

*Lebanese prime minister calls for
end to ceasefire violations by
Israel*

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Beirut, December 9 (RHC)-- Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati has urged the international community to take decisive action to stop ongoing violations of the ceasefire agreement by Israel.

During a special session of his council of ministers held in Tyre, southern Lebanon, on Saturday, Mikati called on international sponsors of the security arrangements to "work seriously and decisively to stop the enemy's continued violations."

He emphasized the need for the Israeli regime to withdraw from occupied territories to effectively implement the ceasefire and achieve lasting stability rooted in dignity, sovereignty, and rights.

Mikati's statement follows reports of an Israeli drone attack in the town of Deir Siryan, Marjayoun, which resulted in the death of one Lebanese citizen.

He reaffirmed the Lebanese government's commitment to supporting the army's deployment south of the Litani River and cooperating with United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) peacekeepers to uphold the UN resolution.

The session highlighted the ongoing violations of the ceasefire terms by Israeli forces, with a monitoring committee currently assessing compliance with the agreement.

Before Mikati's address, Lebanese Caretaker Defense Minister Maurice Slim reiterated Lebanon's adherence to UN Resolution 1701 in discussions with his Italian counterpart, condemning Israeli violations as "blatant breaches" of the ceasefire.

In response to these violations, the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah struck an Israeli military site at Ruwaysat al-Alam in the occupied Kfar Shuba Hills on December 2. Hezbollah described this action as a necessary "initial warning defensive response" to continued Israeli incursions into Lebanese airspace, including over Beirut.

Nabih Berri, Lebanon's parliamentary speaker and an ally of Hezbollah, also condemned the Israeli regime's breaches of the agreement, labeling them as "blatant violations."

He questioned the effectiveness of the technical committee tasked with monitoring the ceasefire, pointing out that violations have now exceeded 54 incidents while Lebanon and the Resistance remain committed to their obligations.

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