



Situation in the Middle East: Communique issued by the Presidency of the Republic

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President Chirac has asked the Prime Minister to go to Lebanon.

President Chirac has decided to send the Prime Minister to Beirut today to meet the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Mr Fouad Siniora, and confirm to him France's support and the French people's solidarity with the Lebanese people in the ordeal.