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Lebanon Election Stockholm Syndrome and Florence Nightingale Effect

By Jawad N. Adra

This article was first written and published in The Monthly-July 2009 issue, and we are republishing it today as the parliamentary elections draw closer and the reality it reflects has never changed.

Let us visit 17th century Lebanon, when the 'Great Prince' Fakhreddine II, "Ruler of all Mount Lebanon", "Sultan of the Sea", conqueror of Tripoli, Koura, Jbeil and ruler of Metn, Keserouan and Chouf is "dispensing Justice" by severing the heads of some of his followers and accepting appreciation and praise for his 'wisdom' from their relatives for sparing them. Here he is, writing to the Grand Duke of Tuscany that he is a Christian and he is prepared to unveil this secret and he signs: "My children kiss your hands and foot"

He writes to the Grand Duchess as well... "I and my country and followers are under your command, awaiting your orders, begging you to appoint me Counsel of Tuscany to oversee the exports and imports of my country to and from Tuscany.

He signs:

'Servant of your Highness

Prince of Saida and the entire Mount Lebanon'

What does the emissary of the Grand Duke say about this 'great prince'.

'Although he is stingy and he robs his followers of their earnings, he seems loved by them because he gives his soldiers the opportunity to rob and to benefit. He is feared yet stingy and patient when confronted with calamities'

Let us now move to the 18th century Lebanon, with another "great prince" Bashir al-Shihabi Al-Kabeer, at his Beiteddine Palace, also

'dispensing justice' by piercing the eyes of his nephews and sending his henchman Said Hamadeh to sever some heads here and there, perhaps in Deir Al Qamar or Joune. He sends his son Amine to the Ottoman Wali of Saida assuring him that he supports the Sultan, while his other son Khalil is assuring the Egyptian-French Mohammad Ali the opposite. His dream was to kiss the hands and feet of the Ottoman Sultan, but he died outside of Istanbul without realizing his dream, satisfying himself by kissing the hands of those who perhaps kissed a hand of a Sultan.

He was a Durzi with the Druze, a Christian with Christians and a Mohamadi with the Muslims, but he worked hard to have them at each other's throats...

What do his friends the French say about him?

'...The whole truth must be said; his oppression was overwhelming. Some people have shown me (in Damour and Chwaifat) their burned houses and their destroyed monastery and they told me that their women and daughters were violated...'wrote the translator for the French Council.

Let us now move to 20th Century Lebanon when the Zua'ama of Jabal Lebnan (Mount Lebanon) were groveling at the feet of Jamal Basha, for the titles of Beik, Afendi, Agha, and Sheikh and for the spoils of the Land.

What does Jamal Basha say about them?

'I made them' says the one they nicknamed "the Butcher", after the defeat of the Ottomans in WWI.

'I had never thought they would steep so low' he says, mentioning them one by one in his memoirs, they whose grand children still prowl Lebanon and the Arab World.

They were 'serving' him and at the same time 'serving' the French and the British, he says.

Let us now go to Lebanon at its 'First Independence', in 1943

What does General Edward Spears say?

'On the night of the 11th of November I was fast asleep with my windows wide open as usual when I was suddenly awakened in a startling way by a body falling into my mosquito net. Then I realized that I knew the figure that had fallen into my mosquito net. It was the President's eldest son, Khalil, a pudgy lad, and his face was covered with blood. He said, 'My father said to me, 'Go to General Spears and tell him'. Then he told me that soldiers had burst into his parents' room where his mother was ill in bed. Which they flung him, shouting 'Son of a dog, son of an Englishman'.

What does Patriarch Arida write about himself?

'Dear Professor Weizmann

We have authorized our son Sheikh....to conclude with you agreements for the benefit of both our countries and he is authorized to receive from you any amount of money as well'.

We continue our path to Camille Chamoun nicknamed 'The Handsom Arab Youth', brought to the presidency by the British and the Americans to the "Prince General" Shihab installed by Nasser and Eisenhower all the way to Helou, Frangieh, Sarkis and to the end of our symphony today.

What was and is being said about them?

Let us now enter the election of 2009 when 'we all', 'elected' 'them' and even the "missing third" stayed missing. This is an election that proves that

'we' have been taken hostages since the 17th century.

What does this say about these Zua'ma if the ultimate ambition of Fakhreddine was to become a council of Tuscany and Bashire to kiss the hands of the Sultan?

What would then be the ambition of who crawled and still crawl at Anjar and Awkar?

The equation is simple, it is fear and security.

Fear of "the other" and of the unknown, seeking refuge with the Zai'm who provides money and employment. Fear creates a dual Stockholm Syndrome and Florence Nightingale effect, for we Lebanese do fear and venerate our masters, just as they need us and love our need for them. So it is no wonder that 'we fear them' so and that 'we love them' so and 'they fear us' and 'love us' as well and that is the story of the Lebanese election in 2009 and of all elections.

NGOS IN LEBANON 301 IN ONE YEAR

The past three years (2019-2021) have witnessed an increase in the number of NGOs, reaching a total of 890 in 2021.

Many reasons stand behind this increase, including:

- Economic necessity
- Private gains
- Social service
- Remittance availability
- Politics

Law of Associations

According to legal texts, the Law of 29 Rajab 1328 H/August 3, 1909, known as the Midhat Pasha Law for it was issued during the Ottoman rule in Lebanon, govern the functioning of associations. Although nearly 120 years have passed since its promulgation, it was only amended twice, once in 1928 and then in 1932. This proves that successive Lebanese governments and parliaments have not found since the independence a better law (or wanted to pass a new one) organizing the work of associations.

Article 2 of the said Law stipulates that “establishing an association requires no prior permit but, by virtue of Article 6, notifying the government of its establishment is a prerequisite”.

Article 6 states that “establishing clandestine associations is strictly forbidden. Accordingly, upon establishing any association, the founders must submit a signed and sealed statement to the Department of Interior (Ministry of Interior) containing its address, goals, objectives, main office, and the names, capacity, and position of those entrusted with its governance. Two certified copies of the association’s statutes, sealed by the association’s official stamp, must be attached to this statement. In return, the association is granted a notification”.

Despite being considered advanced and liberal, this Law contains many gaps. It does not differentiate between the civil social/cultural association and the political association (i.e. the party), and this is what the government and parliament are supposed to overhaul in order to distinguish a political association from a non-political one.

