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Special Tribunal for Lebanon: Some Preliminary Reflections

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The United Nations Security Council, on 30 May 2007 adopted Resolution 1757 for the establishment of a Special Tribunal for Lebanon, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. The purpose of this Special Tribunal of an international character is to prosecute persons responsible for the attack of 14 February 2005 resulting in the death of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri and in the death or injury of other persons. The present article focuses on the jurisdiction and nature of the tribunal and addresses some systemic issues that arise in the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

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