



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

Only the article calling for the withdrawal of the Syrian army from Lebanon has so far been implemented of resolution 1559. All the other articles calling for the disbanding and the disarming of the Lebanese and non-Lebanese militias remain unimplemented. That is what the semi-annual report to the UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon says.

This state of affairs not only describes the extremely bad reality of Lebanon, but it also describes the impotence of the United Nations at implementing its resolutions and its only recourse to issue periodic reports that contain elaborate narratives which, sad to say, merely point to the problem but do not address it.

Three years have passed and to this date resolution 1559 remains a piece of paper, like all the many other resolutions, such as 1701. All that the international community can do is use the diplomacy of persuasion, wishing, mendacity and implementation by mutual consent, in addition to imposing a few partial sanctions, all of which does not do much to dissuade the concerned countries against their flagrant in-your-face defiance of the international organization. So much so that the Lebanese no longer count on these resolutions and some even consider them like a check without credit.

Once cannot overstate the fact that the credibility of the United Nations is intimately coupled to the implementation of its resolutions, and not implementing those resolutions on Lebanon will keep the country in the crucible of regional conflicts and ultimately will lead it to internal conflict which may cause its collapse in a cold war or its bleeding to death in a hot war. Therefore, what is required of the international community is not an abundance of resolutions, but their coupling to effective mechanisms that lead to their implementation on the ground.

As to the concern of Secretary General Ki-Moon about the influx of weapons into Lebanon, “and the growing might of the extremist Islamic groups that have found themselves a safe haven inside the Palestinian camps”, it is mere stylistic verbiage that does not reduce the anxiety of the Lebanese. Instead it encourages the renegade countries to make light of the international resolutions and to defy the international community, and consequently to continue their war on Lebanon with even greater violence.

If the international community can wait, Lebanon cannot. Its rescue requires a rapid and enforceable move based on less talk and more action. Any delay will

contribute to the big explosion and consequently to inflaming the region, at which point it would be too late to have any regrets.

Lebanon, at your service

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