

## Murphy Statement on Political Situation in Lebanon

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"By walking out of the governing coalition today, Hizbollah and its allies unveiled their determination to hold the Lebanese unity government hostage to their own parochial interests. The Lebanese people shouldn't have to choose between justice and stability - they deserve both. The work of the Special Tribunal must be allowed to continue without interference from any outside party, and the individuals responsible must be held accountable without threats of violence from any side. I join President Obama in reaffirming the United States' commitment to our partnership with Lebanon, and strongly support Prime Minister Saad Hariri's determined effort to protect Lebanese sovereignty and promote peace and stability in his country."

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