The Guardians of the Cedars National Lebanese Movement





Mission:

Defend Lebanon - the geography, the history and the great heritage.

Vision of Lebanon

It's normal for every political party to seek power and authority; this is one of the goals of the Guardians of the Cedars, but this ambition differs in core from the rest of the political parties present in Lebanon, in a sense that they lack the vision, the political target and program.

The small number of parties that have these characters either:

- 1. Imported their ideology or have an ideology that is strange to the Lebanese customs and traditions (Hizbullah and the Islamic Unification Group).
- 2. Contrary in essence to the nature of Lebanon, its history and geography (SPSP, Baath party).
- 3. Empty of any substance. This equates its presence and absence on the political theater.

The "Guardians of the Cedars" party has its political program and ideology stemming from Lebanon's history, geography and great heritage. Its aim is to preserve this heritage. I dare to say that this program is the most daring and comprehensive national pact to be proposed in Lebanon since 1943.

The basic priorities of the program are as follows:

THE LIBIRATION OF LEBANON FROM FOREIGN FORCES

Liberating Lebanon constitutes the main and insistent target of all Lebanese from all communities and sects. Security, political and economical stability could never be achieved without the complete liberation of Lebanon from all the foreign forces that occupies it.

These forces are:

- 1. The Syrian hegemony which is the foundation of all other occupations. Syria has a historic greed to make Lebanon the western province of greater Syria.
- 2. The occupation of the unfaithful Palestinians that destroyed Lebanon.
- 3. The uncivilized Iranian occupation that seeks the destruction of Lebanon's cultural identity and push it backward to the old ages.

Cutting down the number of foreigners in Lebanon after they have exceeded 50% of the total sum of Lebanon's population (internationally the average is 5%). Visas of entry must not be given without thorough checking and taking into consideration Lebanon's security and supreme interests.

Confiscating the Palestinian properties, companies and stock shares in Lebanon as a compensation for the Lebanese losses during the Palestinian wars on them.

BUILDING A MODERN STATE

The task of building a modern state comes right after the liberation of the land and it includes a program with a timetable for all sectors and departments, internal and external, as follows:

Internal Affairs

- Declaring that Lebanon is Lebanese without any other quality whether it is Arabic or non-Arabic.

- Declare Lebanon a secular country, eliminate sectarianism and open the door for all the qualified Lebanese to be part of government regardless of religion and sect.
- Exclude all the traditional politicians from government and form a special juridical panel to try them with the charge of destroying the country.
- A massive discharge of all the government employees who lived on bribery and corruption and open the door for new and specialized personnel.
- Ban all political parties that imported their ideologies and political programs from outside Lebanon.
- Abolish the law that entitles foreigners to buy and own land or property in Lebanon and produce a new decree that allows the government to retake the properties that were previously sold to foreigners.
- Abolish the normalization law. The honor of the Lebanese nationality must only be given to the distinct and those who served Lebanon well.
- Solve the case of the Lebanese newspaper's submission to foreign financing (almost all the papers were pro-Palestinian during the war).
- Purify the juridical body and make it a truly independent authority. All Lebanese must be equal in front of the law.
- Release a new electoral law that reflects the ambitions of the Lebanese and that opens the door for a wide participation in the electoral process.
- Declare the Lebanese language as the official language of Lebanon.
- Substitute the Arabic alphabet with the alphabet devised by the Lebanese philosopher Said Akl, who restored the letter to its Phoenician origins after liberating it from the defacement that was caused by the Arabic language. The Arabic language became very old and it does not respond to the rapid development in our age because it is abnormal to think in one language and write in another one. It is worthy to note that we have a superior command of the Arabic language and our decision to abandon it does not stem from an ignorance complex.
- Finance the establishment of research centers in Lebanon to attract Lebanese intellectual brains both inside and outside Lebanon.
- Organize and link the 12 million Lebanese expatriates to their homeland.

Social

- Demolish all shanty towns that surrounds the capital Beirut or the other big cities and ensure descent housing for those who receive minimum wages.
- Ensure free education for all Lebanese and place all state hospitals under the supervision of the medical school at the Lebanese University.
- Education should be free of charge for all the Lebanese from the elementary school up till the university and the Lebanese University must have branches in directorates.
- Education must also be compulsory up till high school and those who fail must be fined.
- Start an intensive program to eradicate illiteracy.
- Replace the old educational curriculums (schools and universities) with new and developed ones.

Economic

- Develop a new agricultural policy in the countryside.
- Lighten the taxes on newly built factories provided that these factories are in rural areas as a procedure to decrease pollution in the cities and resolve the problem of population density in them.

- Encourage the light industries at the level of the individuals and the families in order to raise the per capita income of the Lebanese individuals.
- Plan a new tourist policy that would promote the cultural value of Lebanon through the ages.
- Fight unemployment through cutting down the number of foreign hand in Lebanon.

Security

- Build a strong army with a firm Lebanese national doctrine.

Foreign Affairs

- Build normal relations with the international community and with neighboring countries that are firmly established on mutual respect and based on the Lebanese supreme interests. Reject any distinctive relationship under the slogans of fraternity or else that were used by the traditional politicians as a cover-up for their cowardice.
- Withdraw Lebanon from the Arab League to eliminate the quality that designates Lebanon as an Arab country.

The party calls for an alliance between all the people of the Mediterranean sea (MPA, Mediterranean People Alliance). It is normal for the Lebanese to look to the sea when seeking alliances because historically speaking, the sea was the playground of the Phoenicians and on its beaches they spread their culture.

The Political Program of the Party

The following is an outline of the political program that, in our opinion, is required to lift Lebanon out of its deadly crisis and put it back on the road to prosperity.

