

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

The Lebanese cause is no longer the object of interest by the international community the way it was in the aftermath of the Cedars Revolution on March 14, 2005, and Lebanon is no longer on the agenda of the decision-making capitals, except perhaps only to the extent it affects, positively or negatively, the security and stability of the Middle East region. The reason being that the world has tired of the chronic and endless problems of this country, and has come to despise the country's politicians who slay their own country with their own hands, and basically has given up on a patient that refuses treatment.

The international community has exerted intense and commendable efforts to help Lebanon overcome its crises, and each time it is confronted with the abject inferiority of Lebanese politics and with local leaders who are adamant at foiling those efforts, at times deliberately and at other times out of ignorance, but most of time for personal interests. The many international resolutions issued by the Security Council in support of Lebanon's sovereignty and stability have thus either remained mere ink on paper, like resolution 1701, or have mutated into yet another domestic crisis because of the politicians' disputes over them, like resolutions 1559 and 1757 that established the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

The honorable Lebanese have greatly welcomed the Tribunal, considering it the opportunity of a lifetime to watch the powerful and criminal warlords being led before justice, even if only once in their life after they had gotten used to a pattern of justice that applies only to the weak and petty criminals. This explains the vicious and frantic campaigns against the Tribunal, as well as the desperate hollering, the unprecedented political profligacy, and the gradual escalation aiming at toppling the Tribunal, either directly or by bringing down the regime that has embraced it.

But the statement by the UN Secretary General has, fortunately at the right time, come to dissipate the anxiety of the Lebanese and reassure them that "The Tribunal is not in danger. It is operating and making progress. It is an independent judicial process that is not coupled with any political statements made by any of the politicians...", which means that the current Prime Minister Saad Hariri cannot declare the innocence of anyone in the assassination of his own father, neither in his personal capacity, nor in his official capacity. First, because the matter is no longer subject to his will, but it is now in the custody of the Special Tribunal which has the exclusive right to exculpate or convict. Second, because he is the merely "the blood guardian" of his father only, and not necessarily that of all the other martyrs of the Cedars Revolution.

If the Lebanese political establishment is divided over the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, the vast majority of the Lebanese people has rallied around it and is anxious to know the truth, and is even more anxious to exact punishment on the butchers.

Lebanon, at your service  
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