

Live Coverage March 13, 2011 Cedars Revolution #2

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Strong Turn Out today in Lebanon for the start of the 2nd Cedars Revolution

Live Coverage March 13, 2011 - Cedars Revolution #2 2:39pm The Lebanese army took measures in Tripoli and around the headquarters of several parties to maintain security

2:38pm Lebanese army units seized 21 cars, 60 motorcycles and 123 people from different nationalities in overnight security measures.

1:50pm Hariri: It is impossible to give up the truth, justice and Lebanon.

1:47pm Hariri: We won't give up our freedom and we will defend our democracy and constitution.

1:45pm Hariri: Israel wants Hezbollah's arms to be turned against the Lebanese as in May 7, 2008.

1:40pm Hariri: It is impossible for the arms to be toys thrown at our kids and for weapons to be raised against people longing for democracy.

1:39pm Hariri: We are asking for a country in which there is one army that confronts Israel.

1:38pm Hariri: Lebanon and our dreams do not die. We will achieve our objectives.

1:38pm Hariri: You know very well there was nothing impossible to achieve since Rafik Hariri was killed and since the day we met 6 years ago with the same Lebanese flags.

1:35pm Caretaker PM Saad Hariri: Do you accept arms? Do you want weapons to be outside the control of the state? Do you want the establishment of a government that cuts Lebanon's relations with the international tribunal? 1:13pm Gemayel said at the Martyrs Square rally that Hezbollah forgot Israel and began confronting the international tribunal.

1:12pm Gemayel: Hezbollah is trying to carry out a coup, while we are revolting.

1:08pm Gemayel: Every weapon outside the state is illegal whatever its purpose is.

1:08pm Phalange party leader Amin Gemayel from Martyrs Square: 2005 demonstration was to achieve freedom, whereas today's rally it's to celebrate Lebanese unity.

1:07pm Gemayel: Freedom was achieved with the withdrawal of the Syrian army. Lebanese unity cannot be achieved unless illegitimate arms are removed.

12:54pm Deputy Speaker Farid Makari: The people reject the resumption of assassinations as a means of repression.

12:54pm Caretaker Minister Michel Pharaon: We reject the hegemony of arms. We want a strong and just state that won't be achieved under the control of weapons.

12:40pm Caretaker Minister Butros Harb to the rally: We are gathered here to revive the dream that we launched in 2005. We hold onto our principles.

12:32pm Geagea: The second Cedar Revolution won't yield until the state within the state disappears.

12:31pm Geagea: We will hold onto the STL that has been exposed to all kinds of objections, and we won't accept to bargain on the truth.

12:29pm Geagea: We say yes to a state that resists for everyone.

12:28pm Geagea: The State within its official institutions shall decide resistance option.

12:28pm Geagea: We don't want anyone to defend us. We are fed up from the confiscation of our decisions, freedoms and rights.

12:25pm LF leader Samir Geagea addresses the rally: We won't accept that our decision is made outside our borders and our fate is in the hand of others.

12:17pm MP Ghazi Yousseff: This day is to renew the national pact between all Lebanese from all sects.

12:06pm National Liberal Party Dori Chamoun: They betray and terrorize us and we face them through words and stands. No arms should be outside the state and its institutions.

12:01pm Henchak MP Sebouh Kalbakian: If we demanded Hezbollah to disarm itself we are accused of treason.

11:52am Democratic Left Movement leader Elias Atallah addresses the rally: We say a thousand no to the arms of militias. We won't back off from our demands to achieve our objectives.

11:49am Soaid during the opening of the rally: We will call this rally the Intifada of Dignity.

11:35am Former PM Fouad Saniora prayed at slain former PM Rafik Hariri's grave before heading to Martyrs Square.

11:26am Caretaker PM Saad Hariri arrived at Martyrs Square.

11:24am VDL (93.3): Eight speeches are expected to be delivered during the rally.

11:18am Phalange Party leader Amin Gemayel arrived at Martyrs Square.

11:17am Israeli warplanes flew for an hour over Iqlim al-Kharroub on a high altitude.

11:06am LF leader Samir Geagea arrived at Martyrs Square.

10:58am MP Mohammad al-Hajjar to Future News: Mount Lebanon and Eqllem areas are participating because they

realized the threats mentioned in March 14 document.

10:51am Caretaker Minister Hussein al-Hajj Hassan: There's a group of Lebanese that insists on living in the past, and are using the STL to keep Lebanon under international and American hegemony.

10:50am VDL (93.3): The official launch of the rally was delayed pending the arrival of more convoys at the square.

10:43am MP Samer Saadeh to VDL (100.5): Those who had doubts on this day's success are awoken to a surprise bigger than the demonstration of 2005.

10:42am MP Oqab Saqr to LBC: The only way to settle the weapons issue is by putting the arms under the army's custody.

10:39am MP Qassem Abdul Aziz to Future News: Northern people rallied at Martyrs' Square to support March 14 and to be loyal to Saad Hariri, Rafik Hariri and all Cedar Revolution martyrs.

10:35am MP Hadi Hobeish to Future News: This day proves that March 14 still exists. People rallying at Martyrs' Square are proving to the international community we want to live in dignity.

10:24am Mustaqbal official Mustafa Alloush to Future News: Michel Aoun betrayed his supporters when he left to Paris.

9:58am MP Ziad al-Qadri to Future News: We only request from Hizbullah to turn its arms towards Israel. We don't want to disarm Hizbullah by force.

9:56am MP Nadim Gemayel to VDL (100.5): Rallying at Martyrs's Square is crucial.

9:52am MP Sami Gemayel to VDL (100.5): We won't bargain on STL. This day will send a clear message about what people at Martyrs Square want.

9:51am MP Antoine Zahra to MTV: This year's Cedar Revolution anniversary will send a clear message about March 14 demands.

9:45am March 14 officials begin to arrive at Martyrs Square.

9:34am Caretaker Minister Jean Oghassabian to VDL (110.5): The movement will not stop at this demonstration. We will continue in a peaceful course to achieve our targets.

8:58am MP Butros Harb to VDL (100.5): This day will stress that this current situation cannot be a foundation to a future. The weapons must remain in the hands of armed forces to battle Israel not the Lebanese.

8:55am Bumper-to-bumper traffic at Beirut's entrances as March 14 supporters head to Martyrs Square.

8:52am Caretaker Minister Salim Sayegh to MTV: March 14 supporters are peaceful. No one would be able to steal the hope they have.

8:38am MP Ahmed Fattat to VDL (93.3): There is a heavy participation of March 14 supporters. Today's rally will be similar to the 2005 demonstration.

8:27am VDL (100.5): March 14 leaders will say no to arms, and stress on the risks of keeping them.

8:16am Flag-waving Lebanese crowded Martyrs Square.

8:15am March 14 General-Secretariat Coordinator Fares Soaid to VDL (93.3): Today we witness an uprising against oppression.

7:04am TV footage showed hundreds of vehicles hoisting Lebanese flags heading from northern Lebanon to Martyrs Square.

6:47am Heavy deployment of soldiers and security forces in and around Beirut ahead of the rally that will be held in Martyrs Square on the 6th anniversary of the Cedar Revolution.?