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Hizbullah officials have reportedly held several backstage meetings with MP Saad Hariri over the past few days to pave the way for a reunion between the Mustaqbal Movement leader and Hizbullah chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.

The report, carried by the daily Al Akhbar on Friday, said a meeting is likely to be held between a high-level Hizbullah delegation and Hariri in Qoreitem.

It said the delegation will either be headed by Hizbullah's Executive Council chief Hashem Safieddine or deputy leader Sheikh Naim Qassem.

Al Akhbar quoted sources close to Mustaqbal Movement as saying there will be no timetable for the Hariri-Nasrallah meeting.

"Let them exchange blame during the first half hour of the meeting, then discuss general issues during the second half," one Mustaqbal source said.

The paper said contacts between the two parties have never stopped, not even during critical political moments.

It said contacts persisted through Police chief Brig. Gen. Ashraf Rifi and Col. Wissam al-Hassan from one side and Hizbullah's coordination liaison and coordination committee head Wafik Safa.

Al Akhbar said continuing contacts had prevented escalation of several disputes.

The paper said Rifi had also ensured the first contact between Safa and Druze leader Walid Jumblat following the May events in which Hizbullah took control of most of West Beirut.

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Several Hizbullah officials, headed by Hizbullah Deputy Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Kassem, are expected to meet Sunday with Saad al-Hariri, head of the anti-Syrian political bloc in Lebanon.

The meeting is expected to be followed by a future meeting of al-Hariri and Hizbullah Chief Hassan Nasrallah, in Beirut. Both meetings are believed to be the first steps in a planned reconciliation between the two rival factions. (Roe Nahmias)

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