Law Enforcement

The Law governing the functioning of associations clearly state that the formation of an association does not require a permit but a notification to the government. The successive Lebanese governments have however contravened this provision by granting permits to associations after referring the request to the General Directorate of General Security for inquiries and investigation, with some waiting several years to obtain the recognition notice. Yet, given the political, partisan and sectarian interference, many associations have been licensed, mostly to serve as a cover for political goals. They were created for the purpose of obtaining funds from the State or grants from international bodies, which placed them under suspicion.

New Government Measures

In the fall of 2005, i.e. months after assuming office, the government started to issue notices of recognition within relatively short periods of time. The then Minister of Interior Ahmad Fatfat issued on May 2006 the Circular No. 10/AM/2006 setting a new mechanism to notify the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities of the establishment of associations in Lebanon and facilitate the process in application of the 1909 Law and its amendments. This Circular has ended the previous measures and required the founders of any association to lodge a notice of recognition with the Ministry of Interior, including several documents (the association’s name, address and statutes, the founders’ individual extracts and police records). After validating the documents, the Ministry of Interior issues a statement indicating that it has been notified of the association’s establishment without referring the notice of recognition to any authority for inquiries and investigation, except in certain cases. Moreover, the Minister of Interior and Municipalities Ziad Baroud issued on September 12, 2008 the Circular No. 15/AM/2008 amending the previous circular and facilitating the process. After signing the notice of recognition and referring it to the General Directorate of General Security for due investigations and inquiries about the association’s activities, and in case of any obstacle preventing the continuation of the association, the Ministry of Interior may refuse to issue the statement of recognition and dissolve the association upon the approval of the Council of Ministers. Circular No. 124/AM/2018 has also been issued on November 08, 2018 to regulate the associations, particularly with regard to supervising the election of administrative bodies and controlling their budgets.

Number of NGOs

Table No. 1 below shows that 7,439 NGOs were established between the years 2000 and 2021, with the highest number (612) in 2008 and the lowest (129) in 2004. What is striking is the high number of registered NGOs, rising from 129 in 2004 to 323 in 2005 and from 254 in 2007 to 612 in 2008.

Table No. 1: Number of established NGOs (2000-2021).

| Year | No. of established NGOs |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 2000 | 160 |
| 2001 | 220 |
| 2002 | 141 |
| 2003 | 168 |
| 2004 | 129 |
| 2005 | 323 |
| 2006 | 521 |
| 2007 | 254 |
| 2008 | 612 |
| 2009 | 494 |
| 2010 | 530 |
| 2011 | 435 |
| 2012 | 456 |
| 2013 | 273 |
| 2014 | 335 |
| 2015 | 382 |
| 2016 | 316 |
| 2017 | 442 |
| 2018 | 358 |
| 2019 | 338 |
| 2020 | 251 |
| 2021 | 301 |
| Total | 7,439 |

Source: *Information International* based on the notices of recognition published in the Official Gazette in the said years.

Table No. 2: NGOs by name, headquarters and objectives.

| Notice of recognition No. & NGO's name | Date of notice | Date of application | Headquarters | Main objectives |
|--|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| 48 Lavender Bloom | 04-01-2021 | 15-05-2018 | Hazmieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating people, namely the patients and their parents, about epilepsy and the importance of dealing and coping with this disorder • Helping the patients feel more confident and productive • Providing the patients with free medical consultations and ensuring as much as possible the treatment they need |
| 117 For Keserwan | 04-02-2021 | 18-12-2018 | Zalka-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving the antiquities, heritage and religious sites and highlighting them • Providing aid and assistance to needy people • Providing support to Bouar Governmental Hospital-Reducing forest depletion • Enhancing the role of women in public life |
| 151 Lebanese Association of Mindfulness | 11-02-2021 | 04-09-2019 | Louaizeh-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing seminars, studies and educational workshops on mindfulness, health, culture, education and work environment • Cooperating and exchanging expertise with various national, international and regional associations that have similar goals |
| 153 Foundation Krystel El-Adm | 11-02-2021 | 18-11-2020 | Sarba-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging and assisting students in their studies • Granting rewards to the top culture, literature and art students • Building and equipping a cultural and artistic center |
| 154 Helping Hands of Lebanon | 11-02-2021 | 14-08-2019 | Ghadir-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing all social and humanitarian services • Supporting education and raising its standard, namely in poverty areas • Organizing support campaigns aimed at securing, when necessary, material and specialized assistance for needy people and those in need of medical care, including the disabled, the elderly and children |
| 156 KARARI | 16-02-2021 | 10-12-2020 | Badaro-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing the sports, cultural, educational, environmental, health, social, economic and legal awareness • Helping to build and develop human capacities and empower women, children and the elderly • Creating clubs that encourage reading |
| 158 Mountada Sayidet Aintoura | 16-02-2021 | 23-06-2020 | Aintoura-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging in women's humanitarian and national issues and promoting patriotism • Enhancing the academic and professional knowledge of women and spreading culture |
| 169 Kouraniyat | 18-02-2021 | 21-05-2020 | Kfaraakka-Koura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviving cultural and social activities, as well as dialogues • Providing social and health assistance to the people in need • Improving the environmental situation in Koura • Helping olive farmers |
| 188 El Khamira El Khairiya | 22-02-2021 | 27-05-2020 | Haret Sakher-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out social, cultural, scientific, agricultural and industrial works and activities, in addition to public projects • Providing financial aid to needy families • Sheltering and caring for the elderly |

