



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

Expressions of condemnation and denunciation are useless with this bloody and terrifying sequence that is ongoing on our soil since 1976 – note that we do not say 2004, as many say – and which looks like it will go on until further notice. They are worn out and faded, and are insufficient to deter the butchers and bloodsuckers from executing their criminal scheme which continues to engulf Lebanese figures one after the other for more than three decades.

We do not reproach the Lebanese government for resorting to the eulogizing and weeping over the martyrs because it is impotent at protecting itself, let alone its citizens. But our greatest admonition is to the great powers that resort to condemnations and denunciations without translating them into effective stances and deterrent measures capable of extricating Lebanon from the claws of the predatory beast that wishes the country ill around the clock, and putting an end to this criminal regime that sows death and terror in all directions, from Iraq to Lebanon to Gaza and beyond to Somalia.

If the intent from assassinating Pierre Gemayel, and before him Gebran Tueni and his companions, is to assassinate freedom in this country, they will surely fail because Lebanon and freedom are twins. That is how it has been throughout history and that is how it will always be. The Lebanese people are addicted to struggling for their freedom and their sovereignty and there is no place for surrender or submission, no matter how steep the costs are.

The Lebanese people were in awe at the position taken by President Amin Gemayel in the aftermath of this painful tragedy. He rose to the highest levels of national responsibility and became a beacon of courage, wisdom and self-restraint, something which is not foreign to a family that has dedicated itself to serving Lebanon and offered its sons in succession as martyrs on the altar of its sacred cause.

The Guardians of the Cedars Party, president, officers and members, that stood by the side of this deep-rooted family during the darkest hours of the War on Lebanon, stands again today by its side, and offers Sheikh Amin, his wife and his children its most sincere condolences, and prays to God to welcome this young martyr into His Heavenly abode in the manner of all the righteous martyrs.

Lebanon , at your service

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