

## Daily Timeline: Beirut September 2008

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### Detailed timeline of events Beirut - 1 Month

Live Coverage 9-29-08 3:45pm Syria denounced the Tripoli blast and declared solidarity with "brotherly" Lebanon.  
3:10pm Speaker Berri adjourns the parliamentary session till 8pm.  
2:26pm VOL: Casualties reported from the exchange of gunfire between two cars on Riq highway in east Lebanon.  
1:20pm Parliament voted on a clause related to the media which binds the official media to maintain a policy of neutrality while the private media to refrain from publishing inaccurate information.  
1:18pm Jordan's King Abdullah II condemned the Tripoli bombing, stressing his support to Lebanon.  
1:16pm Judicial sources to VOL: Investigators record statements of the owner of the Renault who turned out to be a Lebanese army soldier who had left his car parked at the explosion site.  
1:15pm French President Nicolas Sarkozy condemned the Tripoli blast and declared solidarity with Lebanon as well as security authorities in their war against terror.  
12:15pm Authorities arrest the owner of the Renault car that was used in the Tripoli bombing.  
11:15am Parliament approved election spending and determined a fixed amount of LL 150 million that MPs can spend on election campaigns.  
10:32am Parliament resumed session to vote on several bills.  
10:30am Future News TV: A meeting is underway between Interior Minister Ziad Baroud and Defense Minister Elias Murr at the latter's house in Rabiye.  
9:50am Military prosecutor Jean Fahd inspects the blast site.  
9:15am The interior minister called for an extraordinary meeting of the Central Security Council Monday afternoon.  
8:48am Voice of Lebanon radio station: Among the victims was adjutant Fouad Qadaweh who was taken to al-Haikaliya hospital.  
8:45am LBC: The bus, which can carry up to 24 people, was hurled a long distance.  
8:38am AFP: At least six people were killed and a dozen injured in the blast.  
8:23am National News Agency: Five people were killed and 17 wounded in the Bahsas bombing.  
8:14am Ash Sharq Radio station: At least 10 people were killed or wounded in the explosion.  
8:10am LBC: A car bomb targeted a Lebanese army bus, wounding a number of soldiers.  
7:45am The bomb ripped through a bus carrying Lebanese army soldiers, inflicting a number of casualties.  
7:44am An explosion was heard near a Lebanese army post in Bahsas in northern Lebanon..

### Live Coverage 9-27-08 3:20pm Speaker Berri adjourned election law discussions in Parliament until 8pm.

12:15pm A row developed at parliament between MPs Ali Khreis and Nayla Mouawad over the latter's reference to parliament closure for nearly two years.  
10:50am Lebanon's Parliament convenes to tackle election law bill amidst sharp differences between the majority and FPM leader Michel Aoun.  
9:36am The report said the car was rigged with 200 kilograms of explosives.  
9:35am Syrian state TV reports 17 people killed 14 wounded in car bomb explosion at Sidi Qaddad neighborhood on the road leading to Damascus Airport.  
9:30am A powerful explosion was reported at a Syrian security facility in Sidi Qaddad neighborhood south of Damascus.

### Live Coverage 9-25-08 8:04pm Berri said Israel is launching an intelligence war against Lebanon to block reconciliation.

8:01pm Berri declared Support for the agreement with Mustaqbal leader Hariri on removing posters and meeting of local committees.  
7:53pm Speaker Berri addresses an Iftar Banquet hosted by AMAL Movement.  
4:40pm Saniora said Syria had informed Lebanon in advance of its military deployment off Lebanon's northern borders to combat smuggling.  
4:32pm Premier Fouad Saniora told the cabinet differences should be tackled through state institutions and not in the streets.  
3:42pm Hariri declared after meeting Berri that agreement has been reached on removing posters and banners from Beirut in three days.  
3:40pm Hariri said he discussed with Speaker Berri implementing the security chapter of the Doha Accord.  
2:20pm Al-Mustaqbal Movement leader Saad Hariri arrived in Ain el-Tineh for a meeting with Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri .  
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Live Coverage 9-24-08 7:45pm Mustaqbal leader Hariri said after meeting Hizbullah team Beirut would not remain a hostage of weapons, but should be under state-army control.

5:47 Raad said the Nasrallah-Hariri meeting would be very soon.

5:45pm Hizbullah MP Mohammed Raad said his talks with Hariri were marked by frankness.

4:35pm Mustaqbal Movement leader Saad Hariri received a delegation from Hizbullah at his residence in Beirut.

1:40pm Speaker Nabih Berri called for a parliamentary session on Saturday, Sept. 27 to ratify the elections law.

Live Coverage 9-23-08 2:40pm A bomb exploded at the southern refugee camp of Ain el-Hilweh, killing one Palestinian and wounding another

Live Coverage 9-22-08 4:45pm Aoun said 17,000 people are missing in Lebanon.

4:45pm Aoun said Geagea should have apologized to three main personalities.

4:45pm He said deployment of Syrian troops in Syria is none of our business.

4:42pm Aoun said any reconciliation should be based on a ban on agitation.

4:44pm Aoun charged that a network of organized crime controls the country.

4:42pm Aoun said he might withdraw from the Conference on National Dialogue if the existing situation persists.

4:40pm Aoun said the election law proposed by the majority sets the stage for election fraud.

4:35pm MP Michel Aoun addresses reporters at Rabiye following the weekly meeting of his Change and Reform Bloc.

2:00pm MP Robert Ghanem, head of the Administration and Justice Parliamentary Committee, said the election law bill would be ready by Thursday.

12:24pm Franjeh said the ballot boxes in the upcoming elections will determine who has the Christians' support.

12:19pm Franjeh called on Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir to be a fair arbitrator among the Christians.

12:17pm What Geagea has done was escaping inter-Christian entente, Franjeh added.

12:10pm Franjeh said he would deal positively with the apology and it is accepted.

12:05pm Franjeh said he doesn't consider Geagea's apology addressed to him and his family.

12:00 Al-Marada Movement leader Suleiman Franjeh starts his press conference.

Live Coverage 9-21-08 2:57pm Geagea ends his address.

2L52pm Geagea to Hizbullah: As long as you maintain your arms the state institutions will never be capable.

