

**Lebanese speaker set to make oil committee appointments**

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Lebanese Speaker Nabih Berri has been in talks to make appointments to the committee responsible for oil exploration off the country's Mediterranean shore.

Parliamentarians representing the speaker's Amal Movement told the National News Agency on Wednesday that the appointments would be an important step to improve Lebanon's economic situation.

The MPs quoted Nabih Berri as calling for "the continuation of parliamentary work."

March 14 has boycotted the parliament after the October 19 car bomb in Beirut assassinated Internal Security Forces intelligence chief Wissam al-Hassan and killed two others.

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