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The mediations that were active on the line of the Baabda Palace – the Grand Serail – Ain al-Tineh yesterday succeeded in venting some of the tension that threatens to explode at all levels with dire consequences. The land transport sector unions and unions decided in the evening to suspend the strike they had called for and which was expected to paralyze the country, after a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Najib Mikati and which ended with an agreement announced by the head of the land transport sector unions and unions Bassam Tlais.

It seemed as if rushing to absorb the labor escalation in the street was its main goal to avoid any confrontation between two streets, especially after the supporters of the “forces” collapsed in sit-ins and blocking roads today, coinciding with the date set by the military judiciary for the head of the Lebanese Forces Party, Samir Geagea, to be heard in the Tayouneh incidents.

“Forces” sources confirmed to “Al-Diyar” that Geagea will not come to Yarzeh, and he will be ready to appear before the investigator when the Secretary-General of Hezbollah, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, is summoned. The sources said: “The time for assembling files for the forces is over, and we will be on the lookout for any attack on us, whatever its form.”

Shepherd settlement floats the Supreme Council

At this time, the Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Al-Rahi, mobilized to support Geagea and decided to conduct a kind of mediation to resolve the political-judicial crisis. While he did not disclose the details of the solution, political sources who accompanied the sponsor’s tour told “Al-Diyar” that “what he proposes is keeping the port file in the custody of Judge Tariq Al-Bitar, provided that the file of Ali Hassan Khalil – Ghazi Zaiter – Nihad Al-Machnouk – Hassan Diab – Youssef Fenianos to the Supreme Council.” To try the presidents and ministers, it will be a settlement that does not break the Bitar by withdrawing the file from him, as Hezbollah demands, and at the same time pulling the fuse for the explosion, which will automatically reflect on the situation of the government, which is supposed to resume its meetings at that time.”

On the other hand, well-informed political sources warned that adopting the logic of settlements in the judicial investigations would topple the two investigations of Al-Minfa and Tayouneh together, considering that “what the sponsor proposes will undoubtedly note a settlement of Geagea’s situation in exchange for settling the status of MPs and former ministers.” The sources added to “Al-Diyar”: “Any truth that will appear at that time... will benefit then the Lebanese proverb that says, “The family is the cause of their death.”

Yesterday, Geagea’s agents submitted a memorandum to the government commissioner at the Military Court, Fadi Akiki, explaining that the notification of Geagea was illegal.

The attorneys of some of the detainees in the Tayouneh case also submitted a request to step down by Akiki, who refused to register the request, which the agents considered to be in violation of legal principles, which prompted them to request the judge's response before the Beirut Court of Appeal, which will consider the request in the coming days.

Al-Rahi, who first met Berri, stressed that “the law, justice and the judiciary are above all and above all sects and sects.” He said, “We want the judiciary to be free and independent, and we just deplore the summoning of Geagea,” and added, “There is a road map for solutions, but there is no trade-off between the Tayouneh incident and the port explosion.” From Baabda Palace, Al-Rahi confirmed to Aoun the existence of a convincing constitutional and legal solution to the current crisis, and he brought this solution on his visit yesterday to Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri and Prime Minister Najib Mikati, who both expressed their approval of it. Then he presented it to the President of the Republic, who in turn approved it. Al-Rahi stressed the need to implement this solution as soon as possible, after which the government returns to the meeting, considering that matters should not be resolved in the street, “and we have seen what happens when it reaches the street.”

The movement of religious authorities to support the political forces was not limited to Al-Rahi and Geagea, as the Grand Mufti of the Lebanese Republic, Sheikh Abdul Latif Daryan, received in Dar Al-Fatwa, former Prime Minister Hassan Diab, and the media office in Dar Al-Fatwa confirmed in a statement, “The position of the Mufti Derian regarding the crime of bombing the port of Beirut. It does not change by changing the time and place, either lifting the immunities of all without exception, or adopting the constitutional and legal mechanisms in force in the Supreme Council for the Trial of Presidents and Ministers. The statement added, “Mufti Derian expressed his keenness to achieve justice and to take into account that President Hassan Diab is subject to the Supreme Council for the trial of presidents and ministers, according to what is stipulated in the Lebanese constitution, and we cannot be satisfied with others except after the amendment and approval of it in the Parliament.

Troop preparations!

In parallel with the provocation of political-judicial solutions, the forces decided to move today in the street. And the people of Ain al-Remmaneh called for a car demonstration from Bkerke to Maarab “against summoning the victim, not the aggressor, and in solidarity with the head of the forces.” Similar calls spread in more than one region. Informed sources told Al-Diyar that most of the areas where there is a presence of my forces will witness sit-ins and stands in solidarity with Geagea, but the main movement will be on the Bkerke-Maarab line.

