

Hundreds rally over poor living conditions in Lebanon

Hundreds of Lebanese on Friday protested the continued deterioration in living conditions and the severe collapse in the value of the Lebanese pound. Other protests erupted across Lebanon, including the northern city of Tripoli where protesters blocked roads because of high prices and poor living conditions. Demonstrations were also reported in Sidon and Jiyeh, southern Lebanon, because of the collapse of the currency. Last week, the pound fell to 10,000 to the dollar, putting further pressure on the already deteriorating economy and living conditions. The latest economic fallout comes amid a continued failure to form a new government since Prime Minister Hassan Diab's government resigned six days after a catastrophic explosion rocked Beirut's port in August. The blast killed more than 200 people. Protesters confirmed that the protests would continue until the governing system is abolished.