



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

The six months deadline that the National Dialogue Conference had designated to begin implementing the decision of disarming the Palestinian groups operating in Lebanon is coming to a close, and so far there is no indication that the government has any intention of executing this decision which has the consensus of the highest political body in the country.

The Lebanese are concerned that the government will resort to its usual procrastination and stalling as it tries to avoid this hot file, in preparation to shelving it alongside all the other hot files that time has forgotten and for which solutions have become impossible.

What worries the Lebanese even more is that insidious intentions may be behind this stalling and may hide more sinister motives that could threaten the Lebanese entity at its foundations: First, the will to settle the Palestinian refugees under the cover of a fait accompli or an unavoidable evil, something which would result in a change in Lebanon's demographics and would thus eliminate its distinct cultural character that has been its raison d'être through the centuries; and second, the intention of holding on to the Palestinian weapons in order to use them as a counterbalance to the weapons of Hezbollah on the background of the undeclared sectarian conflict that is ongoing in the country.

We certainly hope to be mistaken in our fears, but our bitter experiences with this sick, impotent and dismembered regime, as well as the corrupt political class whose past is less than dishonorable in its treason to Lebanon and its sale to foreigners, make us unable to trust the ruling establishment and drive us to expect the worst.

We warn those in positions of responsibility against playing with fire on this dangerous issue that is threatening the future of Lebanon in its entirety, and we hope they will not commit this mortal sin, because the wrath of the Lebanese people and the curse of Lebanon will fall on them and follow them to their graves.

Lebanon , at your service

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