



The Guardians of the Cedars issued the following communiqué:

If there still is anyone defending keeping the dummy of Baabda in place in order to preserve the dignity of the office of the president, it is time to recognize that his resignation would contribute to restoring that lost dignity, provided this time that he be replaced with an exceptional president with exceptional qualities under very exceptional circumstances. Of the most important of those exceptional qualities is that the new president be a savant, a hero and a saint after a succession of presidents over 60 years who were characterized by ignorance, cowardice and greed.

What Lebanon today needs is a president of a different mold than the previous presidents. He should be a statesman in the full sense of the term, someone who will bring back not only the dignity of the office, but the dignity of all the Lebanese Republic after it has hit rock bottom because of the short-sighted vision of the rulers and their inability to take courageous stances that would secure radical solutions to the chronic problems of the country, in addition to their dogged pursuit of their own self-interest at the expense of the people, the nation and the cause.

Indeed, the people are starving for change and by an overwhelming majority. But the people are afraid that change may be merely replacing one person with another and maintaining the same traditional approach in handling the tough issues by patching up and compromising, by adopting ambiguous positions and using delaying tactics, and by offering more concessions at the expense of the nations' highest interest.

What the people desire most, from deep within their souls, is a new president who rises from the same experience of pain and suffering that the people themselves experienced, which is from the core of the March 14 movement, its principles, objectives and highest national values, and not from the ranks of the opportunists who always seek office for the sake of the office and its glory and titles. The people ought not to be disappointed yet again, for we need to remember that the voice of the people is from the voice of God, and the wrath of the people is from the wrath of God.

Lebanon , at your service

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