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Assassination of Gebran Tueni

Secretary Condoleezza Rice

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I am outraged by the assassination of Gebran Tueni and offer my condolences to his family and those of the other victims of this savage attack. His death is a vicious act of terror against a Lebanese patriot and voice of freedom. That voice will not be silenced.

The United States will remain steadfast in its support of the Lebanese people. The forces behind this latest attack and a series of brutal crimes against Lebanese journalists and political leaders in the past months, must be held to account for their crimes.

Together, we and the international community will confront and defeat those who seek to terrorize and subjugate a proud, independent Lebanon.

Syrian interference in Lebanon continues, and it must end completely. The United States will work with its partners on the Security Council and in the region to see that Security Council Resolutions 1595 and 1636 are fully implemented.



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