

Lebanon's interim prime minister calls on UN Security Council to do its job

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New York, September 26 (RHC)-- Lebanon's interim Prime Minister Najib Mikati pleaded with the U.N. Security Council Wednesday to intervene to stop Israel's bombardment during an emergency session. Mikati said: "Israel is violating our sovereignty by sending their warplanes and drones to our skies."

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi spoke from the sidelines of the Security Council meeting Wednesday.

"The Security Council must act now to halt Israel's war and enforce an immediate ceasefire, and by that, to save innocent lives. If not, the region risks full-scale conflict, and history will hold Israel's enablers, especially the United States, responsible. ... Iran will not remain indifferent in case of a full-scale war in Lebanon. We stand with the people of Lebanon with all means."

This comes as a new Oxfam report is calling for urgent reform of the "colonial and archaic" Security Council. Oxfam says the UNSC's five permanent members — the U.S., Russia, China, the U.K. and France — are "failing people living in conflict" as they consistently abuse their veto power in their own interests, blocking opportunities for peace around the world.

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