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| 199 Amalia | 25-02-2021 | 01-08-2019 | Al Tal-Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the living conditions of poor families by providing various types of support Educating and training the families, youth and children on improving their lifestyles |
| 206 Lebanese ICT Federation "ALMA" | 26-02-2021 | 07-11-2019 | Tayouneh-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the relevant departments, namely the Ministry of Telecommunications, to support the information technology and telecommunications sector Using information technology and telecommunications as a tool for economic growth and an instrument for knowledge economy |
| 213 Bab El Shawk | 01-03-2021 | 03-12-2020 | Clemenceau-Property of Walid Jumblatt-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting inclusive and sustainable social development and enhancing and strengthening the role of youth Creating a space for exchanging ideas and organizing exhibitions Publishing leaflets and printed materials on the objectives of the association |
| 223 liban troc | 02-03-2021 | 17-09-2020 | Zouk Mosbeh-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing the elderly, the destitute and the poor with assistance in a wide variety of areas Providing jobs and housing for everyone in need in the hope of reducing emigration from Lebanon |
| 228 Banan Wa Alwan | 04-03-2021 | 26-06-2020 | Toul-Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spreading the culture of fine arts, vocal skills, music and theater Establishing a technical training institute for fine arts Organizing and holding celebrations, festivals and all works and activities related to the association's purpose |
| 229 Al Nabat Al Hassan | 04-03-2021 | 27-07-2020 | Nmairiyeh-Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on the development of forests through afforestation Campaigns Helping and empowering women and youth Helping needy people Raising awareness of drug abuse |
| 230 Werdaniyati | 04-03-2021 | 10-09-2020 | Wardaniyeh-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering women to confront unemployment Teaching women how to produce homemade mouneh Providing care to the elderly Helping the poorest families |
| 231 Mountada Bayt El Noujoum | 04-03-2021 | 05-12-2018 | Arab El Jal-Saida | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding poetry readings and literary and cultural meetings Hosting poets, writers and intellectuals Providing assistance to those in need Holding healthcare awareness meetings and seminars for people with special needs |
| 234 Al Jamiya Al Tarbawiya Li Tanmiat Al Souaoubat Al Ta'aloumiya | 04-03-2021 | 11-05-2020 | Moussaitbeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the educational process in the schools specialized in teaching students with learning disabilities and improving the capacities of teachers in these institutions Establishing affiliated centers to train specialists and help students with learning disabilities |

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| 239 Al Jamiya Al Loubnaniya Li Himayat Al Mouaman Lahom | 04-03-2021 | 06-03-2020 | Ashrafieh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising the awareness of all Lebanese citizens and residents about insurance rights Contributing towards updating the laws and provisions related to these rights Holding seminars, workshops and conferences related to the association's goals |
| 240 Aareen Bekaa Association | 04-03-2021 | 02-10-2020 | Taalbaya-Zahle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising the educational level and eradicating illiteracy Holding seminars to educate civil society members about the dangers of child labour Distributing drugs to the needy and poor people and providing them with charitable assistance such as food rations, scholarships and books |
| 242 No Child Left Behind | 05-03-2021 | 05-02-2020 | Deir El Zahrani-Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out cultural and educational activities that help young men and women to raise the cultural and educational level Helping poor and needy children and adolescents |
| 243 Action For Inclusive Development In Lebanon | 05-03-2021 | 23-09-2020 | Ashrafieh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the poorest families Empowering youth to create better life opportunities Eradicating financial illiteracy Empowering women to play a more active role |
| 244 Humanitarian and Development Support | 05-03-2021 | 07-09-2020 | Ketermaya-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing healthcare and health services to the poor and needy people and preventing and reducing diseases and epidemics Responding quickly and getting involved in the development process to save lives and alleviate suffering |
| 246 CHARACTER | 08-03-2021 | 05-10-2020 | Ashrafieh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce and direct youth energies Helping to secure employment Raising awareness on public health issues Providing educational assistance to students with their homework |
| 248 Jamiyat Inma' Tal Maayan Al Souhiya Al Tarbawiya | 08-03-2021 | 13-10-2020 | Tal Maayan-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing financial aid and scholarships to students Opening educational centers and organizing courses for students Opening a dispensary and a medical center |
| 251 Lebanon Needs | 09-03-2021 | 07-05-2020 | Faitroun-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating the healthcare system Providing support, consultations, services and funding in relation to medicines in Lebanon Proposing improvements to the healthy food systems in Lebanon through activating local and seasonal food production |
| 254 Swim Lebanon | 09-03-2021 | 24-08-2020 | Amchit-Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising environmental awareness Organizing beach clean-up campaigns in cooperation with the municipalities |
| 256 Jamiyat Tanmiyat Al Ilakat Al Loubnaniya Al Colombiya | 10-03-2021 | 16-07-2020 | Jeitaoui-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building bridges between the motherland and the diaspora in Colombia and all the countries in which there are Lebanese and Colombian Organizing cultural and historical events that promote the Colombian culture Carrying out cultural and educational activities |

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| 257 Kenoro | 10-03-2021 | 05-10-2020 | Atchane-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting democracy and sustainable economic and social development • Empowering youth and women and building their capacities to serve the society • Documenting information, exchanging experiences and developing studies and research |
| 258 Kader Li Zawiy Al Ehtiyajat Al Khassa | 10-03-2018 | 18-06-2019 | Borj El Chmali-Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing and managing centers for special needs • Proposing legislation and laws that protect and care for people with special needs and secure their rights • Preparing and training teachers and counselors on how to detect children with special needs and deal with them |
| 259 Iktidar Fi Al Tarbiya Wa Al Ta'alim | 10-03-2021 | 18-06-2019 | Borj El Chmali-Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing, implementing and following up professional development programs for administrators and teachers • Establishing pedagogical, educational and counselling institutions and centers • Monitoring and combating the behavioral phenomena, namely tobacco and drug addiction |
| 260 Al Jamiya Al Wataniya Lil Nouhoud Bil Ta'alim Al Rassmi | 10-03-2021 | 14-08-2019 | Borj El Chmali-Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping to develop and support public schools • Contributing to the discovery of gifted and outstanding students |
| 266 LOGA (Lebanese Outreach Group for Astronomy) | 12-03-2021 | 06-10-2020 | Hadath-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreading the culture of astronomy • Improving astronomy education in Lebanon |
| 267 Lil Khair Ahlouhou | 12-03-2021 | 21-05-2019 | Tarik El Jdideh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing year-round material and moral support to orphanages and nursing homes • Providing material and moral support to the child patients and their families during the treatment process • Spreading and promoting volunteerism in the society |
| 269 Shadow Team | 12-03-2021 | 13-09-2018 | Ghazieh-Saida | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing the parents with psychosocial programs, guidance and trainings on educational and rehabilitative programs so they can help their children • Developing the abilities and skills of children and people with special needs and focusing on their strengths |
| 270 Jamiyat Kol Al Farah Lil A'amal Al Khayriya | 12-03-2021 | 03-11-2019 | Al Basateen-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing jobs for people with special needs to healthfully integrate them into society • Fostering orphans and providing some medical services • Helping children with schooling |
| 271 MYKA Foundation | 12-03-2021 | 29-08-2019 | Mansourieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing financial aid and scholarships • Providing food and medicine to the elderly, children and indigent people • Providing needy people with financial assistance in the fields of education, hospitalization, food and housing |

