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Murder of former Lebanese Prime Minister meets strong condemnation

Brussels, 16th February 2005 (ICFTU Online): The murder of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri, killed on Monday (14th February 2005) in a car bomb attack, has met strong condemnation from the international trade union movement.

14 other people were killed and 135 injured when a motorcade carrying Hariri was hit in a blast which ripped through the Lebanese capital of Beirut. The death of Hariri, Prime Minister until his resignation in October 2004, has been denounced widely by the United Nations, the European Union and national governments alike.

The ICFTU is calling for a full and immediate investigation by Lebanese authorities into the killing which occurred ahead of parliamentary elections in the Middle Eastern country, tabled for May 2005.

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