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

As we continue to watch the Syrian Revolution and its resounding successes, our admiration for it and for its rebels also grows, for they have amazed the world with acts of heroism worthy of legend.

The world has abandoned the Syrian people in its moment of crisis, as it abandoned the Lebanese people once, with the international community divided into a colluding conspiring camp that has chosen to effectively partake in the slaughter of the Syrians, and a weak hypocrite camp that has chosen to watch massacres unparalleled in human history without any meaningful action to alleviate the terrible suffering other than statements of condemnation, denunciation, empty threats, deceiving promises and sterile meetings. Still, both these camps have agreed to endorse Kofi Annan's stillborn plan as if to add insult to injury and indulge in further deception and evasion of responsibility.

Yet, despite all this, the Syrian people have been able – alone – to turn the odds to their favor and accomplish unimaginable feats. With limited capabilities and great determination they have stood alone in the face of one of the toughest regimes in history, confronted its military-security machine that knows no mercy, shifted from a position of resistance and defense to one of initiative and offense, and penetrated the regime's security apparatus to decapitate it in its own den even as this apparatus long bragged about its superiority and professionalism. And here we are today, seventeen months into an astounding struggle, the Syrian people have announced to the world the start of the countdown to the fall of the tyrant.

From the beginning of the revolution, and from our own long experience in confronting this Fascist regime, we told the Syrian people not to rely on any country, near or far, and depend only on themselves and the bravery of their rebels. Today, as all the political solutions that turned into disasters for them have collapsed, and all the sterile conspiracies that convened – and will convene – under such titles as "Friends of Syria" have failed, and as this dictator has shown that he scoffs at all solutions that do not keep him in power and that he is going forward with his military option to the end, we again advise the Syrian Revolution and its people not to squander their attention on any new proposals for political solutions from this or that party. Rather, they should devote their energy to mobilize their capabilities, organize their ranks, and reinforce their combat positions in preparation for the decisive battle on the ground. It is only then that the world will come crawling at Syria's feet to apologize to its people and offer its assistance in building the new Syria.

From the honorable men and women of Lebanon to the heroic rebels of Syria, a salute of peace, reverence, and admiration.

Lebanon, at your service

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