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| 272 Jamiyat Salat | 12-03-2021 | 11-04-2019 | Furn El Chebbak-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting and supporting sustainable cultural development Advocating for the preservation of sustainable tangible and intangible cultural heritage Raising awareness among youth Promoting the concept of volunteerism and community engagement |
| 276 Jamiyat Al Wajeb Al Inssani | 19-03-2021 | 16-04-2020 | Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising social, cultural, educational and health awareness among the society Providing assistance of all kinds to those in need Providing vocational training courses in sewing, housekeeping, etc |
| 277 Rabitat Al Al Yantani | 19-03-2021 | 17-09-2019 | Barouk-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unifying the efforts of Alyantani family members for the good of all Developing the individual capacities of family members and socially empowering them Helping needy family members |
| 278 Jamiyat Ahali Al Toulab Al Loubnaniyin Fi Ikharej | 19-03-2021 | 04-08-2020 | Kfar Dabach-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting students who pursue their studies abroad and preserving their rights Securing scholarships for students abroad |
| 287 Organic Lebanon OL | 22-03-2021 | 16-09-2020 | Zouk Mikael-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminating, promoting and supporting the most appropriate organic farming practices and principles in Lebanon Creating a national union for organic agriculture Creating an umbrella that protects and supports organic agriculture |
| 291 Tajamoh Shabab Daraya | 23-03-2021 | 10-11-2020 | Daraya-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the society socially, culturally and economically Paying attention to the situation of children, women and youth in all fields Creating recreational, cultural, artistic and tourist activities and holding seminars |
| 292 Positive on Glucose | 23-03-2021 | 14-06-2019 | Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness of the dangers of diabetes Providing diabetes patients with psychological and moral support programmes Realizing the rights of people with diabetes |
| 294 Jamiyat Afnan Al Ijtimaiya | 23-03-2021 | 10-04-2019 | Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out all social, service, educational and cultural activities Providing in-kind assistance to the needy and the poor |
| 295 Jamiyat Al Hiwar Lil Mouwatana | 23-03-2021 | 02-12-2020 | Sanayeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a dialogue platform between the Lebanese and rationalizing the use of national capacity Pursuing economic growth Paying special attention to health care |
| 296 Jamiyat Haki Ouwrath | 23-03-2021 | 26-11-2018 | Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educating parents, especially mothers, on the importance of not distinguishing between children Providing women with the same rights of inheritance that their brothers enjoy Helping those who have been deprived of their inheritance because of forgery Empowering women economically and socially |

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| 297 Mountada Harf W Lon Al Thaqafi | 23-03-2021 | 22-09-2020 | Ebba-Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing and disseminating culture, literature, education and art Reviving the cultural and pedagogic capacities Discovering and sponsoring the creative and distinguished intellectuals |
| 304 Corruption Watch Lebanon | 29-03-2021 | 27-08-2020 | Hazmieh-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting democracy through monitoring the municipal and parliamentary elections Disseminating anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws for the sake of transparency in administrative and community work |
| 306 Mountada Al Adab Wa Al Ouloum Al Inssaniya "Diwan Al Adab" | 31-03-2021 | 10-07-2019 | Nabatieh El Fawka | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing and raising cultural, literary, scientific and artistic standards Showcasing and disseminating the outstanding works of youths in the literary, cultural and humanities fields Disseminating and rehabilitating the ideas of Wassim Arabi in the cultural and humanities fields |
| 311 Al Ezz Lana | 01-04-2021 | 02-05-2019 | Mansourieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educating women, raising their social status and highlighting their role Cleansing society of war remnants Laying sound foundations for building a successful social and economic life |
| 314 Astharte | 01-04-2021 | 27-08-2020 | Mansourieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spreading art in all its forms Spreading the culture of art therapy Supporting arts programs in schools, universities and educational institutions |
| 315 Jamiyat Shabibat Al Salam | 01-04-2021 | 12-11-2020 | Mazraa-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor, the needy, the destitute and orphans and fostering them Raising educational standards at all levels Developing vocational training courses |
| 316 Jamiyat Albi Ma'ak | 01-04-2021 | 01-03-2019 | Azmi Street-Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing material, moral and health assistance to the elderly and disabled, especially those with chronic diseases Contributing to sustainable development through volunteerism Establishing a center that provides social, health, educational and pedagogical services |
| 370 WeDo Association | 06-06-2021 | 08-07-2020 | Chiah-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the skills of needy people in order to reduce unemployment, particularly through holding seminars and lectures and supporting them financially and morally Fighting by all means all forms of racial discrimination among Lebanese communities Showing social solidarity with poor and marginalized families and assisting them |
| 372 Al Sama Project | 06-06-2021 | 02-09-2020 | Ras Beirut-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building women and children capacities in all areas: educational, economic and social Promoting the establishment of handicraft centers |
| 373 LEBANESE MALINOIS CLUB (LMC) | 06-06-2021 | 26-02-2020 | Zouk El Kharab-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the interests of Belgian Malinois dogs by guiding the breeders and trainers Improving the breed and quality of Belgian Malinois dogs |

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| 377 eMcREY Foundation- Lebanon | 08-04-2021 | 19-11-2020 | Rmeil-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping people without any discrimination to advance, progress and improve their quality of life Providing assistance of any kind in connection with education |
| 378 Jamiyat Kad | 08-04-2021 | 22-12-2020 | Hadath-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising the environmental awareness of Lebanese society in order to be active in environmental development Turning some heritage buildings into cultural centers |
| 379 Jamiyat Lil Jamih Baytouna | 08-04-2021 | 24-12-2020 | Yohmor Al-Shaqif- Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor and needy people and meeting their basic needs by providing them with direct and immediate aid Increasing the Lebanese society's capacity and awareness and improving its social life |
| 380 Jamiyat Mousstameroun Al Ijtimaiya | 08-04-2021 | 25-11-2020 | Hadath-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing medical, health, social and cultural services and aids Building dispensaries and health centers |
| 387 Jamiyat Tarahamou Wa Ta'awanou | 13-04-2021 | 18-11-2020 | Haret Hreik-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting educational, scientific, social, professional and health activities Securing food and medicine to low-income people and orphans Helping youth realizing their talents and fulfilling their potential at the social, educational, cultural and artistic levels Providing housing and furniture of all kinds to youth and low-income people |
| 397 Artopia | 15-04-2021 | 01-08-2019 | Furn El Chebbak- Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing theater as an educational tool in the academic curricula Giving space to youth to express their ideas |
| 401 Al Mounazama Al Ijtimaiya Wa Al Thaqafiya Al Dawliya | 15-04-2021 | 19-07-2018 | Bourj Abi Haidar- Beirut | <p>Joining together the efforts of all segments of society to participate in intellectual, social and cultural activities and furthering their cultural, economic and social advancement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting citizenship among individuals and communities Organizing cultural and social activities and festivals aimed at raising health and cultural standards |
| 402 Be Free | 15-04-2021 | 02-07-2020 | Jdeideh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting a field research to identify needy families Establishing a family counselling and protection center listening Sponsoring creative individuals Protecting environmental, climatic, plant and animal diversity |
| 403 Jamiyat Malqa Al Ahiba Fi Aandqet | 19-04-2021 | 05-03-2020 | Aandqet-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a culture of love, solidarity, coexistence, and recognition and acceptance of others Strengthening and developing handicraft activities and helping craftsmen Doing whatever it takes to eradicate deprivation and poverty |
| 404 Jamiyat Asdika' Al Madrassa Al Rassmiya Fi Jbeil | 19-04-2021 | 27-05-2019 | Amchit-Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting, promoting, sponsoring, advancing and developing public schools to carry out their missionary and educative role |

