## The Guardians of the Cedars National Lebanese Movement



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The President

The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

There is no doubt that the farce of the sit-in that took place in Parliament was comical par excellence, its only redeeming benefit was to entertain the Lebanese people with some hilarity, depressed as they are by a charged atmosphere after 34 days of the mad war.

And if the MPs' intention from this stunt were some publicity and media attention, they got them. But if their intention was to lift the blockade as they claim, then they failed because the blockade was not lifted thanks to them as they imagine, but thanks to the international guarantees that committed themselves to carry out a surveillance of the air and sea ports and ensure that no weapons come pouring back to the illegal organizations operating from Lebanese soil, in accordance of resolution 1701.

And if the MPs had the necessary courage, they would have substituted a much more serious position for the charade of the sit-in, such as agreeing on a bill committing to the implementation of all UN resolutions on Lebanon, particularly those that demand the disarming of the Lebanese and non-Lebanese militias because these weapons are at the core of the present crisis, and were it not for these weapons, there would be no blockade and there would not have been a war to begin with.

But the problem of politics in Lebanon is that it is cowardly, and cowardice leads to lying, and lying leads to misleading, and misleading leads to evasiveness and postponement which, ultimately lead to the accumulation of crises, which become more complex and refractory to solutions.

The problem for the political establishment in Lebanon is that they are cowards, and their cowardice leads them to evade confronting crises by resorting to political charlatanism, such as the above-mentioned aristocratic sit-in or to deception, evasiveness and adopting vague positions.

The international confidence in Lebanon will remain missing as long as this pattern of disgraceful politics continues to control the political process in Lebanon. It is this pattern itself that made Western capitals hesitate in sending their troops to Lebanon and in delivering on their promised aid to keep the Lebanese economy afloat and rebuild it on solid foundations.

If only the politicians of Lebanon can recognize that depending on others is insufficient in resolving the problems of Lebanon, even if these others are the UN or its Security Council, together and jointly among all their members, because all the countries of the world cannot substitute for the Lebanese State.

But is there anyone hearing and listening? That is the question.

Lebanon, at your service

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