

Michel Pharaon

A political party in one man

Whether you like it or not; whether you are of his opinion or not, there is no doubt that we can present Michel Pharaon, this sincere and one-of-a-kind personality, as a party summarized in a single man. Yes, Michel Pharaon is a party in himself, having his entity, his doctrine and his leadership belonging to the legacy of a great family, which he has known how to preserve, through his political and human action in his Ashrafieh region.



According to the people of Ashrafieh, Michel Pharaon is stronger than a party, stronger than an organization or an institution. We are not writing this out of kindness. This is due to his daily action and to his ceaseless activities 24 hours a day on various levels and in many fields, in a region difficult to sum up, one containing many kinds of people, communities, colors and sects, located in the heart of Beirut, the capital. The man does not know how to exploit the circumstances and the occasion. He was sometimes judged unfairly by his close relations, but he preferred to remain silent, while knowing when to react. He defended Ashrafieh, which he loves and knows house by house, always working to be by the side of its inhabitants and to help them.

- During electoral rallies, the force of the Greek Catholic leader, his personality and his weight in the capital, was plain for all to see.

Some of his close relations blamed him when he remained silent when some were trying to impose silence on him. But Michel Pharaon, son of a Beirut family *de souche*, soared above all this, since his objective and his concern were the victory of all members of the list to which he belonged.

Personally, I may not agree with him in many of his stances, for some of which I might even blame him, but all this does not prevent us from recognizing his seriousness, his sincerity and his leadership of Ashrafieh. In fact, he is the party leader, its vice-president, its secretary-general and its political administration, all in one, and he is the big winner of the elections in the Beirut I constituency.

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