

1 Million + Demonstrate in Lebanon - For Freedom, Independence, Sovereignty, Against Hezbollah Arms

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Most of the Nation Paralyzed in Today's Revolution in Lebanon - a Revolution that has seen 7 Years.

Hariri: Impossible for Arms to be Raised Against People Longing for Democracy

Caretaker Prime Minister Saad Hariri stressed on Sunday that it was impossible for Hizbullah's arms to be raised against people longing for democracy and the truth and justice in ex-Premier Rafik Hariri's assassination case.

"It is impossible for the arms to be toys thrown at our kids and for weapons to be raised against people longing for democracy," Hariri told the crowds at Martyrs Square on the 6th anniversary of the Cedar Revolution.

"It is impossible to give up the truth, justice and Lebanon," he said. "We won't give up our freedom and we will defend our democracy and constitution."

"You know very well there was nothing impossible to achieve since Rafik Hariri was killed and since the day we met six years ago with the same Lebanese flags," Hariri told the March 14 supporters at the square.

He accused Israel of wanting Hizbullah to turn its arms against the Lebanese as in May 7, 2008 when the party's gunmen swept through Sunni neighborhoods in Beirut after the government tried to dismantle the group's telecommunications network.

"We are asking for a country in which there is a single strong army that confronts Israel," he said. "We are not asking for a country in which there is a military outside (the control of) the army … and a military that from time to time turns its weapons against the Lebanese."

"Do you accept arms? Do you want weapons to be outside the control of the state?" he asked cheering crowds.

"Do you want the establishment of a government that cuts Lebanon's relations with the international tribunal?" the Mustaqbal movement leader wondered.

Hariri remained adamant, saying: "Lebanon and our dreams do not die. We will achieve our objectives."

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Gemayel: Hizbullah is Confronting the STL and Forgetting Israel

Phalange Party leader Amin Gemayel addressed March 14 supporters gathered at Martyrs Square on Sunday stressing that Hizbullah forgot its battle with Israel and began confronting the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

"All that Hizbullah cares about now is the STL. It forgot Israel. It forgot about Kfarshouba and the Shebaa Farms," Gemayel said.

The former president reiterated to the crowds gathered at the square "we are not here to accuse innocent people; we call for the truth to be revealed through the STL."

Gemayel stressed that freedom was not achieved in 2005 until the Syrian army withdrew from Lebanon. "Lebanese unity and stability cannot be achieved unless illegitimate arms are removed."

"We are addressing this issue to save Lebanon and build the state," the Phalange leader said.

He added that Hizbullah wants to transform Lebanon from a state that abides by the law into a state that confronts all international resolutions. "Lebanon is a country that believes in its diplomacy, relations and friendships."

"We will not allow anyone to destroy Lebanon and agreement is possible and it is important for a better, stronger Lebanon," Gemayel said.

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Geagea Says 2nd Cedar Revolution Won't Yield until Hizbullah's 'Statelet' Disappears

Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea said at the Cedar Revolution's sixth anniversary on Sunday that the second Cedar Revolution won't succumb until Hizbullah's "statelet" disappears.

Geagea addressed March 14 supporters gathered at Martyrs Square saying: "We only want the Lebanese state to govern; we won't rest until the state within the state concept vanishes and the state is established."

"We will not accept for our destiny to remain controlled by someone else, we will not accept for our decisions to be made by parties which reside beyond our borders, we will not accept for our economy to remain paralyzed, we will not accept for our history to remain distorted, and we reject any harm against the Lebanese army," Geagea said.

The LF leader reiterated to the crowds gathered at the square "we are seriously attempting to get the Lebanese out of the swamp … we are attempting to restore life back to normal."

Geagea reassured the Lebanese that the blood of March 14 martyrs will not be wasted, saying "the tribunal, since its establishment, has suffered violent attacks even before it began to show results, in a desperate attempt to stop its work."

"Yes to the state alone resisting for all the Lebanese," he said.

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March 14: The Uprising of Dignity is Against Oppression and Assassination

March 14 general-secretariat coordinator Fares Soaid called the rally at the Martyrs Square on Sunday "the Intifada of Dignity," and vowed to remain united.

"We will call this uprising the Intifada of dignity," Soaid told the March 14 supporters. "The uprising is against oppression, treachery, assassination and arrogance."

"We promise you from this square not to back off," he said.

Democratic Left Movement leader Elias Atallah, who also addressed the rally, said: "We say a thousand no to the arms of militias."

"We won't back off from our demands to achieve our objectives," he told cheering crowds.

Arms outside the control of the state are "weapons of strife," he said. "The party of the Faqih rule," won't succeed, Atallah added.

Henchak MP Sebouh Kalbakian urged Hizbullah to "lower arms turned against Lebanese" but extended his hand to the Hizbullah-led alliance, saying: "Let us build a nation together with the red and white colors (of the Lebanese flag) with the Cedar" in the middle.

Dory Chamoun, head of the National Liberal Party leader, addressing the crowds gathered at the square said: "We say no to arms outside the control of the state."

"We will confront them with stances," he added.

MP Ghazi Youssef, who was among those who delivered speeches at the rally, said Hizbullah should turn its arms towards Israel.

"This day is to renew the national pact between all Lebanese from all sects," he added.

Caretaker Minister Butros Harb told the rally that the March 14 supporters "are gathered here to revive the dream that we launched in 2005."

"We hold onto our principles," he said.

Caretaker Minister Michel Pharaon said: "We reject the hegemony of arms. We want a strong and just state that won't be achieved under the control of weapons."

"No one will be able to assassinate justice," he said about Hizbullah's campaign against the international tribunal.

Deputy Speaker Farid Makari also addressed the crowds. The people reject the resumption of assassinations as a means of repression, he said.

"We will put Lebanon on the right track," he said.

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