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Dear Mrs Halwani

You have my best wishes in your pursuit of the truth of Adnan's disappearance and I do hope you receive a factual and honest answer however distressing that might be.

Below is a copy of a letter that I have sent to your President:

Your Excellency

*I courteously request that you allow and set up an investigation into the disappearance of **Adnan Musbah Halwani**, a secondary history teacher active in organizing civilian resistance in Beirut during the invasion of 1982. He was arrested at his home in Beirut on 24th September 1982.*

Though his wife was given permission to visit her husband six months later, the meeting never took place because it was not possible to establish Adnan's actual whereabouts. No subsequent meeting has ever taken place because it appears Adnan has been 'disappeared'.

Apparently a law has been issued to allow missing people to be declared legally dead but this could amount to a refusal to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the person concerned or to acknowledge the deprivation of his liberty thus placing him outside the protection of the law in denial of his human rights.

As former secondary school teacher, I know we cannot hope to teach our children to respect others if we do not do so ourselves. There can often be a huge discrepancy between what we say we are teaching and what children are actually learning as they watch us go about our business. In due time they may very well treat us according to how they see us behave rather than how we would wish them to.

Yours sincerely

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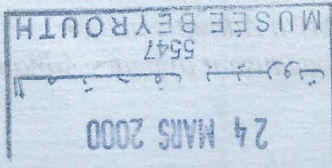
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