

Eid calls for including Alawites in national dialogue

Arab Democratic Party leader Ali Eid on Tuesday called for including the Alawite sect in the national dialogue session called for by President Michel Sleiman.

"National unity can be manifested in justice and equality... we grudgingly accepted the exclusion of the Alawite sect from being represented in the cabinet, but excluding it from the national dialogue table is like a blow to it and its presence in Lebanon," Eid wrote in a publication sent to Sleiman, Prime Minister Najib Mikati and Speaker Nabih Berri.

Eid also said he hoped "the mistake would be corrected, because you are the protectors of all sects and groups, and you foster the constitution and coexistence."

On Monday, President Michel Sleiman sent invitations to the members of the national dialogue committee calling on them to convene on June 11 at the Baabda Presidential Palace to discuss various issues, including the "Resistance's" arms.

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