

**Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General  
on the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Rafiq Hariri**

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On the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attack that took the lives of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri and 22 others, the Secretary-General shares the sorrow of the Lebanese people over the tragic loss of a man who stood strongly during his life for the independence and sovereignty of Lebanon.

This sad anniversary comes two weeks before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon begins to function on 1 March. The Secretary-General reaffirms the commitment of the United Nations to the Special Tribunal's efforts to uncover the truth, bring those responsible for this horrific crime to justice and end impunity in Lebanon.

The Secretary-General also calls for the full implementation of all Security Council resolutions pertaining to Lebanon.

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