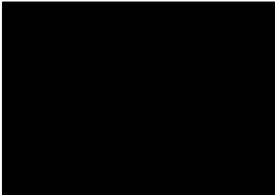
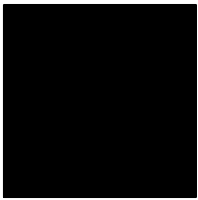


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## Introductory Analysis:

### Actor Mapping of Security Stakeholders in Lebanon

**Introduction:** The intent of this report is to produce a short analysis of significant stakeholders that influence Lebanon's security environment. The report is designed as an introduction to the stakeholders within Lebanon for quick reference by both informed and newer staff of SSCL Members.

It is imperative to understand Lebanon's stakeholders from the context of Lebanon's security environment. Due to Lebanon's weak central government a system of Confessionalism has divided many of its regions into nearly autonomous ideological, political, and religious zones. Some groups are considered heavily armed and organized, while others decentralized with limited capabilities.

The Syrian Crisis has introduced a new challenge to Lebanon's security environment, causing divides amongst large portions of Lebanon's confessionals into Pro-Syrian Government and Pro-Opposition camps. The large influx of Islamic Armed Opposition Groups (IAOGs) has destabilized Lebanon's security, and escalated conflict between Lebanese Armed Groups (LAGs). The Syrian Crisis has divided groups within the already volatile Palestinian camps in Lebanon. Palestinian camps have seen an increased incursion of IAOG's and hostility with Armed Groups (AGs) who are sympathetic to the Syrian Government.