2:51pm Geagea: The main points of the defense strategy are defined in the cabinet policy statement and the Doha agreement.

2:47pm Geagea called on the Arab countries to set a unified strategy to face Israel .

2:43pm March 14 Movement was the only real and civil revolution and resistance in Lebanon since the forties of the last century, Geagea added.

2:40pm Geagea addressing the Christians: Lebanon's fate is in your hands during the next parliamentary elections.

2:30pm Geagea: I apologize for every unjustified wound, harm, damage that we inflicted during the civil war.

2:25pm Geagea said: We made mistakes in the past, some were horrible and harmful and if we could have avoided them we would never have committed them.

2:20 Geagea to his partisans: Some Lebanese reject you and do not want to recognize you or your martyrdom and label you criminals.

2:18pm Lebanese Forces Leader Samir Geagea starts his speech.

12:20pm Army Command representative arrives at Jounieh Stadium.

12:16pm FLR: Thousands of LF partisans and allied parties' supporters attend the memorial mass in Jounieh.

12:13pm Free Lebanon Radio Station: President Suleiman telephoned Geagea and sent a wreath.

12:10pm Phalange Party leader Amin Gemayel arrives at the festival venue.

12:00pm Al-Mustaqbal Movement large convoy arrives along with MP Mustapha Alloush at Jounieh Stadium to attend the martyrs' mass.

11:45am MPs Boutros Harb, Atef Majdalani, Naila Mouawad participate in the mass.  
 11:35am MPs Marwan Hamadeh, Akram Shehayeb, Nehme Toeme and Abdullah Farhat arrive at Jounieh to represent the Progressive Socialist Party in the mass.  
 11:27am Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea and his wife MP Strida Geagea arrive at the stadium.  
 11:26am MP Solange Gemayel arrives at the Jounieh stadium.  
 11:15am President Michel Suleiman left Beirut for New York to participate in the United Nations General Assembly.  
 9:05am Hundreds are gathering at the Fouad Shehab stadium in Jounieh to attend the Lebanese Forces martyrs' memorial mass.

Live Coverage 9-19-08 5:40pm Premier Saniora meets President Suleiman at Baabda Palace.

4:00pm Head of the international commission probing the Hariri Crime Daniele Bellmare meets President Suleiman.  
 3:30pm Vol. George Wehbeh was assigned to help in the nongoing investigation into the Bsarma killings.  
 12:35pm Berri after meeting Suleiman: I will call for a parliamentary meeting to ratify the elections draft law before the end of this month.  
 12:00pm President Michel Suleiman meets Speaker Nabih Berri at Baabda Palace.

Live Coverage 9-18-08 9:16pm VOL: Army intelligence arrested a man identified by his initials M.M. who confessed he had tossed a grenade into a military position in Chtaura.

8:00pm LBC: Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeffrey Feltman has been in Israel for the past two days to discuss issues concerning Lebanon which could be brought up during President Michel Suleiman's visit to Washington.  
 5:22pm Mitri: The Cabinet discussed the security situation as well as a number of security and judicial measures.  
 5:20pm Mitri: Differences in positions are a necessity. It is not acceptable, however, to turn these differences into acts outside the law.  
 5:15pm Cabinet meeting over.  
 10:30am Cabinet meets under Premier Saniora.

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5:12pm Geagea called for self restraint and wisdom.  
 5:11pm Geagea said he called government and security officials and proposed banning gathering by all partisans.  
 5:07pm Geagea starts Press Conference.  
 4:30am President Suleiman presiding over a meeting at the Baabda Palace grouping Army Commander, director of military intelligence and commander of security forces.  
 2:15pm Geagea will hold a press conference at 4:30pm to clarify Bsarma incident circumstances.  
 12:51pm Franjeh: I hold the Lebanese Forces responsible for provoking the shooting incident and MP Farid Habibi direct responsibility; and let the judiciary decide.  
 12:50pm Franjeh: What a coincidence that Youssef Franjeh was killed in the shooting attack, only two months after he announced on O.T.V. that he had opened fire on Samir Geagea during the Ehden Massacre.  
 12:45pm Marada Movement leader Suleiman Franjeh gave the government a 15-day to 1-month ultimatum to reveal the truth behind the shooting incident in Bsarma-Koura  
 8:00am Marada sources: This action was a deliberate provocation aimed at "dragging our members into a fight so the assassination of (Marada) official Youssef Franjeh could be carried out."  
 8:00am Marada sources: Lebanese Forces members provoked the fight with Youssef Franjeh when they tried to put up banners near Marada's office in Bsarma.  
 7:18am Security forces raided the house of Syrian Social Nationalist Party member Ghassan Ghazi -- suspected of causing the Bsarma clashes -- and arrested him. The security forces also confiscated weapons from his house.  
 7:15am The victims were identified as Pierre Ishaq and head of Marada in Bsarma known as Abu Joe. The 3 wounded were members of the Lebanese Forces  
 7:05am Press reports said the clashes took place after midnight when Marada supporters in Bsarma began tearing down banners belonging to the Lebanese Forces. When LF members came back to replace the banners they were taken by surprise by the shooting.  
 7:00am 2 people were killed and 3 wounded in clashes between the Lebanese Forces and Marada Movement and the Syrian Social Nationalist Party in Koura.

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8:28pm We do not want to obstruct the National Dialogue but we want it to succeed, Nasrallah stressed.  
 8:23pm Nasrallah said Hizbullah insists on broadening the participation in the National Dialogue.  
 8:20pm Nasrallah said Hizbullah is serious about the dialogue.  
 8:10pm Saleh Aridi's assassination aimed at creating a conflict between the Resistance and other parties, Nasrallah said.  
 8:00pm We should cooperate to strengthen the state's authority and to protect the people and the nation,

Nasrallah said.

7:55pm Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah starts his speech at an iftar by the Islamic Resistance Support Association.

5:22pm The Cabinet will hold a meeting at the Grand Serail next Thursday.

4:25pm The second session of National Dialogue was set on the fifth of November, NNA reported.

3:02pm LBC: Geagea and Aoun did not shake hands or engage in any type of friendly chit-chat during the dialogue session.

3:00pm LBC: The second round of national dialogue is not likely to take place before mid-October.

