

Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on Lebanon

The Secretary-General was saddened by the news of today's terrorist attack in Beirut that killed MP Walid Eido, his son and six others, while injuring ten more people. He condemns this attack in the strongest possible terms as a heinous crime aimed at destabilizing Lebanon.

The Secretary-General extends his heartfelt sympathies to the families of the victims and the injured. He calls upon the Lebanese authorities to find the perpetrators of this crime and to bring them to justice. He urges all the Lebanese to unite in the face of acts of intimidation which attempt to divide them, and encourages Lebanese leaders to find a solution to the political issues facing the country.

The Secretary-General reaffirms the United Nations' unswerving commitment to Lebanon's stability, sovereignty and political independence.

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