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| 412 Le Cercle d'Intervention et d'Expérimentation Thérapeutique (CIET) | 19-04-2021 | 28-11-2019 | Bkhechtay-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping medical and treatment professionals to develop their expertise and share their knowledge and experience • Providing all people with disabilities with appropriate treatment |
| 413 Joseph Noufeily Foundation | 20-04-2021 | 29-08-2019 | Mtayleb-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviving cultural, educational and social works, heritage and arts, and promoting creativity • Developing psychological, educational and social support programs • Developing humanitarian capacity |
| 414 Jamiyet Khebz W Meleh | 20-04-2021 | 08-07-2020 | Naccache-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving and granting in-kind and cash donations to help needy people • Providing food to everyone in need • Providing all means of assistance to needy people to prepare them to face life |
| 415 Jezzine Hub Foundation | 20-04-2021 | 29-07-2020 | Jezzine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Jezzine area • Raising the cultural awareness of the society through seminars, workshops and lectures • Urging the residents to be attached to their land • Creating job opportunities and improving life quality |
| 422 Lebanese Bulgarian Educational Fund | 22-04-2021 | 28-12-2020 | Ras Beirut-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing school, university and vocational scholarships to Lebanese students in the various educational institutions in Bulgaria • Encouraging the rapprochement of various professions and sectors in Bulgaria and Lebanon |
| 423 Wed Charity Association | 23-04-2021 | 20-09-2019 | Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreading the culture of organ donation • Working to improve cities and suburbs • Developing road safety awareness programmes • Reducing the excessive and wasteful consumption of food |
| 434 Dar Al Athar Al Traboulssiya | 28-04-2021 | 14-06-2019 | Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving the cultural heritage of Trablous and reviving the old heritage of its scholars • Promoting awareness, spreading general knowledge, as well as counselling and providing guidance and direction • Rehabilitating youth and developing their scientific, operational and creative capacities |
| 435 Amanati Bee'ati | 28-04-2021 | 11-11-2020 | Dhour El Choueir-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising environmental, social, cultural and humanitarian awareness in order to preserve and care for nature and its resources • Improving the quality of human life through sustainable development by rationalizing the use of natural resources • Promoting and revitalizing ecotourism • Promoting renewable energy projects |
| 438 Jamiyat Kalaman | 29-04-2021 | 11-07-2019 | Bsalim-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the values of Lebanese society • Enhancing women's role and culturally empowering them • Organizing cultural, technical, media, health and educational training workshops |

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| 440 Jamiyat Al Sirat Al Mousstakim Al Ijtimaiya | 04-05-2021 | 23-04-2019 | Saida | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guiding pedagogical curricular and extracurricular work by taking part in the management and establishment of educational centers Establishing houses of worship Providing emergency social assistance after wars |
| 442 Mouassassat Al Doctor Georges Simon Said Al Sohiya Al Khayriya Wal Ijtimaiya | 05-05-2021 | 01-08-2019 | Mechan-Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping citizens affected by natural disasters, keeping them away from dangers and protecting them Sheltering and helping the elderly and providing them with food and clothing |
| 444 Public Works | 06-05-2021 | 19-08-2020 | Rmeil-Qoubaiyat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting social and scientific research and studies related to city affairs, development and urban space Collecting data on the housing and environmental conditions of the areas and periodically monitoring them |
| 465 Jamiyat Al Khedma Lil Nahda Al Sha'abiya | 11-05-2021 | 15-02-2021 | Cehime-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the villages and towns of Iqlim El Kharroub at the health, environmental, cultural and educational levels Providing in-kind social assistance Promoting the agricultural economic cycle |
| 466 West Asia Center for Social and Development Studies | 05-05-2021 | 04-12-2020 | Hadath-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing and managing educational, training and research institutions at the tertiary level Encouraging technology transfer in all scientific fields |
| 467 Watan Initiative for Human Rights | 11-05-2021 | 10-02-2021 | Salim Slem-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting human rights in all areas and at the national and regional levels Fighting racism and oppression and giving equal rights to women and men Eradicating poverty and illiteracy, promoting craft training and combating begging |
| 469 The African Continental Council (ACC) | 12-05-2021 | 23-06-2020 | Hazmieh-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolstering the identity of Lebanese Diaspora Preserving and disseminating the Lebanese heritage in the Diaspora countries Fostering cooperation between Diaspora members in Africa and the peoples and authorities of host countries |
| 472 Jamiyat Bayt Al Sayyad | 12-05-2021 | 26-09-2017 | Ras Maska-Koura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educating hunters on the dangers of illegal hunting and the environmental damage Conducting training sessions on regulated hunting Establishing a reserve in cooperation with the municipalities and allowing hunting during the season |
| 474 Jamiyat Al Hassan Al Khayriya Al Ijtimaiya | 12-05-2021 | 22-12-2020 | Chehabieh-Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out all charitable, humanitarian and social works Promoting health protection Providing university study grants Providing housing and marriage loans |
| 475 Al Jamiya Al Loubnaniya Al Khairiya Li Ria'ayat Al Mawachi | 12-05-2021 | 26-11-2020 | Jiyeh-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building the capacities of farmers and promoting alternative crops Encouraging livestock breeding and assisting livestock farmers Strengthening capacity and supporting rural farmers |

