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## Press Statement issued by the Lebanese Judges Association

The reality of the judicial work has been blundering for some not too short time, and every time we pose the question but we don't get an answer, and we register a request to no avail!

We shout it out to anyone who hears: **The situation is no longer acceptable, and it has become impossible for judges to perform their work:**

- Morally, most of the judges are **injured to the veins** and no longer have the ability to bear/sustain, and their request that cannot be compromised is the adoption of an actual law that guarantees the independence of the judicial authority and takes into account the principle of separation of powers, but **indifference is the master of the situation**; and what is even worse, are the attempts **to pass an empty law in this regard to continue political interference in the judiciary.**
- Logistically speaking, the **courts and its registries do not have the minimum requirements to operate**, as there is no electricity, heating, or stationery... and here we ask: Is this an intentional matter or a negligence equivalent to the intent?

In view of the foregoing, the Judges Club of Lebanon:

- **First:** requests that **serious and effective steps be taken** by the competent references to fix matters and take corrective action within a period of two weeks, or else, subsequent decisions will be taken which we do not want, but which can no longer be avoided, and these will be announced in due course if the situation continues.
- **Second:** calls **The Supreme Judicial Council to convene a general assembly of judges immediately and without delay** in order to take a unified position with practical steps, because silence is no longer permissible.
- **Third:** considers **this statement to be a call/appeal that must be heard**, because the alarm rang and has **struck dignity at the core!**
- Finally, the national responsibility in any country entails preserving the judiciary and sparing it from making claims of any kind, because **when the judiciary collapses, the nation disappears.**

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