



The Guardians of the Cedars Party issued the following communiqué:

The driving force behind politics in Lebanon is to deprive people of hope in order to push them into emigration, and all evidence points to the fact that the plan for emptying Lebanon of its people and replace it with people from the neighboring countries remains alive and well. This is the same new old plot whose execution began in 1975 by military means, and when it failed, it was replaced by political, financial and economic means and others.

To support this thesis, the deficit under which the treasury has fallen, or was made to fall, has been deliberately engineered as part of this conspiracy, along with the escalating rate of emigration among the young since 1990, i.e. since the beginning of the implementation of the Taef Agreement and to this date, the unprecedented and continued deterioration in the living standard, massive unemployment, the successive shutdown of private industrial and commercial enterprises, the flight of national capitals, rampant corruption in all public administrations, and the deliberate blocking of any solution in the current crisis under the cover of efforts to resolve it, let alone the proposals to permanently settle the Palestinian refugees that are now imminently and forcefully being shoved in the face of Lebanon.

We believe that the regimes of neighboring countries that are accomplices in this conspiracy have no interest in ending the Lebanese crisis, now well into its third decade. They seek to appear as though they are working to resolve it, while endeavoring in the shadows to further complicate it whenever it nears a solution. This they do through their indigenous agents among the evil Lebanese political class, because they fear that Lebanon recovers its health, its wellbeing and its pioneering role that was taken away from it on the ground that: A weak Lebanon makes them strong, and a strong Lebanon makes them weak.

In parallel, Lebanon's leaders themselves have no interest in the rise of a strong State, contrary to what they say, because such a State will weaken their popularity as people will rally around the State and dispense with their leaders in the provision of their daily needs and services. Similarly with the princes of the religious institutions who themselves seek to strengthen their religious sects at the expense of the State, which puts this ravaged country between the hammer of the covetous regimes around and the hard plate of its own politically-profligate leaders.

For further clarification, we believe that the leaders of Lebanon are of two kinds: One group is involved in the plan to force the Lebanese to emigrate, deliberately executing this plan at the behest of their bosses in the neighboring regimes, and the second is involved in the same plan out of ignorance and naiveté, with both leading the country to the same outcome.

It seems that the fate of Lebanon is to live a tragedy that is unique in its own kind, more like a Greek tragedy where only a divine intervention could rescue it from its fate, as we mentioned in an earlier communiqué.

The fate of tragic peoples is to simultaneously confront both their leaders and their enemies, and to persist...with God's help.

Lebanon, at your service

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