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| 478 Warm Heart | 17-05-2021 | 11-03-2020 | Bauchrieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insuring national health care • Providing assistance to the homeless and needy • Raising the intellectual level of people |
| 480 Hani Saliba Foundation | 17-05-2021 | 02-12-2020 | Jdeideh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising social, family and cultural awareness • Raising the standards of living and the intellectual, cultural and social level • Caring for orphans, widows and the elderly |
| 487 APA International Association For Experts | 19-05-2021 | 19-05-2020 | Chiah-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming a framework for political analysts • Promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue and strengthening the human pillars of coexistence • Establishing institutes and centers specialized in vocational and technical education and training |
| 488 Rebirth Beirut | 19-05-2021 | 21-10-2020 | Sin El Fil-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking part in the development activities of Beirut • Providing material, moral and health support to those in need |
| 490 Jamiyat Abssal Al Khairiya Al Ijtimaiya | 19-05-2021 | 30-11-2020 | Halba-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out social, cultural, educational, environmental and health activities • Helping the needy, sick and disabled people |
| 495 Jamiyat Asrar Al Tarbiya | 20-05-2021 | 28-12-2018 | Bint Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening family bonding • Strength the role of women in society • Raising youth awareness of the dangers of intellectual and behavioral terrorism • Combating school dropouts and addiction to electronic games |
| 496 Jamiyat Al Raja'a Al Assma Al Khayriya | 20-05-2021 | 19-06-2019 | Aaita El Foukhar-Western Beqa'a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing assistance to needy and indigent individuals • Opening day-care centers, schools and addiction treatment center • Helping homeless children |
| 498 Lebanon 2 | 20-05-2021 | 12-11-2020 | Dekwaneh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating an innovative platform that seeks to be a meeting point for NGOs, youth and expatriates in order to carry out social, environmental, health, economic and agricultural projects |
| 503 Let us Grow Green | 21-05-2021 | 20-05-2019 | Saifi-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to the dissemination of civic culture and raising the society's awareness on the importance of preserving environment • Educating families, developing their various skills and promoting domestic waste sorting |
| 508 Jamiyat Bil Elem Nabni | 24-05-2021 | 10-12-2020 | Hayzouk-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a library and a lecture hall • Establishing a center for research and statistics and assisting the poor • Establishing a health center • Conducting educational, vocational and literacy courses |
| 510 Jamiyat Khotwat Al Inssaniya Al Khayriya | 24-05-2021 | 20-02-2020 | Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving long-term sustainable development, including women, children, the needy and the elderly • Fostering the spirit of cooperation and solidarity • Paying attention to women's needs and caring for and educating families • Organizing exhibitions and seminars |

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| 511 Twin Hopes | 24-05-2021 | 13-10-2020 | Zouk Mikael-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting and encouraging the Lebanese civil society Spreading the principles of love and harmony among the various segments of society Developing the pedagogical, cultural and professional capacities |
| 512 Jamiyat Kirmelak | 24-05-2021 | 13-08-2020 | Kfar Yassine-Kesrouane | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor, needy, destitute and orphans and improving their social conditions Enhancing women's skills and capacities and supporting women with limited opportunities |
| 513 Al Jamiya Al Loubnaniya Lil Moubadara Wal Tanmiya | 24-05-2021 | 17-02-2020 | Barja-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting entrepreneurship, human development and training in all fields Developing the capacities of males and females Consolidating the culture of humanitarian health action |
| 522 Lebanese Chinese Women's Forum-LCWF | 27-05-2021 | 30-09-2019 | Furn El Chebbak-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging in humanitarian and national issues and strengthening patriotism Encouraging women to enroll in academic and vocational education Encouraging women to work |
| 524 Jamiyat Al Inma' Al Iktissadi Lil Kel | 27-05-2021 | 27-09-2018 | Al Tal- Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustaining the economic status of Al Tal Spreading the culture of heritage preservation Arranging and coordinating Al-Tal market Bringing investment to the market and developing it |
| 533 Kebarna Barakitna | 28-05-2021 | 01-06-2019 | Rmeil-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the living conditions of the elderly in their homes Strengthening the role of retirement homes Promoting awareness of age-related diseases among the elderly Creating job opportunities for the elderly Organizing recreational activities for the elderly |
| 563 Legal Support Center (LSC) | 31-05-2021 | 01-11-2019 | Haret Hreik-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing legal and social support to marginalized individuals and groups in order to access various rights and justice Supporting, educating and empowering marginalized groups by eradicating illiteracy among them |
| 564 Jamiyat Arsal Lil Tanmiya Wal Aata' | 01-06-2021 | 12-03-2021 | Arsal-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out charitable activities and helping the elderly, poor, needy and orphans of the town Providing medical and educational assistance Reclaiming agricultural lands and rehabilitating agricultural roads |
| 565 Al Shoala Al Dafiah | 01-06-2021 | 19-10-2020 | Dbayeh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping all families residing across Lebanon during days of peace as well as in times of natural and economic disasters |
| 566 Lebanese Association for Migratory Birds | 01-06-2021 | 16-12-2020 | Ardeh-Zgharta | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watching, saving and protecting migratory birds Carrying out environmental projects such as afforestation Promoting craftsmanship |

