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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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The Appeal:

In the darkest hours of the tragedy which has engulfed Lebanon for more than 7 years, and at this time of distress when the Lebanese people are fearfully expecting the final blow of the hideous danger facing the city of Beirut, threatening deadly destruction and devastation, I present to you the appeal of an anguished people, resulting from the deep awareness that the very survival of all that their existence has stood for, is now in mortal danger.

What Lebanon has symbolised for the Lebanese people, the Middle East and the world in general is well-known. Since time immemorial it has stood for values deeply rooted in Lebanese history such as democracy, freedom and tolerance. These qualities form the essence of the Lebanese mission in the region and its contribution to the development of humanity.

We have made every possible effort to save the city of Beirut in particular, from a possible full-scale disaster resulting from the Israeli aggression on Lebanese territories since 6 June 1982.

This disaster, should it occur, will definitely bring to memory the greatest catastrophes of history, which have led to the disintegration of entire civilisations which had such impact on the course of humanity.

In my deep concern to spare hundreds of thousands of innocent lives and Beirut's historical heritage, I appeal to you to come urgently to our aid in participating in our efforts to save this city from sure catastrophe.

In the profound hope that this appeal will meet with your instant response, I present you with my highest esteem and consideration.