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Lebanon Developments

9:40pm Speaker Berri adjourns cabinet policy statement discussions till Sunday 6:00pm.
 9:30pm MP Hado Hobaysh addresses the house.
 9:04pm MP Nabil Nikolas delivers his speech.
 9:02pm Dandashi grants the cabinet his confidence.
 8:40pm MP Azzam Dandashi delivers his speech.
 8:27 MP Hassan Yaqoub addresses the house.
 8:15pm MP Atef Majdalani delivers his speech.
 7:35pm MP Elie Aoun addresses the parliament members.
 7:22pm MP Ali Ammar addressed Atallah in repulsive words for mentioning Hizbullah in his speech.
 7:10pm MP Elias Atallah addresses the house.
 6:55pm Saad didn't grant the government his confidence.
 6:48pm MP Ossama Saad delivers his speech.
 6:16pm MP Ibrahim Kanaan addresses the house.
 6:15pm Gemayel didnt grant the cabinet her confidence due to persistence of weapons outside the state's authority.
 6:07pm MP Gemayel said any weapons other than legal state weapons make up the greatest danger upon the state.
 6:01pm MP Solange Gemayel delivers her speech.
 6:00pm Parliament resumes deliberating the cabinet's policy statement..
 2:37pm Speaker Berri adjourns the session till 6:00pm.
 2:35pm MP Araji gave the cabinet his confidence.
 2:18pm MP Assem Araji addresses the house.
 2:15pm Maalouf granted the cabinet his confidence.
 2:00pm MP Camille Maalouf addresses the house.
 1:59pm Faris gave the cabinet his confidence.
 1:59pm Faris expressed reservation on privatizing public sectors that achieve profits.
 1:41pm MP Marwan Faris addresses the house.
 1:40pm Hashem granted the cabinet his confidence.
 1:35pm Hashmen called for activating the Rene Mouawad airport in the northern Akkar province.
 1:28pm Hashem called for setting up diplomatic ties with Syria so that there would be relations between two states and not between a state and individuals.
 1:22pm Hashem said recognizing the resistance does not allow any faction to start war.
 1:20pm he called for dismantling "security islands."
 1:19pm Hashem said citizens have lost confidence in security forces that has failed to protect them which leads to auto-security.
 1:16pm MP Mustafa Hashem addresses the house.
 1:15pm Houri granted the cabinet his confidence.
 1:07pm Houri said the international tribunal would disclose who killed ex-premier Rafik Hariri and whoever tries to block it is a suspect.
 1:03pm Cabinet Minister Wael Abou Faour backed Houri's approach.
 1:02pm Houri asked who would protect MPs after the elections from attacks by gangs.
 1:00pm Houri asked: What would prevent gunmen from interfering in the forthcoming elections?
 12:58pm Houri declared on behalf of Beirut citizens: We would not forget, we would not forgive.
 12:57pm MP Nayla Muawad interferred in the controversy to support Houri.
 12:56pm Houri said if occupying downtown Beirut is a democratic practice, then it should be followed and other factions would occupy other cities.
 12:55pm Houri went into a controversy with Berri over the occupation of downtown Beirut.
 12:52pm Houri criticized weapons of militias that killed, looted and practiced aggression in Beirut.

12:50pm Houri called for withdrawal of weapons, gunmen and masked gangs from Beirut to allow the return of displaced citizens to their homes.

12:50pm Houri said the wound suffered in the invasion of Beirut is deep and bleeding.

12:47pm MP Ammar Houri addresses the house.

12:46pm Alloush granted the cabinet his confidence.

12:26pm Alloush criticized clause 24 of the policy statement for failing to say the state is responsible for defending the nation.

12:20pm Alloush criticized auto security resulting from reluctance by the army to practice its role.

12:19pm Alloush paid tribute to 1,200 civilian martyrs who fell during the 2006 war.

12:17pm Alloush criticized the previous attempts aimed at blocking state authorities.

12:15pm MP Mustafa Alloush addresses the house.

12:10pm Sukkar proposed a constitutional amendment allowing the president to disband the cabinet and appoint a new executive authority if parliament failed to elect a new head of state.

12:08pm Sukkar said the election law adopted for 2009 is a temporary solution and called for adopting a new law based on the whole of Lebanon being one constituency.

12:02pm Sukkar criticized Premier Fouad Saniora for adding a conclusion to the policy statement declaring opposition to it.

12:01pm MP Nader Sukkar delivers his speech.

11:52am MP Youssef Khalil addresses parliament.

11:40am He declared support for the resistance asking "where was the state when the resistance was liberating Lebanon?"

11:34am Sukkariyeh praised the policy statement for sparking Israeli criticism.

11:32am MP Ismail Sukkariyeh addresses the house.

11:30am Wannous granted the cabinet his confidence.

11:20am Wannous said national dialogue to be sponsored by President Suleiman should tackle the weapons issue to facilitate elections.

11:18am Wannous said how can elections be held if a certain party maintains its weapons?

11:15am Wannous called for re-launching the Tripoli development plan.

11:10am He said the cabinet should be one team that agrees on unified decisions.

11:08 am MP Bader Wannous addresses Parliament.

11:04am He criticized the cabinet for failing to represent minorities.

11:02am De Freig called for backing the interior ministry's pledge to guarantee honest elections in 2009.

10:59am He also called for privatizing the communications sector.

10:58am De Freig called for privatizing the electric power sector.

10:56am MP Nabil De Freig addresses the house.

10:55am Hussein granted his confidence to the cabinet.

10:50am Hussein criticized the cabinet for failing to have a representative of the Alawite sect.

10:45am MP Mustafa Hussein delivers his speech.

10:35am MP Qassem Abdulaziz addresses the house.

10:30 am Parliament resumes deliberating the cabinet's policy statement.

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