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Omar Fakhoury erects a fake monument to Marika Spiridon, the Greek legend from the 50s who use to run a whore house in Moutanabi Street, Beirut.

Omar Fakhoury b. 1979 in Beit Chabab. The artist primarily works with painting, although he also explores video installations and site-specific urban sculptures and interventions. His work focuses on Lebanon's complex political and urban fabric.

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Russia's Interfax news agency quoted the officer in charge of a Russian truce monitoring center as saying the truces meant all military action would cease in the covered areas.

Damascus described the truces as an attempt to salvage a wider "cessation of hostilities" agreement in place since February. That cessation deal, sponsored by Washington and Moscow, allowed peace talks to start but has all but completely collapsed in recent days along with the



Syrians evacuate an injured man amid the rubble of destroyed buildings following an airstrike on the rebel-held neighborhood of Al-Qatarji, in Aleppo.

Geneva negotiations.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, discussed ways to strengthen the Feb. 27 cessation of hostilities during a phone conversation Friday.

A senior State Department official said the United States was seeking to halt fighting in Latakia and eastern Ghouta near Damascus as a test case to trying to revive the cessation of hostilities throughout the country, including in Aleppo.

Kerry and Lavrov also discussed the provision of humanitarian assistance to people living in blocked areas and the establishment of a sustainable political process.

In the worst recent attack, an airstrike destroyed a hospital in a rebel-held area overnight on Wednesday-Thursday.

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gears up for Trump in fall

WASHINGTON: Waves of campaign staffers are being dispatched to battleground states. Advisers are starting to consider locations for a splashy convention rally in Philadelphia. An army of lawyers is scrutinizing more than two dozen possi-

ble vice presidential picks. Though she has yet to clinch the Democratic nomination, Hillary Clinton and her team are taking steps into a general election campaign. Aides are working under the assumption that Republican front-runner

Donald Trump will be her opponent. Six months before the presidential election, they're looking beyond primary rival Bernie Sanders and preparing their candidate and party for what may be a hard-fought -

and personally ugly - fall campaign. Starting this week, Clinton campaign employees are being deployed to battleground states across the country, among them Ohio, Florida and Colorado. Democrats are also eyeing the possibility of making a run at traditionally Republican-leaning states such as Georgia, North Carolina and Arizona, calculating that Trump's controversy could put minority and female voters in play.

"Everybody's got their game face on," said Rep. Tim Ryan, who was going to South Dakota on the weekend to campaign for Clinton.

Aides from the primary are getting general election marching orders. Simone Ward, political director of the campaign committee for Senate Democratic races, will run Clinton's Florida operation. Emmy Ruiz, who led a crucial Nevada primary win for Clinton, will handle Colorado. Mike Vlacich led New Hampshire operations in the primary and will do the same in the fall.

"The sooner you can get up and running the better," said Dan Pfeif-fer, who advised President Barack Obama. "On the Republican side,

Trump has not built anything resembling the sort of field operation it takes to win."

Plans are also beginning to take shape for a convention that will prominently feature Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Michelle Obama, Bill Clinton and the vice presidential nominee. It's not clear what role Sanders will have.

Taking a page from Obama's 2008 convention address at Mile High Stadium in Denver, former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a close Clinton ally, is urging the campaign to hold a major speech – perhaps even Clinton's acceptance address – outside Independence Hall, where the Constitution was signed.

Clinton's campaign started the internal search for a running mate. People familiar with the process say that effort is in an early stage.

A team of lawyers is poring through information about a lengthy list of Democrats, among them Labor Secretary Tom Perez, Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown and Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine. Other names mentioned by party insiders include Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Minnesota Sen. Al Franken, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and Housing Secretary Julian Castro. No final decision until Republicans hold their convention.

The search for a running mate is being overseen by campaign chairman John Podesta and Clinton confidante Cheryl Mills, both of whom will help cull the list down to a handful of names in the coming weeks. Clinton advisers are debating whether it's more important to select a strong liberal champion from the Rust Belt to woo Sanders backers and cut into Trump's advantage with working-class white men, or to acknowledge her support among minority voters with a more history-making pick.

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White House 2016: Clinton | Hariri slams Iran over negative role in regional states' affairs



Hariri's talks with Erdogan focused on the situation in Lebanon, including the presidential vacuum.

By Hussein Dakroub

BEIRUT: Former Prime Minister Saad Hariri blasted Iran during a visit to Turkey Friday, saying its "negative interference" in the affairs of regional states is preventing the establishment of good ties with Tehran.

He also staunchly rejected report-

ed proposals for the election of a Lebanese president for two years, saying such a move needs an amendment of the Constitution.

Hariri spoke to reporters after holding talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Yildiz Palace in Istanbul.

The meeting, which lasted an hour and a half, focused on the situation in Lebanon, including the nearly 2-

repercussions of the Syrian crisis and latest developments in the region, according to a statement released by Hariri's media office. Hariri said Turkey can play "a big

year-old presidential vacuum, the

role" in stabilizing the volatile region, shaken by the 5-year-old civil war in Syria, turmoil in Iraq and Libya, and a raging war in Yemen.

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Saudi forces foil terror attack, two Daesh suspects killed

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act" Friday after closely monitoring two cars in the southwestern region of Aseer. One of the vehicles was carrying explosives, an Interior Ministry spokesman said in a statement.

Their drivers, aware that they were being followed, opened fire at security forces, prompting a car chase, the source said. Security aircraft intervened and

the suspects pulled over in a desert area as both sides traded fire, forcing the drivers to leave their cars and seek cover before the bombs in one car exploded, the spokesman added. Both suspects were killed in the

shootout that followed despite calls for them to surrender, the source said, adding that there were no casu-

alties among the security forces.

Investigations are ongoing to identify the two men, the source said. Friday's announcement came a day after a small bomb exploded

outside a highway patrol station in eastern Saudi Arabia, injuring a policeman, official media reported.

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The late Thursday attack happened in the Al-Ahsa region, the Saudi Press Agency said, citing a provincial police spokesman.

One member of the police force received "a minor injury" and five whiches were demond the vehicles were damaged, the spokesman added. "Authorities

started criminal investigations."

Most of Saudi Arabia's minority Shiites live in the kingdom's Eastern Province which includes Al-Ahsa, an oasis region where much of the Gulf country's oil reserves are located.

In January, a suicide bomber attacked a Shiite mosque in Al-Ahsa, killing two people and wounding seven during Friday prayers. It was the latest assault on members of Saudi Arabia's minority community, after earlier shootings and bombings claimed by the Daesh militants.

The group has also claimed attacks on Saudi security forces, most recently early this month when a police colonel was shot dead in the Riyadh area.

Earlier this year unrest including gunfire and explosions shook the eastern town of Awamiya after the execution of prominent Shiite preacher Nimr al-Nimr on Jan. 2. He was a driving force behind

protests that began in 2011 among Shiites and later developed into a call for equality in the kingdom. – *AFP*

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Protest in solidarity with Aleppo in northern Lebanon

A demonstration was held Friday in Lebanon's northern city of Tripoli in solidarity with the people of Aleppo, which has recently been rocked by fresh violence. dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News.ashx

➤ Hezbollah announces candidate list for Baalbek municipal polls Hezbollah announced Friday its candidate list for the Baalbek municipal elections in eastern Lebanon.

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➤ Mayor accuses hospital of causing death of 10-year-old

The mayor of a north Lebanon border town Friday accused a hospital of refusing to treat a 10-yearold Syrian boy, leading to his dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News.ashx

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