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Nasrallah's Speech and the Latest Southern Beirut Explosion

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Media Statement

Syrian Coalition

Istanbul, Turkey

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The Syrian Coalition condemns the terrorist explosion that took place on Thursday in the Lebanese capital's southern suburbs and objects to all acts that target civilians. The Coalition also denounces the threats made by Hassan Nasrallah against the Syrian people, as well as the justifications he provided to Hezbollah's militias in their fighting alongside Assad forces.

The Syrian Coalition has repeatedly warned the head of Hezbollah's militias against their involvement in the killing of Syrian people, alongside the Assad regime. However, he adamantly refused to listen to the voice of reason, leading the whole region into a state of chaos and destruction. The latest explosion could plunge Lebanon into a vortex of violence that could only serve the interests of Israel.

The Syrian Coalition holds the Lebanese government responsible for the Syrian blood shed at the hands of Hezbollah's militias. The Lebanese people must realize their fates have become dependent on expansionist Iranian schemes in the region.

Hezbollah's militias have participated in committing crimes against the Syrian people. They have entered the countryside of Homs and later they were present along Assad's forces in all areas across Syria. They have taken part in shelling the Syrian people with rockets, ballistic missiles, and cluster bombs.

Hezbollah's militias, driven by sheer sectarian hatred, took part in massacres against the Syrian people in Qusair, ancient neighborhoods of Homs, Khalid Bin Walid Mosque, Qaboun, Douma, Harasta, villages alongside the Syrian coast, and many other places. They targeted the wounded in Qusair, the countryside of Homs, shelling shelters where more than 1500 people lay injured. They even targeted civilians fleeing the town killing and injuring hundreds.

Leaders of Hezbollah must realize that the Syrian people will never forget those who massacred them. Nasrallah's rhetoric will never cover up the shame he brought on a large number of Lebanese people. His threats of sending more fighters into Syria will further embroil Lebanon in Assad's war against his own people. Hezbollah's leaders are mistaken if they think that a small takfiri faction like Hezbollah will be able to impact Syria's future.

The Syrian Coalition renews its commitment, as well as the FSA's, to international humanitarian and human rights laws. The international community and Friends of Syria should assume their responsibilities in light of a rapidly deteriorating situation internally and regionally. They should take all possible measures that would cut off the support Assad is receiving, put an end to daily massacres against the Syrian people, stop the deteriorating security situation, and support the Syrian revolution that will achieve the Syrian people's aspirations of justice, freedom, and dignity.

We ask for Mercy for our martyrs, health for our wounded, and freedom for our detainees.

Long live Syria and its people, free and with honor.

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