At this time, a number of political positions in support of Geagea were recorded. The head of the “Future Movement” Saad Hariri tweeted, through his account on “Twitter”, writing, “The announcement of Dr. Samir Geagea’s notification to appear in front of the Intelligence Directorate, also falls in the category of absurdity and calls the country to further division and the employment of state administrations in the service of revenge policies,” he concluded. “What is required is to inform all concerned, orally or physically, of the necessity to appear before the requirements of the national interest and not to neglect the remaining elements of civil peace.”

For his part, the head of the Progressive Socialist Party, Walid Jumblatt, wrote on Twitter: “For a transparent and just investigation, for a comprehensive justice away from selectivity, and in order to give some hope to the citizen who has nothing to do with the struggle of local axes, it is better to arrest all the shooters in The Tayouneh incident without discrimination and stopping this sterile and destructive political debate.” As for the head of the Kataeb Party, Sami Gemayel, he said in a statement, “The Kataeb Party’s position regarding the necessity of fortifying the independence of the judiciary and not submitting to the security and political blackmail that Lebanon is subjected to is a firm, clear and continuous position. As for the military court, the Kataeb Party has repeatedly demanded the dissolution of this exceptional court, and submitted a proposal to amend the Military Judiciary Law and limit its powers to the military, due to the selectivity with which the military judiciary deals with civilians, its lack of respect for the conditions of prosecution and fair trial, and its targeted summonses and arrests. The military judiciary is often the repressive arm of police regimes that the Lebanese have resisted and won every time.” She drew a tweet from the Saudi ambassador, Walid al-Bukhari, who appears to have resumed his activities in Beirut, where he visited the Mufti of the Republic, Abdel Latif Derian, and Sheikh Akl of the Druze Unitarians, Sami Abi Al-Muna, in which he wrote on Twitter, “There is no legitimacy for a project that leaps above Lebanon’s Arab identity.”

On the other hand, the sources of the “Shiite duo” deplored the policy of “double standards pursued by the forces.” She told Al-Diyar: “When it comes to the port file, we see the forces as spearheading the defense of the judiciary and the obligation to bring the accused before it, but when it comes to the Tayouneh case, the judiciary becomes politicized and acts with discretion, and the head of the forces refuses to appear before it!” She adds: “The truth of what is happening is a farce!”

Parliamentary committees respond to Aoun!

On the eve of the plenary session of the House of Representatives on Thursday, the joint committees voted, in a session held yesterday, to respond to the President of the Republic’s response to the electoral law and its amendments. The committees also voted to keep the law as approved in the General Assembly in terms of expatriates voting for 128 deputies. In the context of the session, MP Ali Hassan Khalil said, “Not presenting the election law to the Council of Ministers before returning it to the Parliament is a constitutional violation.”

The head of “Justicia” and human rights organization, Dr. Paul Morcos, explained that after the committees’ position, the amended law will be referred again to the General Assembly, which either confirms it again through the vote of 65 deputies in favor of the amendments or takes the opinion of President Aoun, pointing out in an interview with Al-Diyar that if the Council maintains its position, the law is published in the Official Gazette, even if the President of the Republic does not sign it, who can, within 15 days, challenge it before the Constitutional Council.

Yesterday, Aoun confirmed that “the repercussions of the recent security incidents have been resolved, and there is no return to the civil war in Lebanon, despite the presence of a permanent disturbance of the general atmosphere in the country.” As for the ongoing investigations into the explosion of the Beirut port, he stressed “the independence of the judiciary in this area, and the

necessity of politicians not interfering in its course.” Regarding the existing obstruction of the government’s work in light of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund, President Aoun pointed out that “the committees responsible for preparing files and negotiating are still doing their work, but the Council of Ministers does not live only through committees, and it must return to the meeting quickly to achieve practical and serious steps that relieve citizens, and to complete the agreement with the International Monetary Fund.” On the other hand, he stressed, “the necessity of establishing a megacenter to facilitate the voting process in the upcoming parliamentary elections, in light of the current financial hardship that may prevent many from reaching their areas to vote, which leads to the election of a parliament with a very low voter turnout.”

For his part, Mikati indicated, “We are looking forward to resuming the cabinet sessions as soon as possible to complete the decisions required to activate the work of the commissions and committees and to accomplish what is required of the government, according to what it announced in the ministerial statement.” He stressed that we look forward to the government being honest in supervising the upcoming parliamentary elections so that it will be an opportunity for all Lebanese segments to freely express their aspirations and opinions freely and impartially. He said, “I am certain, in this exceptional circumstance, that getting out of the accumulated crises will pass through supporting the public administration, immunizing it against corruption, and concentrating efforts to activate its performance and raise the level of transparency in its practices.”

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