

PSP Official on Raid

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[Text] No new details have been received about this morning's Israeli raid on Bhamdun. AFP has cited an official in the Progressive Socialist Party as having said that the raid began at 0500 and continued for 15 minutes and that the Israeli aircraft raided a large number of targets in the Bhamdun area, causing heavy material damage and destroying a restaurant.

Hamadah Questions Halt of 'Amshit Transmission

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[Text] Former Minister Marwan Hamadah today questioned the authorities on the suspension of transmission of radio broadcasts from 'Amshit station. Hamadah said that this action constituted a prelude to the introduction of federalism. Hamadah urged the concerned authorities to investigate the issue and called for the resumption of transmission.

On the other hand, Hamadah welcomed the convening of the Islamic summit scheduled to be held tomorrow between the Mufti of the Republic Shaykh Hasan Khalid, Vice President of the Shi'ite Council Shaykh Muhammad Mahdi Shams ad-Din, and the spiritual leader of the Druze Community, Shaykh 'Aql Muhammad Abu Shaqra.

Hamadah today received the Austrian ambassador to Lebanon with whom he reviewed the latest regional and local developments.

Hamadah later attended a luncheon hosted by U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Reginald Bartholomew.

Al-Wazzan Discusses Security, 'Amshit Station

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[Text] Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan devoted his attention today to a wide range of security, political, administrative, and information affairs. Early in the morning the prime minister reviewed security conditions in the capital and the suburbs and studied ways of dealing with security problems.

The prime minister conferred with Acting Director General of Internal Security Forces Brigadier 'Uthman 'Uthman on the problem of insufficient security personnel and the burdens involved in enlisting men to serve in the Internal Security Forces.

Prime Minister al-Wazzan then met with Director of Radio Lebanon Dr 'Abd al-Karim Sinnu and discussed with him the fault in transmission of state radio programs by the 'Amshit transmission station. During the meeting the prime minister contacted the information minister, Roger Shaykhani, and discussed with him the issue and the real purpose behind the suspension of transmission. The prime minister had raised this issue at the meeting of the cabinet earlier this week.

Al-Jumayyil Envoy, Junblatt Meet in Damascus

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[Text] Well-informed sources in Damascus said President al-Jumayyil's envoy today met in Damascus with Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt, who earlier had met with Syrian Vice president 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam. The meeting was attended by Rafiq al-Hariri, who came from Riyadh in order to bring the conflicting views closer.

Meanwhile, a telephone contact has taken place between Syrian Vice President Khaddam and Amal Movement leader Nabih Birri.

Abu Fadil on Israeli Diversion of Rivers

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[Text] Vice Speaker Munir Abu Fadil called on the authorities today to raise the issue of Israeli theft of Lebanese waters at the Security Council and pointed out that world Zionism decided at the infamous conference of 1892 in Basel to seize Palestine and the waters of Lebanon.

Abu Fadil voiced fears that the waters of the Al-Litani could be taken over by Israel as it had already taken over the waters of the Al-Wazzani River and he called for intensive efforts to stop the construction of a tunnel which would syphon off the waters of the water of the Al-Litani to Israel.

Abu Fadil recalled that he had raised this issue previously following reports that Israel was digging a tunnel to steal waters of the Al-Litani for use in occupied Palestine and to support more settlers from outside the region.

Abu Fadil said that he had raised the issue with the government previously and was told that no tunnels are under construction. But he referred to films shown on American television networks and indicated that he had drawn the attention of the government to this fact, but was again assured that there was no project under way.

The vice speaker pointed out that Israeli designs to steal waters of the Al-Litani were linked to its policies to bring in millions of Zionist settlers. He warned that the Al-Litani could suffer the same fate as the Al-Wazzani River which Israel took over from Lebanon due to Lebanese neglect.

The vice speaker called for an immediate Security Council debate and he declared that government excuses for not convening a council meeting were invalid. He urged Foreign Minister Salim to raise the issue with permanent Security Council members and launch a worldwide diplomatic initiative to prevent further plundering by Israel of Lebanon's natural resources.