2:25pm The first round of National Dialogue concludes at the Baabda Palace.

2:10pm The Taalabaya-Saadnayel road was reopened to traffic.

1:59pm Wiam Wahab's bodyguards shot and wounded Lebanese Citizen Adnan Ismail Qassem in the Dahr al-Baydar area.

1:45pm Heavy exchange of gunfire in Taalabaya during funeral of Monday's victim blocks traffic along the international highway.

11:55am Dialogue resumes behind closed doors after Suleiman's address.

11:52am Suleiman ends address.

11:52am He said Lebanon survives on dialogue and should maintain this trend.

11:51am Suleiman urged the media to back dialogue and facilitate entente and national unity.

11:50am he said the Aridi crime was carried out by enemies of Lebanon, whom we should confront.

11:50am Suleiman said Saleh Aridi was assassinated to block dialogue.

11:49am The dialogue atmosphere would promote the speedy adoption of election law, Suleiman said.

11:48am Suleiman said the summit he had with Syrian President Bashar Assad provides positive developments that facilitates dialogue.

11:47am I am confident that we can adopt a strategy to defend Lebanon based on benefitting from the capabilities of the resistance, Suleiman said.

11:47am He said Israel persists with its occupation of Lebanese territories.

11:46am Discussing the defense strategy is a long process, Suleiman said.

11:45 He paid tribute to the efforts exerted by the Arab league and Qatar.

11:44am Suleiman said the small state of Lebanon has no other option but to be united to face challenges targeting the region.

11:43am he called for sacrifices and concessions in favor of Lebanon and its dignity.

11:43am Suleiman said frankness and reconciliation lead to the building of a strong state.

11:42 Suleiman said the meeting opens a window to calm dialogue, discussions and respect of opinions.

11:40am Suleiman launches National Dialogue 42 minutes behind schedule.

11:30am Moussa and Saniora meet prior to the dialogue conference.

11:27am President Michel Suleiman sponsoring meeting at his office grouping Hariri, Jumblat, Berri and Raad in an apparent effort to set the stage for launching the dialogue.

11:12am All the 14 participants in the Conference on National Dialogue have arrived at the Baabda Palace.

10:45am Participants in the National Dialogue start arriving at Baabda Palace.

9:45am Premier Saniora meeting Foreign Minister of Spain Miguel Angel Moratinos.

Live Coverage 9-15-08 6:21pm He said the two sides have agreed to resort only to political activity and to the state to sort out differences.

6:20pm Abu Faour said a scholastic year is to be launched and no one wants to send his children to a scholastic confrontation.

6:19pm Abu Faour said the meeting with Hizbullah does not mean that we have abandoned our allies.

6:17pm Abu Faour said the Beirut topic was thoroughly discussed and agreement has been reached on rejecting attacks on dignities of citizens.

6:15pm Abu Faour said agreement has been reached between the PSP and Hizbullah on establishing a "safety net" to safeguard the social fabric.

6:14pm He said dialogue should be the channel to settle political disputes.

6:12pm Cabinet Minister Wael Abu Faour said political differences are normal, but only the state should decide on them.

6:10pm Fneish said more meetings would be held and normal relations would be regained.

6:09pm Fneish said contacts were underway to overcome obstacles facing a possible meeting between Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah and Mustaqbal Movement leader Saad Hariri.

6:05pm Fneish said the reconciliatory meeting aims at facilitating the proposed national dialogue.

6:02pm Cabinet Minister Fneish paid tribute to Arslan for seeking to re-link two political factions.

5:58pm He said such meetings do not replace the dialogue conference that president Suleiman would launch on Tuesday at the Baabda Palace.

5:52pm Arslan said the reconciliatory meeting he hosted between the PSP and Hizbullah was a serious first step to be followed by meetings between the two sides at the field level.

5:18pm Moussa said launching the national dialogue under President Suleiman is "encouraging," noting that expanding the list of participants or adding topics to the agenda is up to the Lebanese participants.

5:15pm Moussa told reporters after talks with President Suleiman at the Baabda Palace that he pays tribute to efforts that achieved the tripoli reconciliation.

5:10pm Clashes broke out between Fatah and Jund al-Sham in the southern refugee camp of Ain al-Hilweh after the killing of a militant.

4:48pm Aoun said the proposed national dialogue should determine if the resistance is necessary and who should pull the trigger.

4:40pm Aoun said culprits in the Aridi crime are linked to foreign authorities.

4:36pm We support Arslan's reconciliation effort between the PSP and Hizbullah.

4:35pm Aoun: Hajj Abu Zainab gave us the key and we have sent it to the bishop.

4:25pm Hizbullah's Political Council Member Ghaleb Abu Zainad handed over the key to Lassa's old church to FPM leader Aoun.

4:15pm A reconciliation meeting is underway at the residence of LDP leader Talal Arslan between representatives of the Progressive Socialist Party and Hizbullah.

3:33pm FPM leader Michel Aoun said after meeting LDP leader Talal Arslan we are trying to consolidate stability in the mountain.

2:50pm Moussa said inter-Arab relations raise concerns. The Arab League's role in Lebanon is to narrow the gap between the various factions.

2:40pm Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa arrives in Beirut to attend the National Dialogue session tomorrow at Baabda Palace.

1:30pm A meeting between Hizbullah delegation headed by Minister Mohammed Fneish and a PSP delegation is expected to take place at 4pm at Democratic party leader Talal Arslan's residence in Khalde.

11:45am MP Michel el-Murr arrives in Beirut to participate in the National Dialogue session tomorrow.

7:15am Six makeshift bombs exploded in Beirut's Corniche al-Mazraa district overnight, causing damage but no casualties.

Live Coverage 9-14-08 5:35pm Gemayel: Palestinian arms inside and outside the refugee camps are a constant threat to Lebanon.

5:32pm Arms not controlled by the state are not allowed anymore, Gemayel said.

5:30pm Nadim Bashir Gemayel starts his speech.

4:00pm A memorial mass on the 26th anniversary of the assassination of then President-elect Bashir Gemayel begins in Ashrafiyeh.

1:18pm Security forces arrested Rabih Sablouh, a member of the Islamic Tawheed Movement, for allegedly shooting at a citizen on Saturday in Tripoli.

