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Dear Lebanese army, learn from the past



Some people now find it easy to open fire on the army. Some, like Sheikh Ahmad al-Assir, even find it easy to call for defecting within the army, disobeying its orders, siding with sects against the country and following the commands of those who sought, and still seek, to destroy the state's bases thus favoring destruction which currently reigns over our world. We know well that Assir's movement and other "liberation" movements are the result of illegitimate arms which more than one Lebanese party, particularly Hezbollah, possess. Hezbollah intimidates his partners in the country either through events similar to the May 7 events or through making threats and hinting to cut off the arms of anyone who dares "come near the Resistance and its weapons."

Hezbollah's flagrant interference in the Syrian civil war, which results in rejection and indignation against the status quo, has violated the decisions of the cabinet who adopted a policy of dissociation. We know well that the lack of political cover has deprived the army of the chances of finalizing plenty of unsolved problems. The collusion of some politicians with perpetrators for the sake of electoral aims or for the sake of maintaining cheap temporary interests, has made the snowball bigger and bigger until its size became one that destroys the country's bases. In addition to the army martyrs who fell yesterday, let's remember officer Samer Hana and martyr officer Pierre Bachaalani and others. The army command was incapable of following up on these cases due to the politicians' interferences.

On the brink

Today, we find ourselves in front of a fateful phase in this country's future. The scenarios of 1975 flash before our eyes. We remember when the army withdrew to its barracks and left the street to those who lost their minds and turned into war proxies fighting battles for others on our land destroying, robbing, killing and leaving behind orphans, widows and handicapped people. Today, it seems that the Lebanese people have not learnt from yesterday's lessons. It's as if history repeats itself. Some are again seeking to obstruct the army's activity and besiege it with tendentious rumors and cheap sectarian accusations that lack national dignity in order to push Lebanon into the Syrian swamp according to what serves Lebanon's enemies. It's as if Israel, like Syria, is pushing us towards war again or rather worse is pushing us towards sectarian local fighting. National wisdom calls for fully supporting the military institution in suppressing all manifestations of strife and chaos no matter who the party behind the latter is and regardless of which sect they belong to or which political party they are affiliated with. And ask the institution later about what it has done and what it has achieved to maintain civil peace.

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