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*"Si può assistere in silenzio,
si può osservare e tacere
purchè le vittime siano altri?"*

(Elie Wiesel - Premio Nobel per la Pace 1986)

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I am a member of Amnesty International the non governmental organization which has been active over the past 36 years in defence of human rights wherever they are violated.

Amnesty International notes with concern the Amnesty granted to civilian and military personnel for human rights violations they may have committed against civilians during the civil war. And stresses the need for Lebanon to face up to its past and take steps to clarify the fate of more than 17000 people, including 14000 Lebanese nationals, who "disappeared" during the civil war.

In general, Amnesty International believes that there should be thorough investigations into allegations of human rights violations. The object of such investigations should be to determine individual and collective responsibility and to provide a full account of truth to the victim, their relatives and society.

L'article 7 of the Declaration states that:

"No circumstances whatsoever, whether a threat of war, a state of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency, may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances".

While thanking you for kind attention, I remain.

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