

Kfar Sir residents call for cleric's release

NOW Lebanon's correspondent reported on Sunday that residents of the Nabatiyeh village of Kfar Sir held a demonstration demanding the release of Sheikh Hassan Msheymish, who was detained in Syria in July 7 as he was heading to Saudi Arabia by land to perform umrah, or minor pilgrimage.

The Lebanese Shia cleric, known as a critic of Hezbollah, has been arrested in Syria on suspicion of spying for Israel.

The demonstrators called on Deputy Head of the Higher Islamic Shia Council Sheikh Abdel Amir Qabalan to work to uncover Msheymish's fate. The protestors also warned that they would escalate the situation if their demands are not heeded.

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