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Saydet el Jabal Gathering held its weekly meeting online with the participation of Ahmad Fatfat, Ahmad Ayach, Elie Kosayfi, Elie Kirillos, Elie Hajj, Antoine Andraos, Bahjat Salameh, Pierre Akl, Toufic Caspard, Joseph Karam, Habib Khoury, Housen Abboud, Khalil Toubia, Ralph Germanos, Rouba Kabbara, Rodrigue Naufal, Sami Chamoun, Serge Bou Gharios, Suzie Ziade, Tony Habib, Toubia Atallah, Atallah Wehbe, Fares Soueid, Fairuz Juday, Fathi El Yafi, Majed Karam, Maamoun Malak, Mayad Haidar, Norma Rizk, Nelly Kandil and Nabil Yazbeck, and issued the following statement:

Saydet El Jabal Gathering urgently calls for respecting the constitutional deadlines for the election of a new President of the Republic, and emphasizes the need for electing a President committed, in deeds not words, to the unity of Lebanon, the final homeland for its citizens, Arab in its identity, and to preserving mutual existence, and defining the internal and external boundaries of the State.

The Gathering considers that the first priority is to end the Iranian occupation of Lebanon, therefore it calls political powers to meet the National Council for Ending the Iranian Occupation of Lebanon halfway through the adoption of a roadmap leading to the election of a President capable of ending this occupation by committing to the golden trinity: *unity of a final homeland* for the Lebanese, *Arab* in its identity, or else the new elected candidate would be entrenching the Iranian presence in Lebanon, regardless of his personal profile or competencies.

For this reason, the Gathering calls for focusing the efforts on this fateful issue instead of drowning in many details and daily quarrels and disputes.

A final word to the Lebanese people: preserving Lebanon is your responsibility before being the responsibility of politicians, and for this reason you are invited to be aware and to keep up with the events step by step, because you will be the ones who will save Lebanon.

Dismantling your homeland goes through pushing you into poverty, starvation, and immigration, while getting out of this historical deadlock requires first resisting against the Iranian occupation and ending it.