

Phares to Cedars Revolution Radio: "Civil Resistance to Terrorism in Lebanon"

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Washington DC, May 17, 2008 - In an commentary aired by the Cedars Revolution Radio from Washington, Dr Walid Phares said the international community will support a civil resistance against Terrorism in Lebanon under Lebanese and international laws. He said "Lebanese citizens have the fundamental right to resist Hezbollah's Terror and invasion of West Beirut, the Mountain and the North. Phares, a Senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, said "all efforts by Lebanese citizens to oppose Terrorism and in defense of Democracy will be endorsed worldwide." He said the Lebanese cabinet of Fuad Seniora will continue to receive backing from the international community as long as it represents the Lebanese people but at the same time it bears the responsibility of not requesting the help of the United Nations against Terror and for not requesting the activation of Chapter 7 of the UN Charter.

Phares added that the Lebanese Army is a central institution which has been supported by the international community and by the United States in particular but that the command of this institution has allowed the forces of Hezbollah to invade the capital Beirut and attack the Mountain. "This is a dangerous situation, and it should be addressed by the international community." Phares asserted that the crisis in Lebanon is not between an opposition and loyalists, "this is not reality. Facts are that this is Terrorism against Democracy. Hence the next stage should be a civilian resistance against Terrorism."

"The Lebanese Government must withdraw its recognition of Hezbollah's militia as a resistance movement and call on the international community to help restoring the sovereignty of the country under Chapter 7." Phares said "the present Arab initiative under the Qatar regime will not provide a solution as long as Qatar do not recognize the right of the Lebanese Government to resist Terrorism. They see Terrorism and civil society as equal, and that is against international principles. What is needed now is to move towards the international institutions such as the UN and work with allies as the United States, France and the moderate Arab Governments. to help Lebanon."

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