



An Amazing System

Since December 1, 2006 Lebanon experienced a massive demonstration headed by the opposition in Down Town Beirut. Ever since, most political and economical analysts have been expecting the worse to come.

Worldwide and regional leaders warned of possible devastating events including civil war, bloodshed and economical collapse.

The Seniora Government has been experiencing tremendous pressure from the opposition and serious ludicrous accusations which need to be defended vigorously.

The opposition on the other hand is accelerating the movement and speech to force the government to buckle under the pressure and ultimately implement their demands.

A few days have passed since the beginning of the demonstration with more than 600 tents are camping in Down Town Beirut surrounding the Grand Serail where all cabinet members are present and guarded by security forces.

What an amazing system!!!



Lebanese opposition's demonstration in BCD.

Imagine what would have been the consequences and outcomes; if this demonstration took place in Hama (Syria) or in Tiblissi (Georgia) or in Beijing (China) or in Cairo (Egypt).

What an amazing democracy!!!

Lebanon's democracy is unique in the Arab world and the region. The economy is kept smartly operating outside this gloomy atmosphere – No doubt that Lebanon is in a very critical political and economical situation – but we expect that the Lebanese school of democracy will be an international reference among countries governed by political rivalries.

The past and current political and economical experiences will certainly make Lebanon a democratic model for all countries of multiple minority, and ethnic groups to follow, contradicting the sectarian and religious states; if and only if politicians in Lebanon along with the civil society and religious leaders succeed to resolve the current crisis.

To all esteemed clients and friends who are sending e-mails – expressing their deepest sorrow and heartbreaking feelings – expecting more bad events and even some of them have serious concerns regarding the future of this country.

We urge all of them to regain optimism and faith in a country that survived all kinds of civil wars, invasion by the most barbaric states – in the past 30 years – Lebanon is protected by the amazing system and the wonderful citizens ... God bless them all, on Saturday December 2, 2006; when some Lebanese were jammed in the queue to attend Fairouz in Down Town Beil Center, others were stuck with the queue to the Marathon village while others were trying hard to join the demonstration.



Fairouz's theatrical-BEIL, Dec. 2006

Also on Dec. 10th hundreds of thousands demonstrated in Riad El-Solh square while an international conference was held in down town BEIL in remembrance of Gebran Tueni.



Jebran Tueni's 1st intl. award

Let it be known, that from every crisis a lesson would be learned and in spite of the chaos and turmoil that are governing the political and economic situation in Lebanon, nowadays a compromise for the betterment of the county's system is in the making.

The temporary shaken confidence will be regained soon and the normal growth will take its path upward despite the short term political issues.
Lebanon is a GREAT survivor.

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