

Karami fights to hold Lebanon unity

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BEIRUT — Prime minister-designate Rashid Karami struggled Tuesday to keep Lebanon's new national unity government alive amid more fighting between Lebanon's Moslem and Christian factions.

Beirut radio said Karami, who announced his 10-man cabinet lineup Monday, telephoned some of the new ministers, apparently to discuss their refusal to join the national unity government.

Berri was in Damascus for talks with Syrian officials, who have been trying to broker an

end to Lebanon's nine-year civil war.

Walid Jumblatt, Berri's Druze Moslem ally, was considering rejecting his Cabinet post as head of tourism and public works, aides said.

Karami, 62, a pro-Syrian Sunni Moslem who served as prime minister nine previous times, remained optimistic his new government would hold together.

"All problems have a solution," Karami told the American Broadcasting Corp. radio network. "Berri is a friend and brother. We have cooperated before and we will continue to cooperate."

Asked whether his prospective Cabinet of five Moslems and five Christians had fallen apart, Karami replied, "I hope not." The first Cabinet meeting is scheduled for today.

Karami had no immediate comment on a report that Greek Catholic leaders "suspended" Joseph Skaff's appointment as information minister. Skaff is a former defense minister.

Karami last Thursday was asked by Christian President Amin Gemayel to form a new government with a mandate to unite the Moslem and Christian factions. He announced the

Cabinet without consulting the nominees.

Berri, leader of Amal, the powerful Shiite militia, almost immediately said he would not join the Cabinet as justice and hydroelectric utilities minister because it did not have 26 members as Gemayel agreed in talks with Syrian leader Hafez Assad.

As Karami tried to keep his new administration from collapsing, sectarian fighting erupted in Beirut.

Three people were reported wounded by sniper fire in the center of the capital, where Moslem militiamen face Christian gunmen and units of the Christian-led army across the

Green Line between east and west Beirut.

Police said several rockets and artillery shells crashed into Christian east and Moslem west Beirut in the morning. The fighting tapered off to machine-gun duels and sniping later in the day.

Christian leaders Camille Chamoun, an 84-year-old former president, and Pierre Gemayel, the president's father and founder of the right-wing Phalange party, were reported ready to accept Cabinet posts "only in spite of Berri and Jumblatt."

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Walesa sneaks in parade, flashes 'V-sign'

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WARSAW, Poland — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa sneaked into an official May Day parade held to mark the socialist observance of International Workers Day — in Gdansk Tuesday and flashed a V-for-unity sign in the face of Communist Party officials.

Dignitaries including the province's military governor "stiffened" when they saw the solidarity display, a witness said. One senior military officer turned his back on Walesa, who beckoned to riot police, who rushed at the marchers with rubber clubs swinging.

The police missed Walesa by several feet and the Nobel Peace Prize winner made his way safely home.

"We said what we feel ... We told them, right to their faces, what we think and what our opinions are," Walesa said.

The government's chief spokesman, Jerzy Urban, said

an embarrassment to the government, particularly since Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Communist Party leader, is leaving for Moscow in about a week to meet with Kremlin leaders.

Journalists reports indicated hundreds of people were detained or arrested. Official figures were unavailable.

Walesa sneaked into the parade with what witnesses said were about 10,000 supporters.

"The officials on the stand were stupefied. They didn't know what to do," one witness said.

Solidarity members surrounding Walesa unfurled banners and shouted slogans demanding freedom for more than 400 political prisoners held by the Communist regime, and called to onlookers to join the union's campaign to boycott national elections in six weeks.

The government's chief spokesman, Jerzy Urban, said

the version of events reaching him indicated Walesa "found no support in the streets, and returned home."

Urban described Solidarity's protest efforts nationwide as "pathetic."

Western correspondents watching parades and protests around the country counted 30,000 to 35,000 people involved on Solidarity's side, compared with Urban's assessment of less than 8,000.

But the union's turnout was less than half as big as it was for last year's May Day protests.

