

Bitter memories



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Hundreds of sympathizers and supporters and tens of relatives and families bearing pictures of their loved ones missing since the civil war ended held a three-day commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the start of the war with a protest at Martyrs Square in downtown Beirut.

Hundreds of participants signed two petitions, one calling for declaring April 13 a National Day for Remembrance and to construct a monument to all the victims of the civil war, with the other urging the

government and the world to intensify the search for missing persons.

The coordinators of the campaign, Paul Ashqer and Huda Hilwani, told The Daily Star that "the campaign has established the day as the National Day of Remembrance. We are certain the government will declare it officially. Along with other social and humanitarian organizations, we have been organizing this event since 4 years. This year attracted more supporters from all sections of the population."