



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

No one is putting too much hope in the consultations meetings. In fact, everyone is aware that the failures of the Dialogue table earlier this year will not be corrected by today's Consultations table, particularly since the faces have not changed, the points of contention remain the same, the intentions are not clean, and every side is promoting a platform that is in contradiction with the others. So much so that Lebanon has become similar to a cart being pushed by two horses, except each is pushing in the opposite direction. The most that the Lebanese are expecting out of these sterile meetings is buying time with the hope of a miracle or the return to a charged and tense atmosphere.

We chose from the beginning not to be a part in this detestable conflict. Instead we chose to remain on the side of the people who have lost their confidence in everything, who have given up on everybody, loyalists and opposition alike, because the former has not delivered on anything since it took power, and the latter was never up to the task, indeed some in the opposition led the country to a futile war that destroyed what strength it still had.

But the ongoing dispute over the status of the government requires us to clarify a few points as follows:

1- If the intent to bring down the government is to push the country to a constitutional vacuum, the majority of the Lebanese would prefer to stick by the government in spite of its defects instead of ushering into an uncertain future, and wait for a more propitious circumstances to modify it or change it altogether.

2- If the intent to bring down the government is to achieve the objectives of the Syrian regime of halting the creation of the international court and obstructing the implementation of resolution 1701 and all the resolutions that preceded it, the fact is that the majority of the Lebanese are still in a state of hostility vis-à-vis that regime and is impatiently waiting for that court to be created in order to see the criminals that have wantonly shed Lebanese blood be made to stand before it one after the other. The majority of the Lebanese also wants to implement all international resolutions fully and promptly, and is keen on establishing the best relations with the United Nations; indeed, it wishes that the international custody of Lebanon embrace all of Lebanon for two reasons: First, so that the country is free once and for all from Arab, Syrian and Iranian custodianships, and second, because it is evident that the leaders of the international community are more attached to Lebanon than the country's own leaders.

3- And if the goal is to link Lebanon to the Syrian-Iranian axis that has caused so much suffering to the Lebanese, the majority the refuses Lebanon's thrust into the game of the regional axes, be they Arab or Iranian, and it won't accept any other axis but the Lebanese-Lebanese axis supported by the international community and no one else. And if the "blocking third" is the goal, the country is blocked anyway and political life is paralyzed, and there is no point paralyzing it even more than it is.

In the face of this extremely dangerous situation, we call on the young people of Lebanon to replace the idea of emigration with that of revolution, and take to the streets and turn the table on everyone's heads, and on those who gamble with their future and who barter over the fate of the country.

Lebanon , at your service

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