- Restore Lebanon's authentic identity that is unqualified with any outside label, shield it away from any Arab-Arab or Arab-Israeli conflict, engage the country in the regional peace process on the sole basis of Lebanon's highest interests, and establish relationships with the surrounding countries from the standpoint of Lebanon's unadulterated sovereignty and on the basis of full equality and reciprocity.
- 2. Establish a secular State based on the separation of State and Religion, and adopt the Basic Law of Lebanon's Constitution after abolishing the Taef Agreement. Open up the doors of opportunity to all Lebanese to hold any public office, including the highest posts, irrespective of the religious affiliation of the candidates for these posts and based solely on their merit, competence, and loyalty to their country. Strengthen democratic practices in civil and public life, sanctify responsible freedoms, and meticulously respect human rights.
- Create a powerful professional army on the basis of sound patriotic foundations and an authentic Lebanese ideology. Equip this army with the most modern weapons and military equipment, and entrust it with the mission of protecting Lebanon with its own resources without any associate or external partner and after disarming the illegal organizations and dismantling them completely and permanently.
- 4. Close the doors to all future naturalizations, and abolish all suspicious naturalizations carried out since 2000 and to this date. The issue of foreign residents present on our soil in huge numbers should be tackled, including the deportation of those eligible for deportation to their home countries and allowing only a select number of foreign residents to stay according to the country's needs not to exceed the threshold proportion of 6% of the Lebanese population.
- 5. Abolish the Land Ownership for Foreigners Law and reevaluate the suspect real estate transactions that took place since 2000 and to this date, confiscate all lands that were illegally sold, and slam a complete ban on selling land to foreigners with the exception of property allocated to foreign consulates and embassies.
- 6. Dissolve all parties and political movements with foreign affiliations, and combat all imported ideologies, especially those espousing fundamentalist tendencies based on religious fanaticism, and encourage political parties that pledge their allegiance to Lebanon.
- 7. Establish free education to all Lebanese nationals from kindergarten through college graduation, and impose mandatory education up to at least the Middle School level. Modernize educational programs in line with the norms of our present time, adopt Lebanese language as the official language, and

- establish Lebanese heritage and modern languages as the foundations for such programs. Eliminate illiteracy within a short period of time.
- 8. Elaborate a novel electoral system that secures equitable and fair representation, expresses the genuine aspirations of the popular will, abolishes political and religious feudalism and the domination of the ballot system by financial capital or any other factor that stands in the way of the will of the voter.
- 9. Lay off the excessive bureaucracy of State administrations and retain only the elite. Modernize public administrations and institutions and give them modern foundations and state-of-the-art technology and equipment.
- 10. Achieve free medical care for all Lebanese and social security for all senior citizens.
- 11. Create links between Lebanon the homeland and Lebanon the Diaspora. Organize the widespread Lebanese emigration and put its enormous resources to the service of the Lebanese Cause. Grant Lebanese citizenship to the emigrants, and involve them in parliamentary and presidential elections and in decisions about the destiny of their homeland.
- 12. Empower the Ministry of Culture to encourage literature, arts and sciences and to sponsor Lebanese creativity.
- 13. Attract and encourage Lebanese brainpower that is available both inside and outside Lebanon and employ it in scientific research laboratories to contribute to human advancement and the discovery process. Modern societies are judged by the number of scientific laboratories established on their soil.
- 14. Strengthen the Ministry of Tourism by elaborating a new tourism policy that is commensurate with Lebanon's distinct and rich resources in this area. Reduce the dependency of the tourism industry on summer seasons because of their limited resources and many problems.
- 15. Strive to provide employment to all those in working age and offer equal opportunities to all. Combat unemployment and reduce class differences.
- 16. Encourage local industries, especially light industries, and open up world markets to export Lebanese goods and services.
- 17. Implement the Green Program within a few years, reclaim lands, adopt agricultural mechanization, secure the consumption of local production in order to support Lebanese farmers, improve conditions in the countryside, reduce the rate of human depletion of the Mountain, and bring an end to migration to the capital and other seaside cities.
- 18. Stand up to for-hire-media by dedicating monies to support local media outlets, and forbid them from receiving monetary support from foreign sources to prevent today's media loyalties to outsiders.
- 19. Eliminate the metastasizing shantytowns from around the capital and other Lebanese cities.
- 20. Empower the Ministry of the Environment to transfer factories and plants from the cities to the peripheries.
- 21. Adopt widespread decentralization of the administration, increase the prerogatives of the Provinces and Districts, and establish university campuses in all under-served remote Lebanese regions.

There are four requirements for the implementation of this program:

- First, liberate every inch of Lebanese soil from the Syrian and Iranian occupations and their proxies as a pre-requisite for liberating Lebanese will and decision-making.
- Second, have an absolute faith in the Lebanese nation with its full and unique attributes, united in its territory, people, and history, and establish foundations for secularization as a means to renewal and change.
- Third, statesmen of the highest caliber are needed to execute this program, with the attributes of knowledge, heroism, and sanctity as mentioned before, who put Lebanon's highest interests above all other interests.
- Fourth, dismiss the political establishment that led Lebanon to the present state of destruction until it is brought to justice in a court of law.

The Lebanese people must realize that they stand today at a historic and dangerous crossroads. They have only two choices: Either they take on the task of liberating their nation by making tough decisions with genuine determination and creative ideas that will return Lebanon to the ranks of the civilized world and to its lost glory, or they persist in a state of subjugation and submission to traditional politics that stand on half-baked solutions, dependency, subservience, surrender, rivalry, and duplicity, and keep their future dark and unknown... They have been warned!!