

Press Release

The Collapse of a Second Building in Tripoli, is a Heinous Crime, Not Just an Unfortunate Accident!

(Translated)

The collapse of a second building in Tripoli, just days after the previous incident in Al-Qubba, cannot be described merely as an "unfortunate incident" but rather as a clear case of negligence!

Tripoli doesn't just need statements of sympathy or empty phrases like "Our hearts are with you!", especially from the authorities and the wealthy Tripoli natives; it needs immediate action: Evacuating the hundreds of buildings at risk of collapse, providing decent housing for the people, and fair compensation for those affected.

The responsibility lies with the authorities in all their branches, and with the wealthy elite of the city itself: Mikati, Safadi, Karami, Kabara, and others, who amassed fortunes while the people of Tripoli lived under the constant threat of collapse. These individuals prioritized their personal, political, and electoral interests over the lives and dignity of the people!

Tripoli is not a city that begs, solicits, or lives on pity. Tripoli is a city rich in its potential and its people, but it is being plundered and deliberately neglected.

What is needed is genuine accountability, not false tears after every tragedy!

Promises abounded after the deaths of many in the initial collapse in the Qubba area, and meetings were held in abundance, but these proved to be deceptive promises to buy time and misleading media gatherings to appease the people. They quickly forgot the people of Tripoli, and after today's collapse in the Tabbaneh area, the statements, promises, and meetings have returned! The Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «لَا يُلْدَعُ الْمُؤْمِنُ» "A believer is not stung twice from the same hole." How many times have we been stung by this authority and by politicians?!

Therefore, it has become the duty of all the sincere people of the city to take practical steps towards those in this situation, and to demand isolation and severe accountability for all those who prove their negligence or procrastination in finding solutions from the authorities and those who represent them.

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