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A call from the parents of the incarcerated,
missings and kidnapped in Lebanon.

Dear Gentlemen, members of the Congress.

It is real, that the Lebanese people, who suffered of this war, and who suffered, too many losses, in his wealth and properties, as in the souls,

feels with a big conscience, of the great need for reestablishing the concepts of individual and public security, the importance of the law, justice, and the chart of human rights, and preserving the personal and public liberties, and the saving of the human life, threatened now in Lebanon, always by death and massacres. This concepts, for which, struggled, the humanity and the Lebanese people, to solidify them, and to affirm the word of the French philosopher, Jean-Jacques Rousseau: "Man is born free."

We are really sorry, from the fact that our

country, like many other countries who are in crisis, find that these concepts, have no more value in Lebanon, and the world doesn't defend them, and, in too many cases, acted against, with the most primitive ways. So we give the absolute priority for the world

responsability, to act through all his institutions, to preserve the human rights, that are now in an arena, like if we were in the middle ages, where force dominated in the relations between the men.

That is, we are exposing, our distinguished tragedy as Lebanese, who suffered too many, and who surpassed the blind death machines, that killed tens of thousands of our people, and in very well known circumstances all over the world, with the atrocity that accompanied them, through the press and the T.V.

Dear Gentlemen.

We represent The committee of The parents of the incarcerated, kidnapped, and missings, this was very remarquable, during The Lebanese war, since its begining in 1975, until now. And we have never seen any international committee, that is interested in The human rights, of which we talked, coming to defend these rights, and to see these terrible massacres that our people suffered from, through different factors, there is no place to talk about now.

In This tragic process, our cause has a big and dangerous importance, so we decided to address to your congress, with an open heart, hoping to evoke the world conscious, on our tragic circumstances, to defend the rights that our ancestors struggled for, that we can enjoy. Our tragedy, we the mothers, wives, sisters and children of hundreds of incarcerated

missings and Kidnapped, receives all the support of the Lebanese people, and this is because of the Lebanese authorities responsibility, of the disappearance of the most of our well-beloved, and consequently the illegal militias "the Lebanese forces," who hold in their hands the destiny and are responsible of the disappearance of hundreds of Lebanese and Palestinian innocents.

This cause, was exposed in Lebanon, at high levels, and the press syndicate, adopted it, as a cause relative to public liberties, and too many social organisations, and lawyers committees, work and make pressures to reveal the destiny of these thousands, and within this call you will find a part of the names. Also, there was a big manifestation, on the occasion of the feast of "Al Fiter," when his eminence, the mufti of the republic, demanded to reveal the destiny of these people, and their

protection by the law.

Our cause received all the support of the Lebanese public opinion, beginning with the political parties, and all the religious confessions, with precise and clear positions.

Our cause weighs on the consciousness of all the Lebanese, and there is no place to affirm all the declarations made during the past year, that is, since the disappearance of the innocents, in the middle of "Great Beirut", and precisely in the western sector. Even the other part represented by the Kata'eb party, and its president Pierre Gemayel, and the ex-president Camille Chamoun, president of the Lebanese front and their militias, expressed their sympathy for our cause, and asked for the clarification of this mystery, although we have clear and precise proves, and even details on the responsibility of their militias

for the disappearance and the incarceration of hundreds of our young innocents, who believed the promises of the president Amine Gemayel, in the unification of the two sectors of Beirut, using the Lebanese army and security forces, in the project of the "Great Beirut."

Dear Gentlemen. There is no need to affirm, that all those who hold for the public liberties, like the press, the lawyers, and the social and religious organisations, through all the calls sent to the responsables, share our opinion that the military institutions who took the charge to establish the order and the security in Beirut after the retreat of the Palestinian revolution's forces and the retreat of the Zionist enemy from the capital, Beirut, the Lebanese army with the aid of the multi-national force, deployed the sovereignty of the state all over Beirut, and

during this, the lebanese army, and other state forces, invaded the houses, pretending to collect the arms and to capture some wanted for the justice. But this operation was in contrary to the constitutional and legal bases, that organize the relationship between the citizen and the state, without mentioning that the lebanese constitution says in the acts 7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15, that Lebanon is a democratic country. In these acts, there are bases defining the public liberties, and the personal and confessional rights, that our people enjoyed from generation and these rights, are not much different from those in the western democracies, because they protected by laws, that have roots in the lebanese history and its characteristics and in the arab civilization that accompanied it during all its evolutions. President Amine Gemayel, swared, that "the sword of justice will shine over all the heads", and to preserve

The liberties, and to execute the law with equity and equality. This means, that he insisted on the acts concerning personal rights and liberties, which are ten acts of the Lebanese constitution. The 7th act affirmed the equality in front of the law, and the 8th act indicated the personal liberty and its protection by law. The 9th act affirmed the liberty of believing, and declared the respect of the state for all the religions and believings. The 14th act affirmed *دليله* and its protection by law.

Dear Gentlemen.

The principle declared in the 8th act of the Lebanese constitution "we can only precise a crime, or indicate its sanction by law, and so for the principles of criminal process, and it gives guarantee for the citizen in having a neutral and public defense?"

All These considerations have been surpassed by the authorities, who took the responsibility of a great number of illegal arrests, and all those who had been incarcerated or kidnapped or missing, are still unbound, until now, and all the efforts didn't reveal the destiny of these kidnapped or missing or incarcerated, and until now, we were unable to know the reasons of their incarceration or their disappearance.

The worst is, the public recognition of the government, of this reality, specially, that the cabinet formed an investigation committee, formed from civilians and militaries to reveal the destiny of the kidnapped and missing, only, and without mentioning the incarcerated by the government, although, that the premier, minister of interior, promised in many occasions to liberate them, but in vain, and many incarcerated, are still

missing for their parents and without being judged by a court.

We are exposing this cause to your congress to insist on the need of cooperation, to intervene with all the possible means, in the Lebanese crisis as in others, where the human rights are not respected, and to defend the chart of human rights.

These civilized concepts, that we have to defend, to assure for the next generations, that the man enjoys them, no matter his religion or believing, his race, or his colour.

The whole world must take the necessary measures and we have to stop this catastrophic decline on the level of the human rights in Lebanon, and all over the world. And this with the help of all the forces interested in saving international peace, security, and justice.

Committee of the parents of the incarcerated, missings and kidnapped in Lebanon.