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LEIDSCHENDAM (AP) - The president of a UN-backed tribunal set up to prosecute the assassins of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri made an impassioned plea for Lebanese to give the court a chance to show it can dispense impartial justice. Italian Judge Antonio Cassese also told Lebanese journalists visiting the Special Tribunal for Lebanon he hopes prosecutors will issue an indictment by December in the 2005 truck bombing that killed Hariri and 22 others on Beirut's Mediterranean waterfront.