



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

Right is Mightier than the Sword

The more savage and ferocious the repression has become in Syria, the bigger the numbers of demonstrators and the more widespread the protests, while the range of their demands has escalated from calling for reforms to the toppling of the President and even to his execution.

This is a unique – and virtually unprecedented – phenomenon in the history of popular revolutions, something which can be attributed ultimately to the courage of the Syrian people that has transcended all expectations. Their tenacious determination to cross to the shores of freedom and dignity is on the verge of becoming a reality, while the regime is bordering on collapse, and in fact is a *de facto* fallen regime even though still extant in form.

The Syrian regime fell from the moment it chose a security solution instead of a political one to address the demands of its people, and from the moment it dispatched its tanks and armored vehicles to occupy cities and villages, relying on elements of the "Shabbiha" to assist the army in killing people, violating everything sacred, and detaining children and torturing them to death, beginning with 13-year old Hamzah Al-Khatib.

The Syrian regime lost its credibility since it fabricated the fiction of external conspiracy and terrorist elements to justify the crimes it is perpetrating, and since it banned the media from entering Syria, fearing the exposure of its lies, and since it shut the door in the face of humanitarian organizations, lest they bear witness to its massacres whose atrocities have surpassed reason and imagination.

The Syrian regime also lost its credibility when its slogans of resistance, opposition, rejection, and steadfastness, which it persistently repeated over four decades, turned out to be no more than illusions destined to maintain its grip on the domestic front in order to indefinitely monopolize power. It also became clear to millions of Syrians that their national army, which apparently was geared to defend the borders, was no more than a militia for the protection of then regime.

The Syrian regime lost its legitimacy, first vis-à-vis its people who came out in the streets, raised the slogan "Death rather than humiliation", and effectively applied it on the ground, and second, vis-à-vis the outside world when it decided to delete Europe from its political map. Today, with the growing roster of countries demanding the departure of the regime, it ought perhaps to delete the entire world from its political map, except the holdouts so far, Russia and China.

A regime that is terrified by the voice of Ibrahim Qashush and the pen of Ali Khreizat; a regime which masters to perfection the culture of blood and which orders the cold-blooded killing of children, students, and women; a regime that has transformed the country into an immense prison, and schools into detention camps overcrowded with political activists, and which authorizes shooting at funeral processions, etc. is a regime that is irrevocably going extinct and that is not suitable to be the protector of neither minorities nor anyone else.

The Syrian revolution is an example to follow, and history will write its chapters with words destined to be beacons of light, now that the Syrian people have demonstrated with overwhelming evidence that the will of the people cannot be defeated with iron and fire... and that right is mightier than the sword.

Lebanon, at your service

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