

## Tripoli Memorandum

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All categories and factions in Tripoli form a single social fabric, which believes in the project of a strong, fair state.

Tripoli is an ancient city with roots reaching deep into the recesses of history. Throughout the decades following Lebanon's independence, it has played its national role as a safe cradle of fraternal coexistence and a fertile soil for the freedom of opinion, thought and belief.

It is the heir of a glorious heritage and has never experienced extremism and isolation; rather, it always was a symbol of moderation, openness and assimilation of others. Nowadays, Tripoli rejects all forms of strife and refuses to become a stage for settling old scores on its soil. It is looking forward to having security services, especially the army and the ISF, play an active and essential role as they represent a safety valve of stability and sustainable civil peace.

Resolving the crisis that the city and its inhabitants have gone through calls for the following measures:

- 1 – Reach an agreement among all leaders and figures regarding the definitive preservation of peace, security and stability, and abstain from having recourse to violence and weapons, regardless of the circumstances.
- 2 – Hold a state-sponsored meeting among all the city's players.
- 3 – Call on the Army Command in the North to set a timeframe for the return of the displaced to their homes and secure all details pertaining to their security.
- 4 – Provide temporary, alternative housing for those citizens whose houses are too deteriorated to allow their return, by giving them rent allowances until their houses are restored and their return is made possible.
- 5 – Speed up the process of assessing human and material damages by the Higher Relief Council and all relevant institutions in order to allow for the urgent and speedy payment of compensations for the victims.
- 6 – Call on the prime minister to provide all necessary compensations.

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