



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

So the weapons are flowing into Lebanon, and so are the terrorist networks. The borders are a free for all as usual, and bombs move freely from one place to another, some of them set to explode and others merely to scare and terrorize. All of them are messages to the Lebanese bearing one headline: Beware of approving the International Tribunal, for we have the power to burn and destroy your country over your heads.

The more dangerous message remains, though, the chemical bombs that were found near the Ain Al-Helwi Camp, which clearly indicates that the forces of evil wishing ill to Lebanon will take their diabolical plan to the bitter end and that their terror networks are set to take off at zero hour now that they possess the most advanced weapons of mass killing.

In the midst of these terrifying circumstances, the Lebanese people are unanimously wondering: Where is the State doing with all that is occurring around it? What is it doing to protect its citizens, other than engaging daily in droning arguments with its opponents? And how have these dangerous chemical substances made it deep into the country without the security watchdogs noticing them? And if the State is impotent at facing the economic, social, livelihood and other problems, why can't it devote itself with all its power to facing the security problem on the basis of "security before the daily bread"?

We believe that the security forces are able, albeit with their current meager capabilities, to significantly control security in all regions according to the following process:

First, the State must make the bold political decision of declaring war on terrorism in all Lebanese regions and declaring a general State of Emergency. It must instruct the security forces to unrelentingly hunt down the terrorist networks, raid their hideouts and arrest their members irrespective of how important id the party or parties that back them. The State must not rescind its decision no matter how great the pressures that may applied on it.

Second, the State must begin disarming the Palestinian organizations inside and outside the camps, in application of the decision of the National Dialogue Conference, particularly since the chemical bombs found near the Ain Al-

Helwi Camp have provided the State with the incentive to proceed rapidly in implementing this decision.

Third, the State must act to strengthen the Intelligence Services in particular and disseminate them everywhere to be the watchdogs that observe, investigate and uncover the activities of the terrorists. They must be enabled to preempt events before they happen.

Fourth, the State must openly, publicly, and courageously declare the identity of the party that exports weapons and explosives into Lebanon and stands behind the terror networks, backing this public exposure with evidence and proofs of that party's responsibility. The State must cease its policy of covering up and protecting for these networks, since uncovering their identities before public opinion goes a long way to defeating them.

This is a serious and urgent matter which can no longer be delayed. The State must immediately make up its mind if it wants to salvage the country and win the trust, respect and support of the people. Short of this, any dereliction is tantamount to collusion, and then it would be too late for regrets.

Lebanon , at your service

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