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Protests And Demonstrations Called for in Raleigh NC, Miami FL, Dallas, TX And New York, NY in Support of the Lebanese Independence Uprising

The Council of Lebanese American Organizations (CLAO) and the Lebanese American Council of North Carolina (LACNC) call on all the supporters of a free Lebanon, to join the Lebanese Opposition groups including the Free Patriotic Movement in a protest in Raleigh in support for the Lebanese Independence Uprising. The protest will take place in front of City Hall located at 222 W. Hargett Street on Saturday 26th of February at 3:00 PM.

Similarly, CLAO and the Lebanese Americans in Miami are asking all the supporters of a free Lebanon who reside in South Florida to participate in a peaceful protest/demonstration in front of the Lebanese Consulate in Miami in support of the Lebanese opposition groups in Lebanon. The demonstration will take place on Saturday, February 26, 2005, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM in front of the Honorary Consulate of Lebanon, located at 6600 S.W. 57th Avenue, Suite 200, in Miami, Florida.

Furthermore, CLAO calls on the Lebanese Americans and friends to join the Dallas, TX demonstration that will take place in front of Kennedy Memorial at 3PM on Saturday February 27.

Moreover, CLAO calls on all supporters to participate in the New York City, NY demonstration scheduled for the 7th of March at 12- noon at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, located adjacent to the United Nations.

On the other hand, CLAO member organizations American Lebanese Ohio Association (ALOHA) in Cleveland and the American Lebanese of the Carolinas (ALC) in Charlotte are planning massive protests. Details will be disseminated as soon as they are finalized.

The tragic assassination of Prime Minister Hariri is the latest Syrian terrorist attack on Lebanon. It must be the last. The following steps will ensure that it is:

1. Sanctioning an International Commission charged with conducting a criminal investigation into the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafic Hariri and bringing the perpetrators to justice.

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2. The immediate resignation of the Syrian installed Lebanese President Emile Lahoud, the Syrian installed Prime Minister Omar Karame, and the whole cabinet.
3. The immediate withdrawal of all Syrian troops and Syrian intelligence agents and operatives, under supervision of US / European coalition forces.
4. The disarming of all illegal militias, including Hizzbollah and the Palestinian armed groups under supervision of US / European coalition forces.
5. Sponsoring the formation of an interim government charged with establishing favorable conditions for free and truly democratic national elections under the supervision of international observers.
6. Moreover and in an effort to ensure true representation of the Lebanese population, provide facilities for expatriates worldwide to participate in the electoral process in a manner similar to what was in place for the recent Iraqi elections.

Lebanon will soon be freed from the Syrian hegemony; democracy is on the march.

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