1:15pm VOL: The Lebanese army confiscated weapons belonging to the "Islamic Tawheed Movement" Hashem Minkara Wing" at a random checkpoint in Tripoli.

10:55am Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir: We pray for next week's dialogue and hope that the Lebanese will forget their differences.

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1:14 Cabinet Minister Aridi ends address.

1:12 Minister Aridi said Baisour is committed to the march of reconciliation launched by Arslan and Jumlat.

1:11pm He called for referring the crime to the judiciary council so that justice could be served.

1:10pm He said the assassination of Aridi targeted the Doha Accord, to which we are committed.

1:09pm He said Aridi fell in defense of the mountain's unity.

1:07pm He recalled that the victim had played a major role in confronting Israeli troops in Baisour.

1:05pm MP Ghazi Aridi starts address.

1:02pm Arslan ends address.

1:01pm Arslan vowed that the mountain would lead the march to reconciliation and unity.

1:00pm He said the mountain's role is to protect the resistance.

12:59pm Arslan said Lebanon has one enemy that is Israel.

12:57pm Arslan pledged that we would be stronger than the crime.

12:56pm Arslan said the criminal does not distinguish between the majority and opposition.

12:55pm Arslan said assassinations are half crimes, they aim at vengeance.

12:54pm Arslan pledged to proceed with what he had started in May with Nasrallah and Jumlat.

12:53pm Arslan praised Aridi for his strategic relations with Syria and the resistance, as well as with Jumlat.

12:52pm He said Aridi fell in defense of the Arab belonging of the mountain.

12:51pm Arslan said Aridi, the mountain eagle, fell, but the mountain would not fall.

12:49pm Arslan pays tribute to Syrian President Bashar Assad, Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah, Jumlat and other leaders.

12:45pm Arslan starts address.

12:43pm Jumlat ends address.

12:41pm Jumlat paid special tribute to the participation in the funeral by AMAL movement and Hizbullah.

12:40pm Jumlat said only the 1949 armistice accord could protect Lebanon and the state should protect all its citizens.

12:39pm Jumblat stressed on president Suleiman's call for national dialogue.  
 12:39pm Jumblat said a scheme to fragment the region launched by israel is still in its initial stages.  
 12:38pm Jumblat said the message has been received, the loss is huge and can only be compensated by commitment to unity.  
 12:37pm Jumblat addresses Aridi mourners.  
 12:30pm A delegation representing Mustaqbal Movements arrives in Baisour for the funeral.  
 12:20pm A Hizbullah delegation arrived in Baisour for Aridi's funeral.  
 12:15pm PSP leader Walid Jumblat joins Democratic Party leader Talal Arslan for the Aridi funeral in Baisour.

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12:35pm Lebanese army helicopters take part in efforts to put out a fire that engulfed a boat off Ibrahim River.  
 12:18pm Druze spiritual leader Sheikh Naim Hassan meets Premier Fouad Saniora at the Grand Serail.  
 12:15pm PSP leader Walid Jumblat said after talks with an AMAL Movement delegation in Clemenceau that he will hold a meeting with Arslan to take a "unified stand" regarding Aridi's assassination.  
 11:32am Arslan said he will refer the assassination to the judicial council, Lebanon's highest court.  
 11:31am Arslan: Aridi's assassination was aimed at sowing discord and destroying the mountain and its unity.  
 11:30am Arslan: While political differences are legitimate, unrest and divide are forbidden.  
 11:20am Arslan: Unity in the mountains which we started hand-in-hand with Walid Jumblat and the Resistance master (Nasrallah) shall continue.  
 11:18am Arslan to the late Aridi: What we have started together on May 7 shall continue for the sake of the mountains and the nation.  
 11:15am Arslan from Baisour: The message has arrived to the entire (people of the) mountains and to the Lebanese Democratic Party.  
 10:18am The U.S. condemned the assassination of Saleh Aridi.  
 9:00am Foreign Minister Fawzi Salloukh left for Geneva to take part in a summit on Armed Violence and Development.  
 8:25am An explosion in a pickup truck on the Lebanese-Syrian border in the east killed a Lebanese man and 4 Syrian nationals.

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9:50pm A car bomb explosion killed Saleh al-Aridi, a ranking official of Arslan's Democratic Party, and wounded six people in the town of Baisour.  
 8:03pm Hariri end address.  
 8:02pm We are at an historic cross-road, Hariri said.  
 8:01pm Hariri pledged to take part in the national dialogue with an olive branch to defend civil order.  
 8:00pm Hariri urged citizens of the Bekaa to safeguard the state.  
 7:59pm Hariri said he would follow the path of his slain father to confront the scheme targeting stability.  
 7:56pm Hariri addressed citizens of Tripoli saying the reconciliation is valuable and should not be penetrated.  
 7:55pm Hariri expressed gratitude to all those who supported Beirut and the Mustaqbal Movement.  
 7:54pm Hariri said Wounded Beirut did not succumb.  
 7:53pm Hariri addresses Iftar in Bekaa.  
 2:00pm The army command announced that committees have started assessing damage inflicted during the Tripoli violence.  
 1:15pm A meeting is underway between Karami and Assad in Damascus.  
 12:00pm Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir meets with U.S. ambassador Michele Sison.  
 10:30am Former Prime Minister Omar Karami headed to Damascus for a meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

#### Live Coverage 9-9-08 Lebanon Developments

8:35pm President Michel Suleiman set Tuesday, Sept. 16 as the date for launching the national dialogue.  
 7:05pm Shatah: The cabinet approved a proposal to raise the monthly salary by LL 200,000 retroactive to May 2008.  
 6:54pm Information Minister Tareq Mitri: President Suleiman briefed the cabinet on his talks with Assad about Israeli-Syrian negotiations and Israeli threats against Lebanon.  
 6:50pm Cabinet session over.  
 5:55pm Hariri said about a possible meeting with Hizbullah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah that the doors to Qoreitem are open for everybody.  
 5:35pm LBC: Shootout is reported between Abdul Hadi Hassoun and Oussama Shabaan in Tripoli's Abi Samra neighborhood.  
 4:55pm MP Saad Hariri arrived in Bkirki and went straight into a meeting with Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir.  
 1:25pm Defense Minister Elias Murr appointed Brig. Edmond Fadel director of military intelligence.  
 12:30pm Employees of the power authority carried out a warning strike at their offices to protest against attacks on employees.  
 12:15pm Examining Magistrate Rashid Mizher issued an arrest warrant for Hizbullah operative Mustafa Moqaddem on charges of shooting at the army helicopter and killing Capt. Samer Hanna.

