## 4. **Hizbullah's 2005 Parliamentary Elections Program**<sup>70</sup> (*My translation*)

- Safeguard Lebanon's independence and protecting it from the Israeli menace by safeguarding the (Islamic) Resistance, Hizbullah's military wing, and its weapons in order to accomplish total liberation of Lebanese occupied land (a reference to the Shib'a farms).
- 2. Facilitate the mission of the UN investigating team into Hariri's assassination.
- 3. Take practical measures to organize a special relationship between Lebanon and Syria.
- 4. Reject any foreign tutelage or intervention in Lebanese domestic affairs under any pretext or form.
- 5. Contest the parliamentary elections with the mentality of achieving the broadest and most encompassing national and populist representation in order to come up with an efficient parliament that protects the established national set of values (thawabit wataniyya).
- Affirm the recourse to the constitutional apparatus and state institutions, while urging the employment of a national discourse through openness and dialogue in a national-comprehensive framework.
- 7. Stress the need for establishing a comprehensive socio-economic program aimed at stamping out poverty by boosting productive sectors such as agriculture, industry, and trade that are conducive to rendering basic services to the Lebanese citizens.