



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

That Lebanon has been enjoying for weeks a security truce is not the result of some improvement in the political situation in the country. It is simply that Syria is keen on ensuring the success of the Arab Summit slated to be held on its soil towards the end of this month, and Syria knows that any security deterioration on the Lebanese scene will have negative repercussions on convening the Summit.

Therefore, the ruling government in Lebanon should not be resting during this temporary truce. It should use it to prepare for confronting the post-Summit phase, specifically the upcoming launch of the International Tribunal. In particular, it is expected that the Syrian regime will gradually tighten the squeeze on Lebanon the closer this Tribunal moves along its investigations and disclosing the evidence and the names.

It behooves the Lebanese government to begin reinforcing its security measures to their utmost in order to protect the safety of the Lebanese in their homes, their workplaces and on the roads, in addition to improving the living conditions in order to allow those with limited income and the poor to remain steadfast in their land, pending some deliverance from the heavens. Still, the ambitions of the Lebanese have been reduced to only two matters: First, ensuring their own personal safety such that they can leave and return to their homes alive; and second, securing food on the table for their families against rising prices, the threat of hunger and the humiliation of indigence. As for political solutions, the ordinary Lebanese have come to not pay them any attention, as they know that these solutions will not be forthcoming from their depraved politicians, but rather from the decent and honorable who may one day become custodians of the government and the country.

On Tuesday morning, death took away one of the noblest of the Lebanese and a prominent star in the pantheon of intellectualism, poetry, literature and history in Lebanon. May Murr left us because she yearned to be with her companion “Freddy”, and so she is gone without ever seeing the resurrection of Lebanon like the phoenix, as she was fond of saying and dreaming.

The Lebanon she loved in all its parts, the Lebanon she wrote about like no one did, the Lebanon whose great heritage she spent her lifetime researching and exploring, is today sad, as we are.

We ask God to welcome our precious companion in His midst as befits the pure-hearted strugglers and the saints. May she reside in His realm next to her beloved husband and may He grant her children, her honorable family and her relatives patience and comfort.

Lebanon, at your service
Abu Arz

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