11:10am Government meeting underway at Baabda Palace presided over by President Michel Suleiman.  
 Live Coverage 9-8-08 10:49pm representatives of the various factions sign the Tripoli Reconciliation document.  
 10:48pm Hariri said there is no difference between Muslim and Muslim as well as between Muslim and non-Muslim.  
 10:47pm Hariri said the state would exert all possible efforts to provide violence victims with all their needs before the end of ramadan.  
 10:45pm Hariri paid tribute to all leaders who facilitated the Tripoli reconciliation.  
 10:39pm Saniora said Hariri pledged to finance reconstruction efforts in Tripoli.  
 10:37pm Saniora said Tripoli's security is an integral part of Lebanon's security.  
 10:32pm Saniora pledged that the state would carry out its role in enforcing law and order. Any trouble maker is an enemy of Tripoli and all its citizens.  
 10:30pm Saniora said the reconciliation document is a binding commitment and should be respected by all factions.  
 10:25pm Saniora said regional developments should encourage us to safeguard our country and avoid sliding into internal dispute.  
 10:23pm Saniora said hariri reconciliatory efforts brought good news for the future of Tripoli.  
 10:19pm Saniora said Tripoli should be a demilitarized city free of gunmen and military manifestations.  
 10:15pm Saniora said no one can ignore Tripoli's role in Lebanon's independence.  
 10:12pm Saniora makes a statement prior to declaring the reconciliation document.  
 9:00pm Saniora said the government has ordered the security forces and army to enforce law and order in Tripoli. Even sticks would be banned.  
 8:50pm Karami said the reconciliation would end the Tripoli crisis.  
 8:45pm Karami said Tripoli should be a demilitarized.  
 8:38pm Saniora said the state should protect Tripoli citizens.  
 8:30pm Saniora and ex-Premier Omar Karami hold joint press conference.  
 5:10pm Aoun said only President Michel Suleiman should respond to comments made by Syrian President Assad on Lebanon.  
 4:45pm Aoun complained against what he termed "media prostitution."  
 4:35pm FPM leader Michel Aoun Welcomes the reconciliation in Tripoli.  
 1:15pm Military prosecutor Rashid Mezher will interrogate Tuesday the person who shot at the Lebanese army helicopter that killed Capt. Samer Hanna.  
 1:00pm A personal quarrel in the town of Ali al-Nahri in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley developed into a knife fight that left one person killed and 3 wounded.  
 12:45pm Foreign Minister Fawzi Salloukh left for Cairo to take part in a meeting of foreign ministers from the Arab League.  
 12:40pm A meeting is underway between Premier Fouad Saniora and chief U.N. investigator Daniel Bellemare.  
 11:20am Bahraini Interior Minister Sheikh Rashed bin Abdullah al-Khalifa arrived in Beirut.  
 11:15am A meeting is underway among representatives of political journalists of media outlets to discuss the items in a new electoral draft law presented by the Administration and Justice Committee concerning the media sector.  
 11:00am The Administration and Justice Committee is meeting at Parliament to discuss the new electoral law.

#### Live Coverage 9-6-08 Lebanon Developments

4:30pm MP Mustapha Alloush: Hariri's Visit to Tripoli is vital following Assad's dubious campaign.  
 3:33pm MP Elie Kairouz: We are still at the heart of the crisis and the Lebanese Forces shall continue its struggle.  
 11:45am Ex-Premier Omar Karami returned home from a visit to Iran.  
 11:35am Israeli warplanes fly reconnaissance missions over south Lebanon.  
 11:30am Mustaqbal Movement leader Saad hariri arrives in Tripoli.  
 Live Coverage 9-5-08 2:45pm Saniora says tentative agreement has been reached on a pay raise that would be discussed by the cabinet in its forthcoming meeting.  
 12:05pm Parliament's justice and administrative committee will convene on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss a bill to amend the current elections law.  
 12:00pm Israeli jetfighters flew reconnaissance flights over the northern areas of Batroun, Shekka, Tripoli and Diman.  
 10:20am Voice of Lebanon: The government will hold its weekly session next Tuesday.  
 7:15am Huge traffic was reported during morning rush our near Beirut's Pierre Gemayel Boulevard which was closed after a main water pipe blew up. Traffic was diverted to secondary roads.  
 Live Coverage 9-4-08 9:50pm Saniora: We don't accept the use of weapons as a means to change and we welcome dialogue through constitutional institutions.  
 9:48pm Saniora: Tripoli is not a city for terrorism as it is accused by some (people). The conflict is mainly deliberate and (it involves) external parties.  
 9:45pm PM Saniora said during an Iftar dinner that the government will tackle the pay raise issue next week.  
 9:36pm Nasrallah ends his speech.  
 9:35pm Nasrallah: The families of the martyrs &ndash; both from the resistance and the army &ndash; want justice and I hope that the holy month of Ramadan will be a month of forgiveness, repentance and justice.  
 9:33pm Nasrallah: I pardon the group charged with plotting to assassinate me.  
 9:30pm Nasrallah: There is a national unity government and it should bear the responsibility of recovering martyrs' bodies from Israel.  
 9:28pm Nasrallah: I officially announce today that there are no Lebanese prisoners alive in Israeli jails and the dossier of

brother Yehya Skaff remains to be solved.

9:25pm Nasrallah: We don't believe that the dossier of (resistance) bodies is closed.

9:12pm Nasrallah: The person who opened fire on the helicopter was the one who asked to be turned over to the military judiciary. We do not turn over anyone by force.

9:18pm Nasrallah: Some analyses said that the incident was intentional and that Hizbullah was drawing red lines on the state. These analyses bear a grudge. Are they instigating hatred? Are they turning the army against the resistance?

9:19pm Nasrallah paid condolences to the family of airman Samer Hanna.

