



The Guardians of the Cedars Party - The Movement for Lebanese Nationalism issued the following communiqué:

Some of the country's leaders still consider the Syrian-Saudi axis as the safety net or a magic potion for Lebanon's stability. Some have even added the Iranian Islamic Republic to this axis, such that we now have the S.S.I rather than the S.S. formula. And since Qatar succeeded in sponsoring the famous Doha Agreement, there should be no objection to adding it to the mix for an S.S.I.Q. formula. And just to make sure the safety net is comprehensive, complete, and impenetrable, why not add the United States of America, since it is the superpower and the ultimate decider of world politics, and so we get S.S.I.Q.A. Proceeding along this line of thinking and invoking the European Union, China, the Russian Federation, and other such weighty countries, the safety net becomes a crosswords puzzle. What a charade!

Lebanon is perhaps the only country in the world that begs its security from outsiders in this shameful and demeaning manner. This, of course, is due to the duality of allegiance of some of the country's leaders, and the propensity for others to throw themselves into the bosom of outside forces which then manipulate them like dummies by remote control.

But what is the opinion of the Lebanese people of this policy of mendacity and constant crawling to the capitals of near and far countries that those leaders – or more accurately, those false leader wannabes – obey in search of solutions to their problems???

1- The Lebanese people see in it a glaring condemnation of those leaders, an obvious acknowledgement of their failure, and a cowardly evasion from responsibility by passing the buck to others. Only a failed State begs its security from the outside.

2- The Lebanese people reject it from the standpoint of their basic personal dignity, for they refuse to live at the mercy of whimsical regional countries and their fragile understandings that could falter any time.

3- The Lebanese people do not trust it, on the basis of the following thinking: The more foreigners interfere in the affairs of a country, the more this country's problems are exacerbated. Based on historical facts, there is not one strife between Lebanon's religious communities, which otherwise have coexisted for centuries, that did not involve foreigners as its instigators and the Lebanese as its fodder.

Assuming the Syrian-Saudi entente succeeds in overcoming the dispute over the Special Tribunal, what about the other disagreements such as the illegal weapons, the independent mini-states, foreign policy, and other deeply complicated issues? The Special Tribunal is sadly just the tip of the iceberg.

Those aspiring leaders, then, are left with but two options: Either they shut the doors of Lebanon to all foreign interferences and attend to their disagreements with a spirit of altruism and responsibility, and recognize that to govern is not a luxury, but is honor and courage, a national duty, and a sacred trust; or they should admit their failure, tender their resignations, and remove their hands off this country long tormented by them, for they are the cause of all that has befallen us and all that has yet to become of us.... Otherwise, the future does not augur well for Lebanon.

Lebanon, at your service  
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