

Report: Sarkozy, U.S. Officials Warned Hariri About Assassination Plot

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Former Premier Saad Hariri does not intend to return to Beirut soon after receiving information from Western leaders about the possibility of being targeted in an assassination plot, sources close to the Mustaqbal movement leader said in remarks published Friday.

The sources said that French President Nicolas Sarkozy and high-ranking U.S. and U.N. officials have warned him about the plot.

Hariri "is following the situation in Lebanon minute by minute and is meeting with all the (March 14) parties in the French capital to coordinate with them the steps that the opposition would take to confront the next stage," the sources said.

They added that March 14 supporters would have wanted for Hariri to take part at the large-scale meeting that the opposition held at the Bristol Hotel in Beirut on Sunday.

The conferees asked Prime Minister Najib Miqati to announce openly and clearly his commitment to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon before parliament or resign.