9:10pm Nasrallah: The helicopter was not downed but was flying over the area and some brethren got suspicious and opened fire.

9:09pm Nasrallah: The Lebanese army command, the intelligence and the prime minister dealt responsibly with the helicopter issue in Sujud.

9:07pm May 7 events proved that others, too, possess weapons and no one can prevent them from resisting and fighting (Israeli troops).

9:00pm Nasrallah: Decision of war and peace is in the hands of Israel and America.

8:59pm Nasrallah: Israel is the one who is threatening (Lebanon with war), while we are the ones who say 'we will protect our territory and we will destroy the enemy.'

8:48pm Nasrallah: We are still in the heart of the battle and in the heart of confrontation.

8:50pm Nasrallah to Israel: The five (Israeli) brigades will be destroyed in the south, Western Bekaa and everywhere.

8:40pm Nasrallah: The resistance knew its enemy from the beginning and knew what it wants – liberate the land and the people.

8:35pm Nasrallah: The resistance in Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq is an embodiment of the will of the occupied people.

8:20pm Nasrallah begins his speech.

5:00pm Manar TV: Hizbullah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah will deliver a speech at 8 pm today during an Iftar dinner.

3:58pm Future News TV: Israel will evacuate the northern part of Ghajar in three months.

2:10pm A delegation from Hizbullah visited Gen. Jean Qahwaji to congratulate him for his new post.

2:00pm The Army Command: The military abides by legislative decisions and doesn't take sides.

1:15pm Families of those arrested after the Sheikh Lar clashes in Akkar tried to cut the Bireh-Qobayyat-Bekaa road to protest the arrests. But mediation in cooperation with security forces stopped their actions.

12:00pm Israeli warplanes overflew Nabatiyeh and its surroundings.

11:25am Sarkozy: We back all of Lebanon and not just one side.

11:24am Sarkozy: We stress the independence and sovereignty of Lebanon and peace in it.

11:18am French President Sarkozy: We are happy that Qatar succeeded in its mission. What Assad did in Lebanon brought back trust between Lebanon and Syria.

11:14am The Syrian president said that the Lebanese should solve their main problems through dialogue. A principle element of the positive developments was Suleiman's visit to Damascus.

10:15am Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani: Lebanon has gone through an ordeal. It is only now that the security situation started to stabilize despite the Tripoli events.

10:00am Syrian President Bashar Assad at the quadripartite summit: The situation in Lebanon is still fragile. We are worried about what is happening in the north. We are awaiting the end of legal procedures to appoint ambassadors.

Live Coverage 9-3-08 9:45pm Al-Mustaqbal movement leader MP Saad Hariri said he is ready to support and sponsor all reconciliation efforts in Tripoli and the North.

8:05pm Sarkozy said he discussed with Assad the special tribunal for Lebanon.

8:02pm Saniora said after meeting President Suleiman in Baabda the cabinet would not hold its weekly meeting on Thursday, noting that the pay raise would be discussed next week.

7:55pm Sarkozy stressed in a joint press conference with Assad in Damascus the importance of a sovereign and independent Lebanon.

7:00pm Premier Saniora telephoned his Belgian counterpart to extend condolences over the death of a Belgian UNIFIL sapper in south Lebanon.

6:00pm VOL: The cabinet will not hold its weekly meeting on Thursday.

2:01pm Bishops' statement: Loyalty to the nation is a national obligation.

2:00pm Bishops statement called for thorough reconciliation, stating that serving foreign states is tantamount to high treason.

1:58pm Bishops statement: It's a pity that our country still witnesses some insulting speeches at the official level while government institutes are disunited.

1:55pm Bishops statement: There is a sharp divide among political groups in Lebanon and there is an urgent need for March 14 and March 8 to get along now that the national unity government has been formed.

1:50pm Maronite Bishops statement 'highly cherished' efforts exerted by the President, the government and parliament to return the situation to normal and hoped that a new electoral law would soon be adopted.

12:45pm Heavy Israeli overflights are reported over Marjayoun, Khiam, Nabatiyeh and Iqlim al-Tuffah.

12:40pm Suleiman meets Speaker Nabih Berri at Baabda Palace.

11:00am President Suleiman told visitors there would be no dialogue without reconciliation and no reconciliation without dialogue.

9:30am Maronite Bishops hold their monthly meeting at Diman.

Live Coverage 9-2-08 2:35pm Egypt's public prosecutor charged Egyptian tycoon Hisham Talaat Mustafa with involvement in the brutal killing of Lebanese singer Suzanne Tamim in Dubai.

200pm The Administration and Justice Committee holds a meeting at Parliament.

11:45am Saniora is meeting with heads of municipalities and syndicates in Tripoli and will later hold talks with other officials and journalists from the northern city.

10:55am Army commander Gen. Jean Qahwaji in his first Order of the Day: Keep your eyes (focused) on the south to reclaim the occupied land and on the domestic situation to consolidate security.

10:50am Saniora meets Muslim and Christian spiritual leaders from Tripoli.

10:45am Premier Saniora to Tripoli representatives: Nothing could justify negligence in providing your city with security.

10:15am Saniora meets Tripoli cabinet ministers and MPs.

10:00am Miqati after meeting Saniora at the Grand Serail: The fundamental solution is settling the security situation in Tripoli.

9:30am PM Fouad Saniora launched consultations to resolve several issues regarding the northern city of Tripoli, and is meeting former PM Najib Miqati.

7:20am VOL: Unknown assailants tossed a hand grenade into a crowd in east Lebanon's Taalbaya district at dawn Tuesday, wounding five people.

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2:10pm Army Commander Gen. Qahwaji assumed his new post at the defense ministry.

2:00pm President Michel Suleiman left for Qatar on an official visit.

12:15pm Premier Saniora discussed the security situation with ISF commander Gen. Ashraf Rifi.

11:10am Israeli troops carry out war games around their outposts in the occupied Shebaa Farms region. Thuds of explosions echo across southern villages.

10:25am Seven MPs presented a memo to President Suleiman proposing a constitutional amendment banning the naturalization of Palestinians.

10:22am Unidentified assailants started fire in a car belonging to customs official Akram Rhayyem at the Masnaa border crossing to Syria.