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| 567 CINEMAIYAT | 01-06-2021 | 04-03-2020 | Zalka-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering youths to pursue their cinematic aspirations Organizing an annual film festival Devoting attention to cinema, theater and music |
| 576 Jamiyat Al Al Jamal Fi Beirut | 07-06-2021 | 17-09-2020 | Bank Street-Downtown Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reunifying Al Jamal family and uniting their efforts Arranging social events for the family |
| 577 Jamiyat Al Wed Wal Mahaba | 07-06-2021 | 05-04-2019 | El Haddadine-Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering charitable and humanitarian services to the people in need Helping women Organizing training courses Helping children |
| 599 Lebanese Pulse | 11-06-2021 | 19-02-2020 | Basateen Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting education by establishing schools to eradicate illiteracy Providing aid in case of disasters Helping Lebanese people to learn and develop skills Strengthening communication between local and foreign companies |
| 592 Academiyyat Hani Fahs Lil Hiwar Wal Salam | 09-06-2021 | 17-02-2016 | Chiah-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing the principles and values of Sayyed Hani Fahs, namely the moderation, the openness and the acceptance of others Holding seminars and lectures Granting awards to Lebanese and other innovators for their studies on moderation and tolerance |
| 569 D.E.A.R. Diaspora | 11-06-2021 | 25-02-2021 | Deir El Ahmar-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping to strengthen communication and humanitarian and financial assistance between Deir El Ahmar residents and diaspora Organizing professional meetings on ways to develop Deir El Ahmar's community |
| 597 Jamiyat Rajin Al Khair | 11-06-2021 | 23-10-2020 | Shir Hmayrin-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor, orphans and people with special needs Establishing a dispensary to treat poor people Fighting poverty within the society |
| 594 Body & Soul of Lebanon | 11-06-2021 | 02-11-2020 | Bauchrieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing means of assistance to needy families Raising awareness among people Strengthening communication between Lebanese Diaspora and their mother country |
| 595 Chinese Levant Economical and Cultural Exchange Association | 11-06-2021 | 26-10-2020 | Jnah-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting cultural and economic exchanges between Lebanon, China and the Levant Organizing meetings between Chinese and Lebanese businessmen |
| 614 Jamiyat Ieamal Daiman | 15-06-2021 | 06-09-2019 | Dahr El Ahmar-Rashaya | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping talented people and providing scholarships to outstanding students and people in need Improving the environment Supporting the elderly and orphans |
| 615 Akkar Trail | 17-06-2021 | 01-03-2021 | Mechmech-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the environment and promoting environmental awareness, namely on mountain hiking trails Promoting environmental awareness in Akkar |

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| 630 Fidèles Aux Valeurs | 18-06-2021 | 04-08-2020 | Ashrafieh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a community of friends for life • Encouraging humanitarian, charitable and educational activities and projects |
| 634 Jamiyat Al Akarem | 17-06-2021 | 29-10-2020 | Qenia-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting cultural activities • Promoting sustainable development programmes • Managing and implementing projects and programs related to the association's objectives |
| 635 Jamiyat Alef Lam Mim Al Khayriya | 17-06-2021 | 13-02-2019 | Tebnine-Bint Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing educational, social and cultural institutions • Developing scientific training programs that help eradicate illiteracy • Reducing illiteracy and school dropouts |
| 637 Jamiyat Dad | 17-06-2021 | 28-05-2020 | Saida El Ouastani-Saida | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcing the cultural and social role within the social fabric of society • Promoting youth participation in understanding the techniques and mechanisms of service and social work |
| 648 Rouwad Al Khair Al Dawliya | 22-06-2021 | 19-03-2021 | Salim Slem-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering women and children and increasing their participation in decision-making • Enhancing women's leadership and guaranteeing their rights • Providing development assistance to those in need |
| 649 Al Rabita Al Inmaiya Li Al Brayteh Fi El Hermel | 22-06-2021 | 30-01-2019 | Hermel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining continuous communication with all family members • Providing humanitarian services • Establishing a scientific library |
| 655 Rans | 23-06-2021 | 25-02-2021 | Joub Jannine-Western Beqa'a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the environment and combat pollution • Developing and improving the society • Helping the elderly, widows and orphans • Supporting the educational sector |
| 656 Jamiyat Darb El Joz | 23-06-2021 | 03-11-2020 | Boqsmayya-Batroun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out environmental activities within Koura and Batroun • Creating rural development jobs |
| 657 Jamiyat Ahali Dahaya Infijar Marfa' Beirut | 23-06-2021 | 29-10-2020 | Aramoun-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving full justice for those who died in the Beirut port explosion • Gathering the families of victims, helping them financially and morally, and contributing and coordinating with the competent and concerned authorities |
| 666 Towards One Nation | 23-06-2021 | 22-10-2020 | Starco-Downtown Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bolstering the capacities of Lebanese people in order to develop the country • Promoting social, economic, national and development affairs in Lebanon • Consolidating democratic foundations in Lebanon |
| 671 Policy Initiative | 25-06-2021 | 15-02-2021 | Hamra- Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting research on issues of public interest • Organizing conferences and training workshops on economic and political topics • Networking and cooperating with civil society institutions |

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| 672 Jamiyat Al Mouwatana Al Loubnaniya | 25-06-2021 | 17-05-2021 | Ashrafiyah-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborating studies on public affairs • Stimulating thought on citizenship • Examining the reform frameworks of the Lebanese state |
| 673 Jamiyat Moutamayizoun Al Khairiya | 25-06-2021 | 10-09-2020 | Bebnine-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging community participation in decision-making in order to promote interests and ensure that communities are able to assert their rights • Provide literacy training courses • Contributing to the establishment of hospitals and medical dispensaries |
| 677 Markaz Aamila Lil Dirassat Wal Iealam Wal Tawthik | 28-06-2021 | 09-03-2020 | Burqin-Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the social, cultural and historical principles of society • Conducting academic studies • Issuing a periodic cultural bulletin containing the association's activities and programs |
| 678 Jamiyat Bouzough Al Fajer | 28-06-2021 | 24-06-2020 | Chehime-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping the needy and the afflicted • Supporting cultural and educational activities • Improving the cultural, social, educational, health, craft, vocational and agricultural standards of society |
| 681 Mouassassat Mahmoud Shaarawy Al Thaqafiya Al Ijtimaiya | 30-06-2021 | 13-03-2021 | Jadra-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out charitable and social activities in order to strengthen, develop and activate social ties • Providing all kinds of support and assistance to the poor, needy and destitute • Providing health care to the needy |
| 682 Lebanese Club of Visual Artists-CAPL | 30-06-2021 | 02-03-2021 | Mansourieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting and developing all kinds of art, namely fine arts • Encouraging the new artistic talents • Fostering communication and participation in cultural activities |
| 683 Jamiyat Inma' El Aaqbeh | 30-06-2021 | 04-12-2017 | Dahr El Ahmar-Rashaya | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing El Aaqbeh in all aspects • Opening dispensaries and medical centers • Promoting cultural activities |
| 686 Jeffrica With Love | 30-06-2021 | 08-12-2020 | Dekwaneh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising and improving the development, environmental, social, cultural, educational and medical standards • Publishing bulletins, articles and studies on the association's activities |
| 687 Habitat for Creativity | 30-06-2021 | 09-07-2020 | Aayoun-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating knowledge and culture and carrying out all social and health control activities and charitable work • Providing the children and the needy with health, social and educational care |
| 688 Li Karia Ajmal-Dhour Al Haoua | 30-06-2021 | 11-09-2019 | Dhour El Haoua-Koura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing environmental-cultural recreational activities • Creating a new generation of young people |
| 711 Bayti Ana Baytak "Bistro du Coeur" | 06-07-2021 | 07-10-2019 | Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping needy families and securing their needs • Providing care and social and recreational services to the elderly and destitute and meeting their needs |