In Wroclaw, police used tear gas to disperse a crowd of 1,500 to 2,000 people shouting slogans such as "There is no freedom without Solidarity" and "Only the insane will turn out for elections."

Riot police in Warsaw blasted demonstrators with water cannons outside two churches and near the main gate of the Huta Warszawa steel plant.

A number of Western correspondents and their Polish staff were detained briefly at demonstration sites by police who seized notes, film, press credentials, audio tapes and video cassettes.

Among them were representatives of UPI, the New York Times, CBS-TV, the West German ARD network and the Spanish EFE agency.

At a May Day rally in downtown Santiago, Chile, attended by tens of thousands of government opponents, riot police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwing youths.

The rally, organized by an opposition coalition, was the first authorized by the military government since Gen. Augusto Pinochet overthrew Salvador Allende in 1973.

Marches in many European cities took on an anti-American tone as demonstrators protested U.S. policies in Central

America and missile deployments in Western Europe.

In France, 15,000 workers marched in three separate demonstrations through Paris, revealing the split in labor ranks caused by Socialist President Francois Mitterrand's austerity program.

In Britain, the Communist party declared a day of solidarity with coal miners who have been on strike for two months.

May Day speakers in Havana protested U.S. sea, land and air maneuvers in the Caribbean, including a mock assault at the Guantanamo naval base.

Some 50,000 Brazilian workers protested two decades of military rule at May Day rallies in Sao Paulo.

Drug crackdown results in killing

United Press International

BOGOTA, Columbia — President Belisario Betancur declared a state of siege Tuesday following the machine-gun assassination of a justice minister whose death was believed linked to his crackdown on Columbia's billion-dollar drug trade.

"This is a sad time for our country. But we will not permit anyone to attempt to destroy our society," Betancur said in a nationwide broadcast hours after Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla died in a blast of machine-gun fire.

"We will, above all, advance our war against the drug traffickers," Betancur said. "We will win because there is no hurry on our part to avenge the death of our patriot, Lara Bonilla."

Betancur extended nationwide a state of siege already in effect in four of the nation's provinces and called an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss security measures. National police and the military were put on alert.

Under the state of siege, all guarantees under the constitution are suspended.

After his statements, Betancur led cabinet ministers and military officials to a cathedral a block from the presidential palace for a service honoring Lara.

Thousands of people, many waving white handkerchiefs, lined the streets during the procession.

Lara, 40, who took office only eight months ago, began a tough campaign against the drug trade within weeks of his appointment, charging that crime families were influencing political elections with "dirty money."

Fifty-seven percent of the marijuana and 50 percent of the cocaine illegally imported into the United States comes from Columbia, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

He had reported receiving death threats connected to the crackdown on drug traffickers.

Lara was slain Monday night by two assassins on a motorcycle as he traveled home in his cream-colored Mercedes Benz escorted by a police car and a station wagon carrying his four personal bodyguards.

The man on the back of the motorcycle opened fire with a submachine gun at an intersection, blasting the minister's car with more than 20 bullets, and hurled a grenade that stopped the police car, police said.

Lara was hit 13 times in the head, chest and arms by bullets that smashed through the windows, doors and seats of his Mercedes.

His bodyguards leaped out of their station wagon and opened fire with submachine guns, killing the driver, Ivan Dario Guisao, and wounding the rider, Byron Velasquez Arena.

Both were armed with sub-machine guns and wearing bulletproof vests, authorities said.

Velasquez, 23, said he and Dario each were offered \$20,000 in Medellin, Columbia, to kill a high government official, police said. He refused to say who paid them, and denied knowing the victim was Lara.

Medellin, 150 miles northwest of Bogota, is considered the center of Columbia's drug trade.

El Tiempo, a Bogota newspaper, reported Tuesday that in an interview four hours before his assassination Lara had again said he feared for his life.

"These guys are out to kill me, and I have to take all kinds of precautions," Lara told the newspaper.

Lara, a former senator, had been scheduled to take an ambassadorial post within a month, a government official said.

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