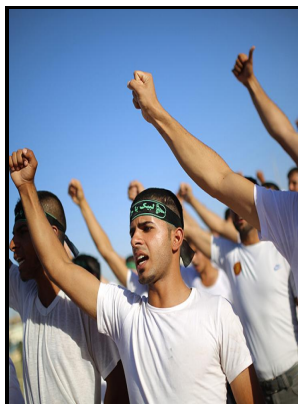


# Lebanese Shia and political violence

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### Lebanese Shia Muslims

Integrated Regional Information Networks IRIN.

### Lebanon is experiencing a social revolution

They have no place to go if the protests fail and each sect goes back to its leader. Growing concern is the increased willingness of the Lebanese authorities to use brute force against both peaceful and violent protesters. At the end of January, Lebanon suffered four consecutive days of mass riots in its northern city of Tripoli, injuring more than 400, including 40 soldiers.

### Lebanon: state paralysis foments political violence

The syncretic beliefs of the , typically classed as an Isma'ili splinter sect with influences, spread into the area of the Beqaa valley and possibly also Jabal Shuf starting in the 9th century. The made a brief stop in Beirut on 4 August 1957 while on a global tour of Nizari Isma'ili centres, drawing an estimated 600 Syrian and Lebanese followers of the religion to the Beirut Airport in order to welcome him.

### What Does It Mean to Be a Shia in Lebanon Today?

Shia leaders and supported educational reforms in order to improve the social and political marginalization of the Shia community and increase their involvement in the newly born nation-state of Lebanon.

### The Lebanese Shi'a and Political Violence

If Hezbollah responds with force, so be it.

### Lebanon: state paralysis foments political violence

While Aramaic was spoken by the rural populations, Greek was spoken in the urban communities and among traders; became the only fully

speaking city in the whole east. The speaker of Parliament, Nabih Berri, has occupied the post since 1992.

### **What Does It Mean to Be a Shia in Lebanon Today?**

Furthermore, the group tries to incite fear within us and our families through cyberbullying and threats. Thus, pressure on the Christian president is met with resistance from key Christian politicians and the church, while targeting the Sunni prime minister is cast by political and religious figures as targeting the Sunni sect as a whole.

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