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-- LEBANON CHARTING THE COURSE FOR INDEPENDENCE --

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) yesterday meet with members of the Lebanese leadership, including President Elias Haraoui and Lebanon's Consul General Antoine Chedid, to discuss the future of Lebanon in the New World Order, and its role in the Middle East peace process.

"We see the world changing almost instantaneously and Lebanon must react to those changes," said Rahall.

The luncheon, hosted by Archbishop Francis M. Zayek, Bishop of Saint Maron-U.S.A., was held in New York City.

"Lebanon is taking all the necessary steps to regain control of their borders. They have a vast array of bright, articulate leaders who know the dangers of the situation in that region and are ready to face whatever challenges lay ahead," said Rahall.

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