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Statement After Meeting with Lebanese Forces leader Mr. Samir Geagea
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[I just met with Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea.] We spoke about our hopes for the [early] formation of a government and about the regional situation. I briefed him that we are preparing the next report on the implementation of resolution 1701, which will go to the Security Council by the end of this month, and there will then be a briefing in the Council in July, to which I will go.

I congratulated Dr Geagea on the results, his, and the party's, in the elections, and encouraged him to work hard with his partners in the March 14 coalition but also other parties and forces to achieve the result that all Lebanese want, the early formation of a government.

We come away from this meeting very pleased.

Q: What about an early Israeli withdrawal from Ghajar?

A: I'm afraid there is no early evidence of this, but we are working very hard on the issue. [...]

Q: What about the delineation of the Syrian-Lebanese border?

A: There have been three Lebanese members appointed to the joint border commission under, I think, the guidance of Ambassador Habib. They will hopefully meet with their Syrian counterparts soon, and we are working on this issue. [...]

Q: What about the Middle East Peace Process, under Binyamin Netanyahu and after his speech?

A: We need to continue to work on the peace process, there is no alternative. I remind every one of your viewers and listeners of the long quest to bring peace to Palestine, and this continues now.
