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Iran envoy: Israel incapable of attacking Lebanon

BEIRUT: Israel has neither the power nor the ability to attack Lebanon, Iran’s Ambassador Ghazanfar Roknabadi said Wednesday. “The Israelis don’t have the strength to carry out any attack, and I don’t think they’ll have the call to do so,” he told the Daily Star’s Nasr Ezzeddine. “This does not mean that we will not face any attack. Israel would be automatically rendered a target,” he added. Roknabadi said Iran “chronically opposes any attack on Lebanon by the United States or Israel.”

Lebanese jailed in France raised banners in support

BEIRUT: The Lebanese Army and UNIFIL conducted a 3-day land-to-sea drill Wednesday in the southern border town of Naqoura. The drill involved 155mm artillery fire and heavy machine guns. It was based on land-to-sea exercises consisting of firing on sea-based targets. The drill involved 155mm artillery fire and heavy machine guns. It was based on land-to-sea exercises consisting of firing on sea-based targets. The drill involved U.N. peacekeepers carried out live-fire exercises Wednesday in the southern border town of Naqoura.

More than 33 percent of children in the north and nearly 40 percent in the Bekaa could not read and write. This was despite the fact that, in the Bekaa, the majority of illiterate children had attended school for at least 4 years. Like many of the children the ILO spoke to, they had left school because they weren’t successful or were not interested, and considered taking up jobs in their childhoods to be inevitable.

Lenaiv has ratified several conventions on child labor, including the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1995, and was one of the first countries in region to sign up to ILO Convention 182 in 1999 and 190, in 2000 and 2013. However, the incorporation of children within personal status laws makes it difficult to create clear-cut legal protections against child labor.

After two years of working, Monzar took it upon himself to seek further education, joining the Fourass Vocational Training Center, where he learned key computer skills, enabling him to keep his shop job.

“Before training, I wasn’t able to do anything. Hard but hands-on… Now, I’m sure my future will be better,” he said.