

Lebanese Problematic Compare to Switzerland

Nice but you have overlooked the sociological dilemma of Lebanon, and the pluralism that needs a system that organizes it, just as India, Switzerland, Belgium, Emirates and around 20 other countries in the world have done.

We cannot expect people to get rid of sectarianism just like that. Confessional communities are 1500 years old. We need another way to tackle them and get rid of their negative consequence.

Dear Sir,

Nationalism = الوطنية

Is the state of belonging and loving one's nation.

“Ism” as a suffix is the fact of belonging, adopting (Stoicism, Anglicanism...).

Sectarianism linguistically means “belonging / loving / adopting one's sect”.

Sect in Lebanon is more than a religious affiliation. It is a cultural entity with a history and cultural elements from outside the religious beliefs as well.

In Switzerland, the most dignified country, there are 4 ethnicities and two confessions: Catholics and Protestants.

When people of different cultural backgrounds are set to a centralized unitary form of governance, it is unavoidable that they clash in trying to maintain their lifestyle and foreign affiliations etc etc (and their religion / sect as well).

So they start “hating each other” because they are scared that each once in a while, one community suppresses the rest as part of the survival game. This is why sectarianism has come to be misinterpreted as “hate on the basis of confession”.

The Lebanese are not bad or evil people!

We just need to acknowledge that the sociological mosaical pattern needs to be taken into account in organizing coexistence.

Only then, and without any effort, sectarianism, in its pejorative meaning, will fade by itself, just like what happened in Switzerland (at least at the macroscopical level, which is enough to settle peace and prosperity).

Please I need you to read carefully, as this is a delicate idea that I wanted to share with you and your readers.

I hope I was able to pass the message.

We cannot erase sectarianism, as in hatred, by “deleting” it, as this would require “deleting” the sects themselves, the latter rooted in Lebanon since millennia...

Thank you for taking the time to read.

PS: so Switzerland is a racist nation because they adopt sectarianism? If a Catholic German Swiss general for ex leaves his position, it is mandatory that he be replaced by a Swiss of same ethnicity as well as sect. Perhaps not the best option for equality, but sure the best for justice when there is a sociological clash, whichever its manifestation.

This is Switzerland. I humbly suggest u take a look at how the Swiss system functions, how all entities are respected and how there is utmost peace.