



The Guardians of the Cedars issued the following communiqué:

International resolutions and Presidential statements continue to be issued by the Security Council in favor of Lebanon, to support its independence, sovereignty, and freedom which it recovered after three decades of Syrian occupation. So much so that Lebanon is now the leading country to benefit from the international community's care.

Yet, to the extent that the Lebanese feel that they are not abandoned by the world and that the umbrella of global safety protects their country, even as threats continue to loom against it and its leadership, the Lebanese remain concerned by the indifference of their government to that international momentum. At times, the government displays a lack of seriousness, at other times some caution, and still at other times a lot of hesitation in dealing with the interest of the international community, which allows despair to return to the already frustrated hearts and minds of the Lebanese people. What is required are firm, decisive and clear positions that blend the Lebanese will for emancipation and liberty and the international will for support and backing.

To this government we say: Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, though one thing is needed: Save Lebanon, and that rescue will come only with the application of international resolutions, without hesitation or wavering, particularly those that were issued over the past 18 months, specifically resolution 1559.

However, we do commend the government's position of rejecting the presence of weapons in the hands of the Palestinian organizations, and we urge the government to act decisively in disarming those organizations, particularly those that still receive their orders from the Syrian regime and carry out its orders in Lebanon. This is a prelude to disarming the remaining Lebanese organizations because the people will feel safe with only the weapons of the Lebanese legitimate armed forces and its internal security forces over every inch of the national territory.

Elsewhere, we were not surprised by the latest hateful and condescending speech by the Syrian President, nor by his defiance of the international community or his twisting of the truth and attacking the Lebanese people. This only confirms to us that the Syrian regime's objective of exerting its hegemony yet again over Lebanon is alive and well, in spite of the weakness and impotence of the regime. So we, and the Lebanese people with us, have to tell the Syrian President that Lebanon will remain a rebel against him and any other covetous mongerer, and that it will remain for its

people, all its people without exception, and that its land, all its land, no inch excepted, will remain intact. The Syrian ambition of annexing Lebanon has disintegrated forever when it came crashing against the rock of the authentic Lebanese resistance. He should convince himself of these facts and stop scheming.

Lebanon, at your service

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