

## **Aoun was briefed by Bishop Aoudeh on deliberations of Archdiocese meeting: Keenness on preserving rights of all communities especially Greek Orthodox**



President of the Republic, General Michel Aoun, asserted keenness to preserve rights of all sects, especially the Greek Orthodox community, which gave the Lebanese administration officials who are known for their competence, sincerity and good conduct.

The President stances came during his reception the Beirut Metropolitan for the Greek Orthodox, Archbishop Elias Aoudeh, in the presence of MP Elias Bou Saab. President Aoun and Archbishop Aoudeh discussed the general situation and affairs of the Greek Orthodox community.

For his part, Bishop Aoudeh expressed appreciation for the combined role of the President and heads of constitutional institutions, stressing the importance of

participation of members of the Orthodox community in administrative and functional sites based on experience, competence and palm cleanliness.

Bishop Aoudeh also briefed President Aoun on the deliberations of the meeting held in the Archdiocese of Ashrafiyeh, which issued a written statement unanimously of those present, affirming that the Orthodox stood beside the option of a civil state based on true citizenship and equality of rights and duties, especially since they were never sectarian. Aoudeh indicated that until the establishment of the civil state, the Orthodox have the right to participate effectively in building a state through administrative, judicial and military positions, considering that replacing senior Orthodox employees with others should be for good reasons without any injustice, especially if these employees were not perpetrators.

Then, Bishop Aoudeh said that he had placed the Orthodox appointments file in the President's custody, calling for the removal of injustice in the Orthodox community members.

MP Fouad Makhzoumi:

Later, President Aoun met head of the National Dialogue party, MP Fouad Makhzoumi, accompanied by his political advisor, Dr. Carol Zwein.

After the meeting, MP Makhzoumi explained that his deliberations with the President tackled general conditions in the country in light of the harsh health and economic living conditions.

Makhzoumi praised the Cabinet-approved economic rescue plan, considering that it includes positives.

"The most important thing is commitment to the required reforms, especially since the country is going through a suffocating crisis on various levels, starting from the Dollar exchange rate to the collapse of the banking sector" Makhzoumi stated.

Then Makhzoumi stressed the necessity of controlling illegal border crossings and putting an end to the smuggling of flour, fuel, electronic devices and other goods to Syria, "Because this liquidation is an integral part of the crisis of wasting public money".

“The most important issue today is to seek solutions to the living crisis in order to restore the confidence of the depressed people, and to preserve the country’s stability and improve Lebanon’s image before the international community” Makhzoumi pointed out.

Makhzoumi also expressed surprise at the “Controversial atmosphere, tensions and unfortunate conflicts between some political forces and even within the same teams”, indicating that the situation in Lebanon requires behavior upgrading and the assumption of national responsibilities. MP Makhzoumi then stressed the need for strict measures to confront Corona pandemic, especially after the rise in the number of infections that we have witnessed in the past few days, calling on the Lebanese to adhere to prevention standards and to be aware and patient to pass this ordeal.

Former Minister Boustany:

President Aoun received Former Minister, Naji Al-Boustany, and discussed with him the general situation in light of recent developments.

Boustany said that President Aoun is keen to maintain stability in the “Jabal” region, and for a decent living for all its children.

Damour Mayor:

The President received the Mayor of Damour town, Charles Ghafari, who informed him of the Municipal Council decision to allocate a land area of one hundred thousand sq. meters to establish the Human Academy for Meeting and Dialogue, which was launched by President Aoun and approved by the UN General assembly at its regular session last September.

President Aoun thanked Ghafari, noting the importance of establishing this academy in Damour, a town which enjoys a unique national and cultural heritage.-Presidency Press Office

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