

Hariri Would Not Forget May 7, But Would Eventually Forgive

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Mustaqbal Movement leader Saad Hariri on Thursday said the March 14 alliance does not want to hurl Lebanon into the intra-Palestinian dispute, adding that he did not forget the May 7 assault by Hizbullah and allies but would "eventually forgive because we have to live together."

Hariri, in a television interview, also said his Mustaqbal Movement would compete in the forthcoming election within the unified March 14 ticket.

He criticized as "shameful" verbal attacks by Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel Aoun on organizing a rally to commemorate the fourth anniversary of his father's assassination.

Hariri paid tribute to Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Jumblat for leading the March 14 alliance upon the assassination of ex-Premier Rafik Hariri in 2005.

A smiling Hariri also declared support for "any centrist bloc" that calls for Lebanon's independence, sovereignty, stability and defends the nation's pluralist nature.

He said the Hizbullah-led March 8 factions are "mere corruption" and called for forming a parliamentary committee to investigate corruption charges.

Hariri declared support for the Army Command and said Jumblat has the right to ask questions about the performance of certain departments and "his questions should be answered."

He denied reports that Mustaqbal Movement was arming up partisans, recalling that "we are against civil war."

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