

(ADF), which was to assist the Lebanese government in reasserting its national authority; a guarantee of the Cairo Accord and a recognition of the Palestinians' right to armed struggle; the formation of a Committee of Four charged with the responsibility of assisting President Sarkis to implement the withdrawal of armed personnel from Lebanon; and the return of public institutions to government authority.

The implementation of the proposals was halted by a serious deterioration in Lebanon's situation, namely, assassinations and ambushes as well as an increased polarization of political attitudes between the LNM and the Lebanese Forces. A proliferation of both internal and external actors further confused the situation. The Arab League failed to guarantee Lebanon's sovereignty, as Israel and its Lebanese allies committed acts of aggression in the south, and the PLO fought with the Lebanese Army and the ADF. Hafez argued that the increase in domestic violence in 1977 was directly linked to regional elements, namely the Camp David peace process between Egypt and Israel. Camp David ended the regional rapprochement between Syria and Egypt, greatly exacerbating tensions inside Lebanon. In addition, the regional conflict between Syria and Israel added to Lebanon's problems.

Following the 1978 invasion, Israel began its long occupation of South Lebanon and the cabinet of Prime Minister Salim el-Hoss resigned. The summits' proposals concentrated on the external rather than the internal dimensions of Lebanon's problems. The Higher Committee of the Arab League held additional meetings to discuss internal and regional security dimensions of the war, but was unable to facilitate implementation of the resolutions reached at the Riyadh and Cairo summits.

In 1980, President Sarkis issued the Fourteen Points for National Reconciliation, a platform that was to complement the Arab League's effort by fostering domestic reconciliation. Among other measures, the plan called for the reestablishment of Lebanese sovereignty, an equilibrated system of power-sharing, close cooperation with Syria, support