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## Friends Identiy Card

The relentless efforts that the "Committee of Parents of the Kidnapped and disappeared in Lebanon" has been giving for long 17 years of search for 17,000 kidnapped and disappeared persons, is worth building upon to mobilize the society at large. This is the main task that the Friends of the Committee take upon themselves aiming at achieving two main goals of utmost importance. These goals are:

- To disclose the fate of all kidnapped and disappeared persons in Lebanon which is the responsibility of the State; the State is the sole authority to determine the fate of these victims, and to promote justice by endorsing a social welfare project for their families.
- Empowering the memory over forgetfulness as an entry point to concealing the pages of war. Remembrance does not exhume the drastic war events, in as much as it, tries to prevent its reccurence, through propagating knowledge of responsible citizenship and equality, and by dealing with crimes and criminals according to a unified standard measure.

Based on the convention of the "Committee of Parents of the Kidnapped and disappeared in Lebanon" and their rightful demands (enclosed), the friends on spreading national awareness to the cause and hence lifting it up to the level of involvement of the State authorities.

For this purpose, and in close coordination, with the Committee of Parents, the friends work on launching a campaign titled "IT'S OUR RIGHT TO KNOW..." to widen the circle of friends at the national level to be able to put pressure on the State Authorities to assume its responsibility in resolving this cause.

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