



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following weekly communiqué:

While the Maronite leaders are butting heads over an office that is only nominal and are up to their eyeballs in their endless wrangles and conflicts, which tarnished all the glories and gains that their predecessors achieved through their long history of struggle;

And while Bkerke watches in impotence at doing anything to control the situation inside the ranks of the Maronite community and so salvage what little remains of its political and moral influence;

At this very moment, the Palestinian, Iranian and Arab enemies of Lebanon are actively executing their conspiracy of taking hold of the country in collusion with internal forces, by buying vast expanses of “Christian” lands at unbelievable prices in order to alter the demographic distribution and establish geographically continuous sectarian mini-states. The first is an Iranian mini-state extending from the south to the Western and Northern Bekaa and encompassing Jezzine. The second is a Palestinian mini-state that is under preparation in the region East of Sidon, not to mention the vast real estate purchased, and being purchased, in the regions of the Matn, Byblos and Keserwan.

All the documents and reports indicate that this diabolical plot is afoot, while the national leadership, and the Maronite political and spiritual leadership in particular, are oblivious to it and are preoccupied with their futile and petty conflicts.

We are sounding the alarm, and we call on all the honorable people in Lebanon to speak up loudly and act with all means available to thwart this plot-conspiracy because Lebanon is not a forsaken land. We call on the See of Bkerke to take a vanguard stance that befits the historic role given to it, and to rectify the situation back to a correct course and put the country back on the track of salvation.

Your Eminence, prayers alone are not enough and Sunday sermons have become dull and ineffective. To continue imploring the Heavens absent decisive stances on the ground is no longer useful. Therefore, we call on you, in the name of the martyrs who died defending the land which is being sold and defiled, to recover the initiative and seize the decision-making and impose solutions before it is too late and before Lebanon falls, for then the curse of the

martyrs will be cast on everyone, in addition to the curse of the forefathers and also that of the Heavens.

Lebanon, at your service

Abu Arz

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