

The United States Cautions Against Those Undermining Lebanon's Sovereignty

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"I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, determine that the actions of certain persons to undermine Lebanon's legitimate and democratically elected government or democratic institutions, to contribute to the deliberate breakdown in the rule of law in Lebanon, including through politically motivated violence and intimidation, to reassert Syrian control or contribute to Syrian interference in Lebanon, or to infringe upon or undermine Lebanese sovereignty contribute to political and economic instability in that country and the region and constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, and I hereby declare a national emergency to deal with that threat";

Executive Order: Blocking Property of Persons Undermining the Sovereignty of Lebanon or Its Democratic Processes and Institutions, August 2, 2007

U.S. President Bush's executive order declaring the seizure of U.S. assets of those undermining Lebanon's democratically elected government is designed to support the country's constitutional democratic process, as well as those who feel that Lebanon democracy is being threatened.

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs David Welch added, at a press roundtable on August 6, that the order is intended to "support the constitutional, democratic process in Lebanon. So any actions taken against that would potentially have an implication under the executive order. It is not a matter of opposition to one person in government, or to the government, it is not personal in that sense."

The United States believes that the Lebanese people deserve an independent and secure country in which the people are free to make decisions without fear of violence and intimidation. In this respect, the Lebanese Parliament should be able to convene on time to elect a new President in accordance with the Constitution.

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