

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 invasion of Beirut airport by members of a political party was no surprise, except perhaps to the shortsighted or those who, like an ostrich, bury their heads in the sand. Any last observer of the Lebanese situation knows by now that the State is non-existent for all practical purposes, with maybe a formal presence in limited areas, the country is a free for all wasteland, and the Lebanese people live in a failed republic and under a system long known as the law of the jungle.

This observer also knows that the legal authority is present in the Serail, while the effective authority is in the southern suburb of Beirut, the former inept and incompetent, and the latter wielding opinion and decision-making. The violation of the airport campus in the manner it occurred last Sunday is a natural outcome of the growing influence of Hezbollah's Mini-State of the Southern Suburb at the expense of the official State, and the inevitable result of a policy of stupidity, cowardice and shortsightedness that successive Lebanese governments have implemented vis-à-vis this Mini-State over the past three decades.

Moreover, the statement by the Council of Ministers calling for, "...pacification and preservation of institutions, and the rule of law... and resorting to dialogue instead of disputes..." is mere pontificating sermonizing that deters no one, a specious narrative that treads water in the path of a mounting conflict between the parties, and a dose of temporary sedative whose effect will soon dissipate leaving the bickering to return to its status quo ante.

What an observer finds strange is not as much the invasion and violation of the airport, as the abject lack of responsibility by the ruling elite. In the face of this political decay, the moral corruption, and the flagrant failure of the government, no one resigns his post, no one dismisses anyone, and everyone is steadfast in their seats, conceding nothing and doing nothing, as if we are living in the jungle and not in a democratic state that holds the losers accountable and rewards the successful as is the case in the civilized world.

This pitiful republic is Lebanon only in name and has nothing to do with the deep-rootedness, the heritage and the history of the country, let alone its people. It is tantamount to a failed non-viable project which leaves but one option only, namely to rebuild this country anew – we do not say "restore", we emphasize "rebuild" – from scratch on correct rational foundations, and at the hands of great statesmen like the ones the country knew in generations past but to which, unfortunately, the current corrupt political class has no resemblance whatsoever.

Lebanon, at your service  
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