



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

The authorities did a good job in exposing the terrorist network that operates under the camouflage name of "Fatah Al-Islam" and which functionally operates at the behest of Syrian intelligence. This caused much relief among the Lebanese people and put their confidence back into the government that has finally proven, after much delay, that it can keep a watchful eye over the security of the country, even if minimally. This government does not lack the capability to monitor criminals, track them and dismantle their terror networks, when it makes up its mind about doing so and frees itself of the mentality of subservience and dependence that controlled it throughout the past 30 years.

What is noteworthy about this daring initiative is that the government has begun shedding the inferiority complexes and the fear vis-à-vis the Syrian regime, and has become ready to confront and expose its schemes and publicly accuse it of being behind these terrorist networks that aim to undermine security and stability in Lebanon in order to achieve goals known to everyone. The first, exact revenge on Lebanon for the forcible removal of Syria from Lebanese soil and the feverish attempts at regaining control over it through known bloody means. Second, seek by all means to abort the project of the international tribunal by terrorizing the Lebanese and deterring them against approving the tribunal.

On our behalf and on behalf of the Lebanese people, as we congratulate the government - and with it the security forces - for this major step, we do hope that it will not be an orphan step, but rather a prelude to new more courageous measures that include searching for the remaining terror networks, both sleeper and active ones, arresting their members and prosecute them without fear, hesitation or retraction, taking into account the metastasizing danger inside the security zones, surrounding them and subjecting them to the authority of the State, cleaning them of weapons, gunmen, mercenaries and for hire criminals, now that they have been proven beyond doubt to be fertile ground and incubators for all manner of terrorism and terrorists.

On the occasion of the Cedars Revolution of March 14, 2005, we remind those in the political class who assassinated the revolution willingly or unwillingly, that its slogans and goals remain etched in the memory of the Lebanese and in their hearts, and that escaping the vortex of the existing crisis can occur only by going to the sources of that revolution and achieving its objectives and slogans. This, of course, if they are serious in their search for solutions and for

pumping life back into the veins of the State and building the Third Republic. Any action outside this framework will remain sterile and useless, and is merely for killing time and sedating people.

Lebanon, at your service

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