



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

Who Killed Wissam Al-Hassan

Simply saying that Wissam Al-Hassan's assassination has the Syrian regime's and its local affiliates' fingerprints on it would not be something new. This is the irrefutable truth that we have been shouting from the rooftops ever since Kamal Jumblatt was assassinated in 1976, and for which we paid – and continue to pay – a heavy price, when everyone else turned a blind eye, remained silent, or cowered in fear or in collusion. Those same fingerprints can be found on all the crimes that struck Lebanon's martyrs since that time and to this day, and not only since 2005 as many believe.

Yet, this is only a half-truth, or at least the visible part of the truth, because there are other criminals who have participated in killing our martyrs, even if indirectly, by assassinating Lebanon, and converting it into a free for all to every killer and butcher from every corner of the globe, and into a human garbage dump crowded with armed gangs and terror organizations of all kinds.

Lebanon was assassinated the day its national identity was distorted and it was shoved into the burning crucible of Arab nationalism, and into Arab-Arab, Israeli-Arab, and now, Persian-Arab conflicts, all of which we have nothing to do with and for which we have only earned miseries and destruction.

They assassinated Lebanon when its borders were slung open to the Palestinian hordes in 1948, and they were allowed to stay in its midst in numbers so huge the country could not bear, leading to devastating consequences and catastrophes.

They assassinated it when the Palestinian organizations were allowed to fight Israel from Lebanese soil, when in fact these organizations were only interested in establishing a substitute homeland under their slogan: The road to Palestine goes through Jounieh.

They assassinated it when they agreed to the entry of Syrian troops into the country, camouflaged under the guise of the "Arab Deterrent Forces", thus placing Lebanon under the yoke of the most criminal and dangerous occupation of its history. Lest we forget, all Lebanon's politicians – except us – elbowed one another in their welcoming and covering for the Syrian occupation under the whorish formula of: "The Syrian presence – and note the term 'presence' – is legitimate, necessary, and temporary". Damascus undertook to appoint Presidents, extend their terms, form governments and parliaments, and run the country's foreign and domestic policies as it wished.

They assassinated Lebanon when the Free Eastern Regions that had resisted the Syrian occupation were made to fall and were handed over to the occupation on a silver plate. They sold the weapons of the Lebanese Resistance and agreed to the disastrous Taif Agreement which struck at the head of the State and converted it into quarreling sectarian and religious statelets and security zones managed by the Syrian-Iranian alliance.

They also assassinated Lebanon when they outbid one another in supporting the so-called "Hezbollah" organization. They embraced it and bestowed legitimacy on its weapons under a fallacy they concocted into the ministerial statement of every government, namely: "The People, Army and Resistance", thus replacing the Syrian with the Iranian occupation.

These political crimes together have killed Lebanon and led to the assassination of its people and its figures. Wissam Al-Hassan's assassination is no more than the outcome of this deadly political trajectory, and the sequence of assassinations will not stop as long as this lame State continues to be led by a rotten crop of worthless politicians.

We call on the younger generation of Lebanese who yearn for change to be aware of these facts and to avoid these inherited grave mistakes that have accumulated for decades. The young of Lebanon should correct these mistakes, if they genuinely want to build a healthy society and a healthy State that serves their dreams and aspirations. Merely demanding to replace one government with another will not change much to the status quo. For real change to ever happen in Lebanon, it will have to be radical, profound and comprehensive.

Lebanon, at your service
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