



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

Now that the Lebanese government has constitutionally fallen, after it had effectively ceased to be for all practical purposes, and all efforts and foreign initiatives - particularly the Syrian-Saudi efforts - to find a way out of the crisis having failed, it has become amply and tangibly demonstrated that all the agreements that were fashioned for us by the outside, especially by the Arab countries, from the Cairo Accord and the Riyadh Accord, to the Taef Agreement and the Doha Agreement, have all led to further complicating the crisis and widening the chasm between the Lebanese.

Constantly relying on the outside does lead to dependency, which in turn creates subordination and the forfeiture of one's decision-making, and this ultimately leads to treason and the destruction and loss of the nation, as is happening today in Lebanon.

Now that the national unity government has proven itself to be no more than a label and a fabrication based on dishonesty vis-à-vis the citizens and the nation, the divorce announced yesterday between the parties in the government comes as a natural consequence to an unnatural marriage.

Now that the impossibility of toppling the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, or obstructing its work, or influencing its decisions, has been ascertained, and in order to spare the country an open-ended political or constitutional crisis that may lead to security disturbances, such as the ones of 2008, with all their catastrophic consequences at all levels, and in order for Lebanon not to fall into a full-blown out-of-control situation, we believe the time has come for the President to undertake an emergency national salvation initiative based on the following recommendations:

1 – Embark on forming a new government that is homogeneous and whose members do not belong to any of the parties to the conflict, as we have proposed in the past. This government will devote itself to addressing the social, economic and administrative problems plaguing the country and which are of the highest concern for the people, and will steer clear of the cacophony of the politicians and their annoying dissonance.

2 – Deal with the Special Tribunal for Lebanon with realism and sobriety by adhering to the protocols established between the Tribunal and Lebanon, and not give in to the threats of those who stand to lose from it, thus forcing them to confront the Tribunal's decisions with applicable legal and judicial means instead of tribal primitive means.

3 – Reactivate the National Dialogue Commission on the condition that it leads to binding and executable decisions with specified deadlines, including finding a solution to the illegal weapons. Short of this, the President ought to point candidly and explicitly to the obstructing party in order to isolate it domestically and externally, and hold it accountable by the appropriate means and deal with it as an alien entity that is hostile to the country.

The Lebanese have no shortage of skills to come up with solutions to their problems, as long as goodwill and good intentions are available. Any intra-Lebanese solution, with all its shortcomings, remains a much better alternative than any solution imported from the outside, regardless of its "advantages".

Lebanon, at your service  
Abu Arz  
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