



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

For the first time since its founding, the Arab League has adopted a sound and courageous resolution authorizing its member states to provide weapons to the Syrian opposition. The importance of this resolution is that it incentivizes the decision-making capitals of the world to take the Syrian crisis more seriously and end the two-year old policy of political duplicity. The following are some examples of this duplicity:

Russia pretends to be an ardent enthusiast of a peaceful solution and urges dialogue between the opposition and the regime, when in fact it continues to encourage the latter to pursue its security solution by supplying it with all the weapons, ammunition, equipment and experts it needs, in addition to unlimited political support, so much so that Mr. Sergei Lavrov appears to devote himself entirely to the Syrian question, dealing with it as if he were the Syrian foreign minister and the official spokesman for the regime. Russia's reinforcements of its war fleet in the Mediterranean and the periodic military maneuvers it carries out there are not aimed at evacuating its citizens from Syria as it claims, but rather to buttress its permanent political position of backing Assad and opposing the revolution.

Even Iran, which is drowning in the blood of the Syrian people, has called for dialogue and a peaceful solution, while it carries out military operations on the ground, making Assad's battle its very own, adopting Syria as an Iranian province, and Damascus as the first line of defense of Tehran. As for its military wing in Lebanon, known as Hezbollah, it is participating overtly in the fighting alongside the regime, using as pretext the defense of a few Shiite border villages exactly as it claimed the Shebaa Farms as a pretext to fight Israel.

Meanwhile, in the other camp, and unlike the friends of the regime, the friends of Syria led by the US claim to stand by the side of the opposition, yet support it only with words and futile periodic conferences. And in between these conferences the magnitude of the tragedy grows and the numbers of casualties, the displaced and the refugees mount. These numbers are terrifying and might exceed the capacity of the international community at handling them. Sadly, the "genius" of these so-called friends of Syria has reached new heights: after much back and forth and endless intensive discussions, they have agreed to provide the Syrian opposition with "non-lethal" weapons, while the very deadly regime weapons, such as warplanes, ballistic missiles, internationally-banned bombs, and explosive barrels strike the civilians each and every day, decimating entire neighborhoods under the very eyes of a world that contends itself with denouncing, condemning, and counting the dead and the displaced!!

As for Al-Akhdar Al-Ibrahimi, he appears to be betting on the time factor to see the crisis end by itself one way or another, while in the meantime he peregrinates from one place to another as to give the international community the impression that he is working on a political settlement that he very well knows is non-existent. Instead of resigning like his predecessor, he is seeking to renew his mandate for a second term to become a false witness to the greatest massacre of our time.

As we watch the positions of the great powers vis-à-vis the Syrian situation, we are stunned by the duplicity of these nations in handling the crisis, and their disgraceful recklessness with people's lives and legitimate right to self-defense and self-determination.

It is the fate of small nations to do what they can to protect themselves from falling, and if they fall to stand back up again, first and foremost by themselves. Otherwise, they will be sacrificed on the altar of the interests of powerful nations. We learned this first hand from the Lebanese War, which we should more aptly call the War on Lebanon.

Lebanon, at your service

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