Live Coverage 8-30-08 Lebanon Developments

8:00pm KSA announced that Ramadan starts on the first of September.

2:10pm Interior Minister Baroud Meets Patriarch Sfeir in Diman.

2:00pm A major car accident blocks traffic near the Nahr al-Kalb Tunnel on the northern highway leading to Tripoli. Rescuers are evacuating casualties.

12:20pm The new Army Commander Brig. Gen. Jean Qahwaji was promoted to the rank of General at the Baabda Palace where he met president Michel Suleiman.

11:40am FPM leader Michel Aoun leaves for Europe on a private visit.

Live Coverage 8-29-08 1:40pm Hizbullah said it will cooperate with the Lebanese army and judicial authorities to find out the truth about the attack on the military helicopter in the south.

12:15pm Maj. Gen. Shawki Masri and Maj. Gen. Saeed Eid informed PM Fouad Saniora about the ongoing investigation into the shooting on the army helicopter.

11:15am Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met with Phalange party leader Amin Gemayel who stressed his rejection to naturalize Palestinians in Lebanon.

11:00am Media reports: The shooting attack in Tripoli targeted the home and office of ex-PM Omar Karami's brother

9:48am Buildings housing apartments and offices belonging to politicians in Tripoli's Maarad street came under fire.

9:45am Batroun residents thronged the streets to welcome the body of slain 1st Lieutenant Samer Hanna, who will be buried at his hometown in Tannourine.

Live Coverage 8-28-08 7:45pm Abbas arrives at Grand Serail and goes into immediate meeting with Saniora.

7:20pm Palestinian President Abbas called after meeting Berri for wise and firm handling of tension in Lebanon's Palestinian refugee camps to avoid a repeat of the Nahr al-Bared tragedy.

7:10pm Army units moved in to contain clashes between rival gunmen in the northern village of Sheikh Lar.

6:30pm Abbas meets Berri at Ain el-Tineh.

4:00pm An extraordinary session is to be held at Baabda Palace Friday the evening.

3:15pm Abbas and the accompanying delegation left the Baabda Palace where a meeting is currently underway between President Suleiman and Speaker Berri.

2:30pm A state banquet is thrown for Abbas in the presence of Berri, Saniora and several Lebanese dignitaries.

1:30pm Abbas after meeting Suleiman: We are against naturalization of Palestinians in Lebanon. Palestinians in Lebanon are under the law &hellip; We agree with Lebanon on the issue of Palestinian weapons.

1:15pm Lebanese army command: Military helicopter came under gunfire attack by armed members, forcing it to make an emergency landing in Iqlim al-Tuffah. 1st Lt. Samer Hanna was killed in the attack.

12:14pm Intense Israeli overflights over Jezzine in south Lebanon.

12:12pm AFP: Gunmen opened fire on a Lebanese army helicopter flying over a southern village, killing an officer.

12:10pm A formal reception was given to Abbas at Baabda Palace.

12:00pm OTV: A Lebanese army helicopter was forced to land in Arab Salim and four crew members were wounded.  
 11:47am Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas arrived at Beirut airport.  
 11:46am Reports that a Lebanese army officer was killed in the helicopter shooting.  
 11:40am A Lebanese army helicopter was hit by gunfire from unidentified gunmen over Sojod hills in south Lebanon.  
 7:45am Unknown gunmen opened fire overnight on Lebanese army troops in Qobbeh district in the northern city of Tripoli.  
 7:20am Lebanese authorities foiled an attempt to smuggle a huge quantity of cocaine through Beirut airport.

#### Live Coverage 8-27-08 Lebanon Developments

5:35pm Abulghheit meets Phalange Party leader Amin Gemayel.  
 3:55pm Defense Minister Elias el-Murr met Hale and U.S. ambassador to Lebanon Michelle Sesson to discuss U.S. aid to Lebanese Army  
 3:05pm LBC: One person wounded in the clashes at Ain el-Hilweh.  
 1:30pm Clashes erupted between the mainstream Fatah faction and extremists from Jund al-Sham in south Lebanon's Palestinian refugee camp of Ain el-Hilweh  
 1:10pm Abulghheit meets Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri.  
 12:14pm Abulghheit meets former Prime Minister Najib Mikati.  
 12:02pm Future TV: Israeli troops comb the surroundings of their positions in the occupied-Shebaa Farms amid helicopter overflights.  
 11:02am U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Hale meets President Michel Suleiman at Baabda Palace.  
 10:20am Abulghheit: Egypt is prepared to build the Lebanese army capabilities so it could shoulder its responsibilities .  
 10:15am The Parliamentary Administration and Justice Committee is holding a meeting under MP Robert Ghanem to discuss the proposed law on electoral divisions and related reforms.  
 10:10am Abulghheit meets Prime Minister Fouad Saniora at the Grand Serail.  
 9:44am Abulghheit said he is worried about the situation in Lebanon, particularly in Tripoli.  
 9:41am Abulghheit said after meeting President Michel Suleiman: The president is always welcome to visit Egypt.  
 8:40am VOL: A Lebanese citizen was wounded early Wednesday by gunfire in the eastern town of Taalbaya in a quarrel over hanging posters of Imam Moussa Sadr.

#### Live Coverage 8-26-08 Lebanon Developments

4:00pm Communications minister Jibril Bassil said March 14 Forces are responsible for postponing the adoption of the electoral constituencies' bill.  
 3:40pm Future TV: The proposed electoral constituencies' law was referred to the parliamentary administration and justice committee  
 1:25pm Speaker Nabih Berri said he would form a parliamentary committee to investigate into alleged bugging of telephone communication.  
 1:20pm Israeli warplanes carried out mock air raids over the central and eastern sectors of south Lebanon.  
 1:15pm Parliament has been in session since 10:30am and has adopted 17 laws out of 31 listed bills.  
 4:15pm Belgian Defense minister arrived in Beirut to inspect his country's contingent in UNIFIL and to meet Lebanese officials.

