



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

If the slogan of the current government, "All for the Homeland, all for hard work and action", is indeed serious, then everyone wishes it all success in fulfilling this slogan, although the trust factor between the State and its citizens has long evaporated and cannot be restored with slogans and sweet talk. Only tangible actions on the ground will meet the people's expectations for a safe and bright future.

Sadly, the day to day situation in Lebanon does not augur well, and dark clouds continue to cast a shadow over the skies in Lebanon. There are daunting milestones before the government that cannot be postponed or circumvented as is the tradition, foremost of which is the Special Tribunal for Lebanon which continues to move forward with confident steps towards achieving its mission, impervious to those who object, threaten and use fear-mongering against the process of the law.

If this government is genuinely "All for the Homeland", it ought to immediately remove all the mines planted across this country and barely a hair trigger away from exploding.

First: An urgent and effective solution must be found to the illegal weapons that control political life from behind the curtain, monopolize the decision of war and peace after hijacking it from the State, enacts the country's foreign and domestic policies, confronts the international community and refuses to implement its resolutions, and topples governments at will, etc.

Second: Put an end to the anomaly of the Palestinian military camps that are saturated with heavy, medium and light weapons, and all the terrorist organizations of all kinds running amok in the country, all of which constitutes an imminent danger to the country and its future, particularly in the security and demographic aspects.

Third: Snuff out the sectarian strife that is simmering under the ash and that could erupt at any moment, especially whenever the Special tribunal makes a step forward in its work, and reveals more high-ranking names involved in the Hariri assassination and the ensuing series of political assassinations.

If this government is "All for the Homeland", then it should first and foremost launch a cleansing campaign of all State administrations which have exceeded by far the thievery of Ali Baba and the 40 thieves of lore, and have become a reservoir of political cronies, clients, and such other failures who perform all manner of thievery, embezzlement, pilfering, and corruption, a situation that has nearly brought the State to its knees. This campaign should in fact begin with the cleansing of senior administrators and officials and those who are backed politically.

Given the suspect circumstances in which this government came to be, we believe it is incompetent and unqualified to face those milestones. It probably is unable to implement a single provision of its ministerial policy statement. The most we expect of it is that it will follow in the tracks of its predecessor in managing the crisis as best as possible, coexisting with it here and circumventing it there, patching things up haphazardly, and kicking the can down the road as it waits for the mysterious final destiny awaiting this sad and miserable nation.

And therefore, the Miqati government would have sought power for power and prestige, and "neither for the Homeland, nor for hard work and action".

Lebanon, at your service
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