



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

It is illusory to believe that a political settlement can possibly be achieved that would end the state of division between the March 14 and March 8 sides. The dispute between them is strategic and not circumstantial, and it is in substance and not in form, and that encompasses all the issues pertaining to Lebanon's domestic and foreign policies.

The first party, as is known by now, is allied with the Western axis led by the United States and its allies. It supports the Special Tribunal for Lebanon whatever its consequences, and it seeks to implement the UN resolutions, particularly resolution 1559 that aims to merge the mini-states into the mother State and disarm them, and it supports the Truce Agreement between Lebanon and Israel, etc. The other party is holding out in a completely opposite position, namely in that it is organically linked to the Syrian-Iranian "Opposition" axis; it rejects the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, the merger with the State and handing in its weapons; and it does not recognize the Truce Agreement, insisting instead on fighting Israel under the pretext of recovering the Shebaa Farms.

This introduction corroborates the fact that all that is being said about a national dialogue commission, a defense strategy, and finding a *modus vivendi* between the State and the mini-states is pure nonsense and mere verbiage destined to distract and be distracted, and should be more appropriately called for what it is: an insult to people's intelligence.

One of the twists of Lebanese politics is that it has managed to group the two parties under the roof of a single government, in the belief that it can round the corners, or mix water and fire, and bring about this unique form of government in the world of democracy, namely a government whose will and decision are paralyzed, and whose one half is battling its other half. And in order to preempt a ministerial crisis, it invented a political fad that is also unique of its kind, which is never to meet in order not to break up!!! So, instead of being the solution, as they imagined when they formed it, it – the government – became the problem, and its departure has become the solution.

Even more strange is that the mediators – domestic and foreign – focus their search for the much ballyhooed settlement on the Taef and Doha Agreements, when in fact they are the essence of the problem. The former led to undermining the Lebanese political system from the top, while the latter created this mutant monster they falsely call a "National Unity" government. Some – God bless them – are even calling for a Doha-II Agreement!

The solution, in our opinion, begins with evicting this disabled government, which has become a *de facto* fallen government, and return to adhering to the correct rules of democracy, namely that one party rules and bears the responsibility of government, while the other party opposes and bears the responsibility for holding the ruling government accountable, which is not in the least of lesser importance than the responsibility of ruling.

Short of which, the wise men of this country, or whoever is left of them, ought to meet and agree on forming a National Salvation government with people who are competent and skilled in their specializations, remote from the conflicting parties, chaired by the President of the Republic, that handles running the day-to-day business of the people, while waiting for God to relieve this country of the agony of this nation, afflicted as it is by its leaders.

Lebanon, at your service
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