#### Live Coverage 8-25-08 Lebanon Developments

10:10pm Sporadic disturbances between AMAL and Mustaqbal Movement in Beirut's Ras al-Nabaa and Hamra districts.  
 4:55pm Aoun said, following his bloc's weekly meeting, that reforms had been proposed due to pressures by the opposition and electoral constituencies should be adopted tomorrow.  
 4:50pm FPM leader Michel Aoun said his bloc would propose a bill to parliament defining powers of the deputy prime minister.  
 2:10pm Kouchner arrived in Damascus for talks with Syrian officials.  
 12:23 Kouchner said he will convey a message to Syria about general willingness to live in a stable Lebanon.  
 12:22pm Kouchner: The situation is complicated in Lebanon. Let us not add more complications to it.  
 12:20pm Kouchner at Beirut airport: France is Lebanon's friend. We came to express our support for the Doha accord.  
 12:10pm VDL: Kouchner discussed with Berri about the Shebaa Farms issue.  
 11:40am Kouchner is meeting with Berri in Ain el-Tineh.  
 10:20am The army command: Israeli warplanes flew over southern Lebanon and Beirut on Sunday night.  
 10:18am Kouchner arrived for a meeting with PM Fouad Saniora at the Grand Serail.  
 10:05am Two people were killed and 5 wounded of the same family when their car slipped on the old Akkar road in north Lebanon.  
 10:00am Kouchner after meeting Suleiman: Our openness to Damascus is related to steps made by Syria in favor of Lebanon.  
 9:00am French FM Bernard Kouchner arrived at Baabda Palace and went into talks with President Michel Suleiman.  
 Live Coverage 8-24-08 Lebanon Developments  
 8:00pm French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner arrives in Beirut for talks with Lebanese officials.  
 6:40pm Aoun addresses his partisans at a rally in Jezzine.  
 6:00pm Aoun arrives at Jezzine's main square.

3:38pm Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah said during the annual Imam al Mahdi Scouts' celebration that Hizbullah takes the Israeli threats seriously. Israel is exaggerating for internal political reasons.

3:24pm Aoun will wrap up his southern tour in Jezzine where thousands of his supporters are gathering to greet him.

3:20pm Aoun is having lunch at al-Tiri village.

1:14pm Aoun relayed to the crowds salutes from the mountain.

1:12pm Aoun told a rally in Bint Jbeil the defense strategy should protect our homeland and we are ready for that.

12:50pm MP Ali Bazzi, speaking on behalf of Amal Movement, welcomed Aoun in the name of "all southerners."

12:42pm Cabinet Minister Mario Aoun said Patriarch Sfeir can declare his opinion as "a citizen" from Lebanon and stated that he is against intervention by clergymen in politics.

12:40pm Aoun arrives at Bint Jbeil.

11:55am Hizbullah MP Ali Ammar told OTV he is proud of Aoun's visit to south Lebanon, declaring that contacts with the FPM started in the 1990s.

11:18am Aoun tells supporters in Rmeich the martyrs of the army and Hizbullah resistance have merged to defend the nation.

10:45am Aoun arrives at Rmeich to a greeting by partisans.

10:05a, Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir warned against the persisting splits in viewpoints and called for uniting views and hearts to safeguard the nation.

9:45am Aoun lays a wreath at the Qana Martyrs graveyard and leaves for Rmeich.

Live Coverage 8-23-08 Lebanon Developments

12:45pm Mustaqbal MP Ammar Hour: We will not accept Punishment while others go untouched.

12:00pm Lebanese army command responds to Mustaqbal MP Mustafa Alloush: The military was not and will not take sides in any internal conflict.

11:30am State Minister Nassib Lahoud headed to the United States where he would take part in a Democratic Party conference.

10:00am Foreign Minister Fawzi Salloukh heads to Equatorial Guinea as part of efforts to upgrade political and economic relations.

7:30am Al Liwaa: An Israeli force made up of 8 soldiers made a brief penetration overnight into Mais al-Jabal before pulling out.

7:15am Five people were wounded in an overnight clash in Beirut's Tarik Jedideh neighborhood.

#### Live Coverage 8-21-08 Lebanon Developments

5:30pm Cabinet convenes.

5:25pm Defense Minister Elias Murr confirmed upon arrival at Baabda that the appointment of Lebanon's new army commander will not be made during today's cabinet session.

5:20pm A closed-door meeting is underway between President Michel Suleiman and Premier Fouad Saniora ahead of the cabinet meeting.

3:43pm French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner rescheduled his visit to Lebanon until next Sunday.

1:50pm The Higher Judicial Council appointed judge George Rizq Examining Magistrate in the Zahle Crime.

1:40pm Lebanese troops seal off Sheik Bilal Shaaban's residence in Tripoli to check a suspicious object found deserted in the neighborhood. It turned out to be a garbage bag.

12:00pm Relatives of apprehended Fatah al-Islam suspects stage a sit-in near the Beirut Justice Palace amidst strict security measures.

10:00am Israeli jetfighters flew apparent reconnaissance missions over south Lebanon.

9:15am A precautionary security dragnet was set up at the Beirut Justice Palace prior to a scheduled sit-in by relatives of apprehended Fatah al-Islam suspects.

9:00am Security sources reported that unidentified assailants hurled a hand grenade near an army post in Tripoli overnight. No casualties were reported.

Live Coverage 8-19-08 1:45pm Police sappers found no explosives in a suspicious 'Renault 12' vehicle parked near ex-Premier Najib Mikati's residence in Tripoli.

1:15pm The Lebanese army erected a barbed wire between Baal al-Darawish, which straddles Bab al-Tabbaneh, and Jabal Mohsen neighborhoods to stop security breaches.

1:00pm Police sappers are checking a suspicious car near Ex-Premier Najib Mikati's residence in Tripoli.

12:15pm Several Parliamentary committees held meetings in parliament in the first day of the extraordinary legislative session.

12:00pm The Lebanese army arrested a man called Abdulrahman Mahmoud Mohammed, who admitted that he threw a bomb at Tripoli's Bab al-Tabbaneh neighborhood.

11:48am Premier Fouad Saniora is meeting at the Grand Serail with Canadian MP of Lebanese origin Maria Mourani.

11:00am Israeli fighter jets are flying over Jbeil and Marjayoun.

10:15am PSP spokesman Rami Rayess: Suicide bombers, who are pretending to be tourists, are heading to Lebanon.