



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

The Age of Political Decay

We can understand that Syria seeks to obstruct solutions in Lebanon that are incompatible with its interests with the objective of regaining its hegemony there. We can understand that Syria tries to use the Lebanese arena to improve its own political position and eliminate the regional and international isolation imposed on its regime, or that it deliberately ignites the security situation in Lebanon in the hope of avoiding the International Tribunal which now hangs over its head like the Sword of Damocles.

We also can understand that the Arabs be divided and have a disagreement on the issue of Lebanon, or that they be fighting over the spoils of its demise since they covet its prime geopolitical position in the region.

Similarly we understand the keen interest of Western countries in Lebanon, since it is the only model of democracy in this bleak part of the world and the launching pad for the New Middle East project, and we certainly welcome this concern. We understand very well that all the external players seek to secure their interests in Lebanon, each from the narrow angle of their own interests.

However, what we do not understand is the position of the political bosses at home which is utterly antagonistic to the Lebanese interest, and their persistent efforts at destroying their country with their own hands, with their eyes wide open, through their deep divisions, their excessive egotism and their blind subservience to outsiders, and their aborting of each and every rescue solution that is made available to them.

In support of this argument is the fact that all external mediations that have successively been attempted for more than one and a half year are but a loud condemnation of both parties to the conflict in the loyalist and opposition camps. No one in the world, no matter how mighty, can prevent the leaders of Lebanon from reaching a specific agreement, should they decide to uphold minimum standards of patriotism and ethical conduct, and are determined to find common ground between them and to liberate their decision-making from the grip of outside forces.

But what hope is there from leaders who breathe with borrowed lungs, fight with the swords of their neighbors, sing the praises of other countries, and turn their own country into a fertile battleground for foreign interventions and where others settle their scores? This is truly the age of political decay.

We accuse the political leaders of Lebanon of perpetrating the assassination of the country willfully, deliberately and with premeditation. We demand that they be tried and prosecuted before Lebanese or international courts, and failing this, before the court of the Lebanese people. Otherwise, the court of history will be their judge.

Lebanon, at your service
Abu Arz

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