-Hajj, who was killed by a car bomb in the town on December 12, 2000. The ceremony was held under the auspices of the acting commander of Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), Brigadier General Shawki al-Masri.

- Limited clashes break out in Aley and Ain al-Hilweh
Flare-ups in the Aley district and in the Ain al-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp near the southern city of Sidon occurred late Thursday night, adding to a series of small clashes and minor security breaches that have continued to plague Lebanon since a Qatari-led Arab League push for peace resulted in the signing of the Doha.

- Media, potential donors get tour of battered Nahr al-Bared
A coalition of 16 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working to support families from the Nahr al-Bared Palestinian refugee camp north of Tripoli gave a tour of the camp Friday to journalists and a group of prospective donors. The tour, showing the conditions within the camp and the community.

- Dearth of nurses alarms Lebanese medical practitioners
Hospitals across Lebanon are suffering from a severe shortage in nurses, a crisis that will "persist and perhaps worsen over the next 30 years," many health-policy insiders said at the American University of Beirut (AUB) School of Nursing Friday during a conference to address the issue and discuss preventative measures and strategies.

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- Barak raises doubts over swap if captured soldiers are actually dead
Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said on Friday that an expected prisoner swap with Hizbullah would prove "problematic" should two captured Israeli soldiers at the heart of the matter prove to be dead. Barak added that an exchange involving dead Israeli soldiers instead of live ones would have "serious consequences that must be examined

carefully.

- LAF helicopter has crash-landing in Bekaa

A Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) Gazelle helicopter was forced to crash-land during a training exercise being conducted in the Bekaa Valley on Friday, said a statement issued by the LAF shortly after the incident. The helicopter experienced an undetermined mechanical failure in mid-flight, leading the pilots.

- LOG head blames Hezbollah for rocks thrown at Sison's convoy

The head of the Lebanese Option Gathering (LOG), Ahmad Assaad, asserted on Friday that the people who threw stones at the convoy of US Charge d'Affaires Michele Sison in the Southern town of Mayfadoun on Thursday were members of Hezbollah. "We are positive that the people responsible for the attack are members of Hezbollah.

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