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... told reporters after an emergency security meeting.

"This does not mean these detainees carried out the attack... but the investigations will show who is responsible," he said. The city and security agencies would bolster assurances to "maintain security and stability", Hajjar added, and violations would be treated "with all seriousness".

The French government also condemned the attack. "France calls on the Lebanese security forces to guarantee the security of the helmet peacekeeping forces, and calls Lebanon's judicial authorities to shed all light on this unacceptable attack and to go after those responsible," the French foreign ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

The United States earlier condemned the attack. A State Department statement said

The deadline was later extended until Feb 18. Both sides have accused the other of violations, and the Israeli military has continued to carry out strikes in Lebanon.

A senior Israeli security official said on Thursday that the military was prepared to withdraw from Lebanese territory and hand over areas to the Lebanese army "within the timeline" set by the US-French-mediated ceasefire agreement. His comments came as the Israeli military said late Thursday that its air forces struck Hezbollah military sites "containing weapons and launchers".

Also on Thursday, Lebanon's parliamentary speaker Nabih Berri said the United States had informed him that, while Israel would withdraw on Feb 18, "it will remain in five locations", adding that Beirut rejected the demand.—Agencies

knife attack

VIENNA: A 14-year-old boy died and four other people were injured in a knife attack in southern Austria on Saturday, police said, adding they have arrested a 23-year-old Syrian asylum seeker.

"A man randomly attacked passers-by with a knife," police spokesman Rainer Dionisio told this news agency of the incident in the city of Villach.

"One victim, a 14-year-old boy, died."—AFP

's fountains with muddy water

... the city said in a statement. There was a spill of water and mud into monumental fountains of Piazza and Piazza Farnese supplied by aqueduct," it said. Technicians "immediately took action to assess any damage, clean the basins and monitor the situation," saying the normal flow could be restored by Sunday morning.

According to utility ACEA, which manages the aqueduct, "the event was caused by the heavy rains of recent days, which led to a significant increase in the murkiness of the aqueduct springs".

The fountains were reopened to the public in December after a months-long operation to clean them. The city said the spill would not cause any damage to the

basin surfaces once re-cleaned.

The Fountain of the Four Rivers, designed by Bernini in 1651, is the centerpiece of the baroque Piazza Navona. The pair of fountains in nearby Piazza Farnese are made from original Roman basins believed to come from the Baths of Caracalla, with additions from the early 17th century.—AFP



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