



The Guardians of the Cedars issued the following communiqué

For the second time, attacks were repeated against the eastern regions and targeted isolated citizens in their security and livelihoods, while the band in power was content to issue statements of denunciation and condemnation, and to treat the problem with ointments and sedatives.

But if we were to look deeply at those events, we see that they are not merely a reaction to a comedy show as some would have us believe, but it is part and parcel of the general crisis situation in the country, and reflects the hidden part of the iceberg that contains tensions and frustrations, and there lies the danger.

The State, as usual, is absent and does not show up on the scene of events until after they happen, then it recedes to the background waiting for the next round to happen, at which point it appears again when it is too late, and so on and so forth. Nothing more remote from the logic of planning and preempting events before they occur.

It is superfluous to say that this anomalous situation cannot endlessly last, and it is not permissible for the State to continue handling it in this random and patchwork fashion. The government must make a decision and find radical solutions to this unprecedented phenomenon in the history of peoples, which is the phenomenon of the two States, the two Armies, and the duality of command and decision...Otherwise, the country is liable to all kinds of dangers.

The question that begs itself is: Why is this bullying of the eastern regions? The answer goes back to January 31, 1990, when the mad war erupted between the Lebanese Forces and the Army, which led to the fall of the Lebanese Forces, its disarming, the hunt of its leadership, and the displacement and exodus of its young men and women. This made it today an easy scapegoat after it was a solid fortress and represented hope for the Lebanese for the rise of a State that is capable, liberated and promising.

This is not to rub salt in the wound but to put a healing finger onto it. It is also to remind ourselves of the magnitude of the mistake that was committed then and whose negative consequences we will continue to endure for several generations to come, and without which we would not have sunken to the abyss of weakness and humiliation in which we live today.

The worst part of all this is that it is seemingly clear that we have not learned anything from the difficult lessons of the past... and this is a great catastrophe!!!

Lebanon , at your service

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