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## FRENCH PDT MACRON IS THE 1ST LEADER TO VISIT LEBANON AFTER THE TRAGIC BLASTS

### HE CALLS FOR A NE POLITICAL ORDER

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We publish the entire remarks of President Macron who had a change with Lebanese journalists, present in the place, at the Port of Beirut on August 6, 2020, one day after the massive explosion which killed 114 victims and left 5,000 wounded.

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON-----

"Listen, I come first, I would say almost immediately, to give a testimony of support, friendship, fraternal solidarity to the Lebanese people. After the explosion of August 4, in the port, which hit the entire population and the whole of Beirut, it is, I would say, above all, this support, this solidarity as an obvious fact, because that it is Lebanon, because it is France. And I had to be there to bring this friendship, this fraternity of our country to the Lebanese people.-----

Then, I want to be able to listen, realize and help organize international aid, support and support for Beirut and the people of Lebanon. We have started to do it, with the arrival yesterday of two military planes and a civilian plane which brought first drugs, care, emergency teams, the equivalent to treat 500 wounded. In a few hours, we have another plane arriving, an MRTT refueling unit with means of investigation, logistical support, police and search teams as well. And we will have to organize in the coming days additional support at French level, also at European level.-----

I want to organize European cooperation and more generally international cooperation. And France will take initiatives in the coming hours in the light of what we are going to discuss both with the teams on site and the authorities. And so, there, during the coming

hours, I will go to the port and discuss with the rescue teams, discuss with NGOs, all those who are there and who take charge and have taken care of in the urgency.-----

Then for me the third thing is to meet all the political authorities. I will see, obviously, I will see the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister again. I then wanted to see all the political forces to have a dialogue of truth because beyond the explosion, we know that the crisis here is serious. It implies a historic responsibility of the leaders in place, it is a political, moral, economic and financial crisis whose first victim is the Lebanese people and it imposes extremely rapid reactions. And therefore, for me, this visit is also an opportunity for a frank dialogue, a demand also with regard to the political forces and Lebanese institutions. And I think that today we cannot do without this dialogue of truth and the coming hours will also be important to me. And finally, I also wanted to meet civil society, writers, intellectuals, business women and men, journalists to have another voice and another look at contemporary Lebanon and its crisis and to also be able to exchange views. on the solutions, their proposals and their way of seeing the challenges of the moment. »

JOURNALIST:-----

Should the reforms begin in Lebanon?

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON:-----

Listen, first of all, today, the priority is aid, unconditional support for the population, but it is the demand that France has been carrying for months, not to say years, indeed, reforms that are essential in certain sectors are well known. Energy, public procurement, the fight against corruption. If these reforms are not made, Lebanon will continue to sink. This is another dialogue that we must have and that I also wish to lead today. »

JOURNALIST: Do you have a word, Mr. President, for the relatives of the French victims?-----

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON: « Of course. I will have it later at the Residence des Pins during the press conference. We already have, we know, several victims, including a French architect who braided this solidarity between our two countries among others. Others missing. French families are today bereaved by this explosion. We are also concerned. We have a lot of injuries. The Minister of Foreign Affairs who is accompanying me will soon see the consular advisers there too, in these early hours. I also hope that the teams will continue to come in the coming days in support. And therefore, I want to address the support of the whole Nation towards our nationals who are affected, their families. For those who have lost a loved one, for those who have been injured, France will be there to provide them with all the support, the help necessary to be at their side, physical support, repatriation, but also psychological support because there is has a lot of trauma in this period. »

JOURNALIST: Will the aid go to institutions or will it go to politicians?-----

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON « We will organize things so that the aid can go on the ground. This is why I will soon see the rescue teams, the NGOs. I hope that, in conjunction with the United Nations, we can have an aid organization on the ground that can reach the Lebanese, the population, that's what we need. »

JOURNALIST: Mr. President, when we say that you want to lay the foundations for a contract for the restoration of Lebanon, what do we mean by that? What's the contract?-----

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON: « I will explain later. I think civility dictates that I exchange first with the Lebanese authorities and political forces. I will report back to you and answer all your questions at the press conference. There, I give you the program. The most important thing is this, it is this fraternal solidarity towards the Lebanese people. »

JOURNALIST: Your feeling that you are in Lebanon for the first time, Mr. President, in a Lebanon in disaster.

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON: I'm not here for the first time.-----

JOURNALIST: No.-----

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON: Even if as President, you are right to say that this is a first visit in a hurry. I was saying this earlier because it's you, because it's us.-----

JOURNALIST Thank you Mr. President-----

FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON We will be there and we will not let go“/

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