

**Lebanon to protest to Arab League after spillover Syrian fire kills two Agencies, The National
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BEIRUT // Lebanon yesterday condemned the spillover of fire from Syrian rebel and regime forces onto its territory and said it would protest to the Arab League after artillery fire killed two people on Sunday.

"The safety of every Lebanese citizen and village is the responsibility of the Lebanese state, and any attack from any side is unacceptable," social affairs minister Wael Abu Faour said after a ministerial meeting.

He said the foreign ministry would "undertake all necessary measures and communications to ensure all sides bear their responsibilities and do not repeat such attacks."

Mr Abu Faour said the measures would include "the preparation of a memorandum to the Arab League", which would "protest ... any attack regardless of which party was responsible for it."

The decision, taken by select ministers of the Hizbollah-dominated caretaker government, comes a day after two separate incidents of fire spilling over from Syria.

Two rockets fired from Syria exploded in the Lebanese border village of Al Qasr on Sunday, killing one person and wounding two, a Lebanese security official said.

Two more rockets landed in a nearby village of Hawsh, killing a 13-year-old boy and damaging two homes, the official said, adding that it was unclear who fired the rockets from Syria.

Also yesterday, British foreign secretary William Hague said that the United Kingdom is increasingly concerned there is evidence of that chemical weapons have been used in Syria. Mr Hague said such allegations must be urgently investigated, telling British MPs that those who have ordered the use of such weapons "will be held to account".

He reiterated that no decisions have been made to arm Syrian rebels but stressed that Britain and France are convinced a European Union arms embargo will need to be amended or lifted altogether. The embargo expires at the end of May.

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