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

An inventory of the profits and losses account in the ongoing events in Syria makes it manifest to the observer that the Syrian people were able to score several deadly strikes into the goal of its ruling regime, and so far the people win on points in all the face-to-face matches, pending a final coup de grace.

In sum, the losses of the Syrian regime may be summarized in the following points:

1-The "spell" of the regime has been broken by the rare courage of a people who have decided to die to reach the shores of freedom, and who, every day, openly and defiantly face the repressive security and military machine, something which has prodded those wavering and scared into rallying to the revolution. The regime has lost the prestige and the aura it had created for itself during four decades.

2-The regime has lost its reputation and its image is tarnished, both inside and outside the country, as the world watched via satellites images of barbaric massacres the regime carried out against defenseless demonstrators. The regime now lives in a virtually complete international isolation due to the numerous sanctions imposed on it by the international community, an isolation that is likely to escalate as events continue to unfold.

3-The regime has lost its friends, near and far, especially Turkey, which had opened its doors to it when all Western doors were shut. Turkey stood by the Syrian regime when the latter was in conflict with a number of regional and international countries, and the US and some of its allies had already begun opening up to the regime before the revolution.

The Syrian people are lucky that modern technology has helped them tremendously in organizing and mobilizing their ranks and capabilities in launching their movement and demonstrations. More importantly, technology has contributed to uncovering the facts and proclaiming them to world public opinion, for otherwise, the crimes of the Syrian regime would have remained covered up and the world would have remained silent, as happened with the Hama massacres of 1982. It is a fact, though, that the Syrian people are unfortunate in that they face a merciless regime, as the Lebanese people previously and bitterly experienced during the Syrian occupation of Lebanon.

We should remind the Syrian people and all rebellious peoples that everything can be bought with money, except freedom. We also remind the Syrian regime and other arrogant regimes that the hands of time never turn back.

Lebanon, at your service

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