The Guardians of the Cedars National Lebanese Movement



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The President

The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

Finally, the Lebanese government has decided to dispatch the army to the South. For many years, it refused to do so for a number of absurd pretexts, such as refusing to protect the Israeli border, or that the Lebanese army is not capable of confronting Israel, or any other security justification based on deception and treachery merely aimed at stifling the truth and evading its own national responsibilities, thus abandoning the south to the custody of the Hezbollah organization.

What is noteworthy in this belated decision is that it occurred only after the approval of the Hezbollah organization, which means that Hezbollah owns not only the decision of peace and war, but also those critical decisions that govern policy and the fate of the country.

Going back to the recent and distant past, we should all be reminded that all those honorable Lebanese who repeatedly warned of the need to put an end to the anomalous duality of power and decision-making, and the coexistence of the State with Hezbollah's mini-state, and who warned of the danger of being dragged behind Syrian policy both during and after the Syrian occupation, of the consequences of joining the Syrian-Iranian axis, and of delaying a full implementation of resolution 1559 calling for disarming that organization...All those honorable Lebanese were subjected to vicious campaigns of slander and calumny in which they were accused of being American and Israeli agents. Some of them were physically eliminated, while others were slammed with fabricated legal prosecutions that led to their expulsion from the country and their enduring the pain of exile and the hardship of emigration.

Suffice it to say that the catastrophes that have befallen the country today are the inevitable outcome of accumulated fatal mistakes committed by the state and its corrupt political establishment, at least from the signing of the Taef Agreement to this date. It is time to say the complete truth, particularly during this absurd and mad war that is ravaging our land:

The real agents are those who pledged allegiance to the Syrian occupation for 30 years and who made Lebanon into a satellite of Syria and Iran, converting it into an open field where scores are settled with Western countries. That is what led us to where we stand today.

The real traitors are those who offered all kinds of political, military and moral support to the Hezbollah organization instead of supporting the national army, lifting its morale and deploying it to every corner of Lebanese geography, south, east and north.

The traitors and the agents are those chameleons who continue to appease the leadership of Hezbollah and who deceptively say that it is defending Lebanon and the dignity of the Lebanese, when in fact it is defending its existence and the sole interests of Syria and Iran.

As a result and for the sake of the absolute truth, we assert to the leadership of that organization that the Lebanese people, in their vast majority, are against this war and consider it an absurd and futile war that serves only the enemies of Lebanon. There is no

other goal for this war but the destruction of the country over its own people. Just go down in the streets and ask the people, and you will hear the answer.

Lebanon, at your service

Abu Arz August 11, 2006