

Prominent Shiites condemn Hezbollah role in Syria

BEIRUT: A group of prominent Shiite figures sent a message to the Arab League Monday condemning Hezbollah's actions in Syria and asking that Lebanese Shiites not be held accountable as a community.

The Shiite delegation, led by former Ambassador Khalil al-Khalil, engineer Rashed Hamadeh and activist Lokman Slim, complained to Lebanon's Arab League Ambassador Abdel-Rahman Solh about the "direct interference by one of the Shiite parties in the cycle of violence in Syria."

Speaking on behalf of the "children of the Shiite sect," the delegation in its message emphasized that "the divisive party practices of this political group represent itself and its soldiers alone, and it bears sole responsibility.

They do not in any way represent the Lebanese Shiite community, nor do Lebanese Shiites bear the consequences [of their actions]."

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