

Press Release

**“The Weakness of the Lebanese State”: A Needless Statement of the President of the Republic!**

(Translated)

Under arbitrary arrests on suspicion and without any “legal” justification, and in the presence of bidders within the power circle in the race for who will usurp the rights of Muslims more than the other, and handing this over to its American master, we see the President complementing this scene when asked a question, within an interview with the editor in chief of the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram, “During your visit to Saudi Arabia ... and your next visit of the Arab League ... will you consider the issue of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization?) His answer: (... Hezbollah in Lebanon is a large segment of the Lebanese people, they are residents of the south, and they are not mercenaries like mercenaries that descended into Syria from different countries ... they are Lebanese defending their livelihoods and property primarily, and of course, they receive support from others ... we cannot be with Israel against a section of our people ... and our land is the one being sabotaged ...” (Al-Ahram Newspaper site 12/2/2017). This statement of the President of the Republic highlights the extreme weakness that was confirmed by the president in previous televised interviews by saying that the decision of the existence of "Hezbollah" in Syria is larger than Lebanon!

Indeed, our people in the South and elsewhere represent a large segment of the people of Lebanon, but who said that "Hezbollah" represent this entire segment?! Can the President of the Republic explain to us how can one party represent mercenaries and the other non-mercenaries, when by your “standards” they are two outsider parties interfering in the same country, Syria, or is Iran’s party does not fit the description of a Lebanese party, if it interferes in other than Lebanon, it is not mercenary!! We said this is by your “standards” and what kind of livelihood and property are you talking about, are their livelihoods and property in Syria?!! Or do you mean its property and livelihoods in Lebanon, O President of the Republic your statement has no reality; since 2006, this party confirmed its commitment to the application of resolution 1701 adopted by the Security Council, it even became a guardian over the border preventing any movement against the Jewish entity from any side!! The greatest disaster yet is your acknowledgement and your acceptance that Iran’s party receives support from others!! Who are those others? Are they not Iran, and under the gaze of America and Russia?! No doubt you know of the huge budget that Iran spends on this party and its institutions and even seized control over its decision making and it used it in America's areas of operation and its follower, Iran.

After all of this can this party be classified as a non-mercenary Lebanese party defending its livelihoods and possessions?!!! This is baffling, this is nothing but fabrication.

This statement on top of highlighting the meagre role of your state, it is an imposition of the concept of a police state over those who support the issues of the Islamic Ummah only. Those who agreed that their parties be a criminal tool to kill Muslims in service of colonialism are legitimized and their existence is justified under the false pretenses that have no reality. But they are promoted globally as long as they serve the schemes of the enemies of Islam and Muslims. The Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said, addressing the United States that "...it is necessary to recognize that the Syrian army is the one fighting (terrorism) primarily supported by the Russian Air Force, as well as other factions backed by Iran including Hezbollah, "(Al-Jazeera Net 12/2/2017). With America arming the Lebanese army with weapons to serve its policy of what is called "fighting terrorism" does not threaten the Jewish entity, turning a blind eye to the missiles that Iran supply for its party. We understand from this that there is a followed policy of undermining the state and to keep the militia in the North of the Jewish entity to be used in pressurizing it whenever America wants as was the case in the nineties of the last century.

This is the reality of Lebanon, and this is what we have mentioned earlier: "Lebanon is the back military base of Iran's party " and other issues such as elections and others are only minor issues and mere words to deafen the ears from the fact that the power is stolen in this country, and the fact that all of those in power surrendered to the orders the American colonizers, especially the one who traded with the Syrian revolution, the prime minister, who swallowed his slogans discrediting the group's views that he claims to represent, and his party kept the bilateral meetings with Iran's party, in spite of their presence within the government!! Iran's party in public and private circles defends Saad Al-Hariri and stand against those who attack him!! All this is indicative of the state of political bankruptcy they both Iran's party and the prime minister and his party have reached.

The political bankruptcy reached by all parties in power, including the President of the Republic's party and that of the prime minister. Under the rampant corruption in the state apparatus, and the political rhetoric that is characterized with the ugliest descriptions such as racist speech in relation to the displaced file, and sectarian rhetoric in relation to the electoral law, and the state of extensive frustration of the people when they see the extent of the fall of the so-called leaders of Lebanon and the extent of distancing themselves from any commendable description, all this confirms conclusively that the problem of Lebanon as a system and a state and a political authority crossed the border and there is no realistic solution within the Lebanese entity, except by its annexation to its surroundings, Ash-Sham under a State ruling by the laws of Allah; the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood... May it be soon!

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