

U.S. warns Syria against intervention in Lebanon

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (Xinhua) -- The United States on Monday reiterated its warning against alleged Syria's interfering in Lebanon after recent terrorist attacks in Damascus.

"The recent terrorist attacks that took place in Tripoli (Lebanon) and Damascus should not serve as a pretext for further Syrian military engagement or, should not be used to interfere in Lebanese internal affairs," State Department spokesman Robert Wood said.

"Obviously we're concerned about this type of activity along the border and that it not lead to any further interference on the part of Syria into Lebanon's internal affairs," Wood said.

"The Syrian government is well aware of our views with regard to any kind of military activity along the border," the spokesman added.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said earlier last week that the situation in North Lebanon poses a danger to the situation in Syria, a statement which was interpreted by many observers as a pretext for an incursion into North Lebanon.

The U.S. administration froze diplomatic relations with Syria following the 2005 assassination of former Premier Rafik Hariri, which Washington blames on Syria, while Syria denied involvement.

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