

Helicopters to Lebanon

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BEIRUT — Russia will provide the Lebanese army with free helicopters, tanks and munitions in a deal that will boost the country's poorly equipped military, officials said Tuesday.

Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri said in a statement that the aid includes six helicopters, 31 tanks, 130 mm caliber cannon shells and about half a million different munitions for medium-sized weapons and artillery shells.

The statement, which followed Hariri's talks in Moscow with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Tuesday, did not say when the aid would be delivered.

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