

Statement of the Coordinating Council for Public Sector Retirees in Lebanon

In light of the daily deterioration of the life of the Lebanese citizen, the intolerable decline in the purchasing power of wages, salaries and pensions, and the loss of basic goods for the regularity of the lives of citizens, the State continues to slow down any solution that reduces these burdens, but we see the Government trying to circumvent the strike of management staff that has been going on for more than a month, with patchwork that does not sing or fatten from hunger, while at the same time trying to create a rift between the functional sectors of employees, The distinction between groups is on the other hand, and between them all and retirees on the one hand thagum.

In this context, the Council for The Promotion of Public Sector Retirees is interested in announcing the following:

- 1- The Coordinating Council for Public Sector Retirees supports the demands made by the Association of Public Administration Employees on the correction of salaries and pensions, and its support for its movement and any action by other functional bodies, particularly educational bodies of different kinds.
- 2- The Council warns against ignoring the rights of retirees in any proposal for a solution or law that does not equate a working

employee with a retiree whose life is spent in the service of his homeland, a soldier, a teacher, a management employee or a representative of his country in four parts of the world. We therefore warn against circumventing the rights of retirees by limiting wage increases to permanence, which means a fictitious correction that would hit the public sector on the road to the abolition of public service.

- 3- The Coordinating Council points out that the pensions of members of the military and security agencies, which are divided on the basis of a salary and supplements, are prompted to demand that these supplements be included on the basis of the pension when any correction to achieve justice and equality with other public sector employees, contrary to the great injustice inflicted on the elements of these organs in retirement and actual service when approving social assistance calculated on the basis of salary without supplements.
- 4- The Council emphasizes the absolute necessity to secure medicine and hospitalization for retirees, with the rapid and approved support of the requirements of the phase, by providing the cooperative of state employees and guarantor funds with the necessary funds, and raising their budgets in accordance with the high costs of spending on health.

5- While announcing continued communication with officials to discuss appropriate solutions, the Coordinating Council for Public Sector Retirees supports any move by the Association of Public Administration Employees, while calling for efforts to be coordinated between other trade union bodies of employees and educational bodies, retirees to take joint action, as well as coordination with all those who support our movement from trade union bodies.

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