



He said the committee was putting pressure on the government to appoint an independent civil aviation body. "The airport cannot continue as part of the government, of the ministry of transport, it has to be under the authority of an independent body," Kabbani added.

Lebanese Interior Minister Nohad Mashnouk told the daily As-Safir newspaper last week that the airport has "serious problems that should no longer be overlooked."

He said London and Paris have suggested they may halt flights to the Rafik Hariri International Airport, named after Lebanon's former premier who was assassinated in 2005, but that they have not made a final decision pending measures taken by Beirut.

Early last year, the European Union sent a memo to the government informing it of a decision to stop transporting goods from the Beirut airport after Lebanon failed to meet EU standards for air transportation safety.

British Airways became the first to implement the EU's decision and banned cargo flights from Beirut on March 1.



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