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| 713 Btaaboura Lil Tanmiya | 07-07-2021 | 09-12-2015 | Btaaboura-Koura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating sustainable job opportunities for the marginalized and needy women and youth of the town and its surroundings • Supporting agricultural processing activities |
| 746 Jamiyat Ma Tenssouna | 09-07-2021 | 08-04-2021 | Moussaitbeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping the poor, needy and destitute • Raising the educational level • Establishing health centers and charitable dispensaries • Conducting sewing, nursing, computer and literacy courses |
| 747 Key of Life | 09-07-2021 | 08-09-2020 | Tallet El Khayat-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving solidarity in society and empowering youth and women psychologically, socially, economically and educationally • Empowering children and caring for them • Supporting equality issues |
| 769 Al Hakika | 13-07-2021 | 03-12-2020 | Dbayeh-Msatn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding Christian gatherings and dialogues and spreading culture and knowledge • Providing families with cash and in-kind assistance |
| 770 Jamiyat Ahlamouna Aamal | تموز 2021 | 11-02-2021 | Berqayel-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing seminars, lectures and festivals • Conducting studies on the situation of the poorest families and working to improve their living and economic conditions |
| 771 Tajamoh Sayidat Chaat | 13-07-2021 | 01-07-2020 | Chaat-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the role of women in society • Working with public and private institutions to develop women's capacities • Establishing an institution concerned with providing awareness and health care |
| 775 Society of Technology Association (SOTA) | 15-07-2021 | 20-04-2021 | Bar Elias-Zahle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping and assisting the poor and needy financially and healthily • Establishing a center for studies • Spreading the spirit of cooperation, love, social solidarity and family bonding |
| 685 Moultaqa Al Taawon Al Watani (Al Moultaqa) | 30-06-2021 | 16-04-2021 | Moussaitbeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuniting the Lebanese for the common good of the nation • Communicating with the competent authorities to follow up on life and livelihood issues • Spreading the culture of citizenship, civil peace and preserving coexistence |
| 787 Women Leaders Association - WLA | 16-07-2021 | 02-03-2021 | Sanayeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating the pioneering Lebanese women in the economic and social fabric of society • Enhancing the status and image of Lebanese women in the world • Developing a database on leading women in the world |
| 788 Un Pour Cent | 16-07-2021 | 28-12-2020 | Qsaybeh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping needy individuals and families by providing them with food, clothing and medicine • Spreading awareness of society interdependence in order to fight intellectual and material poverty |

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| 793 Action d'intégration Mère et Enfant | 23-07-2021 | 16-09-2020 | Rihan-Jezzine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping, sponsoring and caring for the poor, the needy, the underprivileged families and orphans Conducting literacy courses Organizing courses to train people on waste sorting |
| 794 Likaa Al Ahad Al Thakafi | 23-07-2021 | 08-04-2021 | Basateen Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising social and cultural awareness Disseminating the national culture Launching and implementing humanitarian and social initiatives |
| 795 Jamiyat Chabab Wa Kiyada | 23-07-2021 | 04-02-2020 | Bauchrieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor and the needy Conducting educational courses and seminars in order to raise youth awareness |
| 776 Al Bayt Al Khairy Al Wahad Lil Jamih | 15-07-2021 | 14-10-2019 | Jabal Mohsen-Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing free learning support sessions to official exam students Establishing cultural and entertainment centers for youth Guiding young people into the job market and organizing vocational and literacy courses Establishing schools and orphanages |
| 777 Rabitat Sayidat Illige | 14-07-2020 | 02-07-2020 | Ain El Remmaneh-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting and highlighting the history of the Monastery of Our Lady of Illige, the ancient patriarchal site Issuing publications on the patriarchal site Conserving and protecting the newly created cedars forest at the Monastery site |
| 778 Libeyrouth of Living Arts and Culture | 03-07-2021 | 22-02-2019 | Zouk Mosbeh-Kesrouane | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spreading arts and culture through its artworks Organizing workshops for children and adults Organizing drawing, sculpture and handicraft courses |
| 785 National Impact Foundation | 17-07-2021 | 22-07-2020 | Mathaf-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening and enhancing the Lebanese values, the national and human dignity and the sense of belonging to Earth and humanity through three pillars: productivity, awareness and social cohesion |
| 786 Jamiyat Bachar Lil Tanmiya Al Ijtimaiya | 16-07-2021 | 24-08-2020 | Labwe-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering local community and developing its various resources Integrating and supporting marginalized groups Supporting the female workforce in all fields and industries |
| 797 Centre Culturel-Ajaltoun | 23-07-2021 | 11-12-2020 | Ajaltoun-Kesrouane | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out cultural, literary, artistic, musical, theatrical and cinematic activities Supporting, encouraging and developing the local artistic talents |
| 798 Jamiyat Tahadi Al Yawm Aalam Al Ghad | 23-07-2021 | 29-09-2019 | Remhala-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the educational process Early detection of learning disabilities Providing assistance to students with learning disabilities |

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| 803 Rural Life Development | 25-07-2021 | 06-09-2019 | Qartaba-Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting all forms of rural development Raising awareness on the environment and motivating people to preserve it Facilitating the establishment of agricultural, industrial and handicraft businesses Marketing local production |
| 805 Heart of Bekaa | 26-07-2021 | 14-09-2020 | Ali El Nahri-Zahle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributing food rations to needy families in the Beqa'a Mohafaza Supporting the needy patients Organizing afforestation campaigns and planting food grains in the Beqa'a Valley |
| 814 Damouras | 29-07-2021 | 04-09-2020 | Meshref-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieving development and solidarity in all areas and fields in Damour Promoting sustainable development Contacting Damour's immigrants and displaced people and urging them to return |
| 815 Jamiyat Bafly Al Khayriya Al Thaqafiya | 29-07-2021 | 10-11-2020 | Bafly-Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting youth initiatives that seek to improve social and cultural conditions Helping the needy classes Organizing cultural and educational activities |
| 816 Mountada Al Shark Al Thaqafi Al Ijtimaai | 29-07-2021 | 30-05-2019 | Al Basateen-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transparently and impartially promoting Lebanese citizenship at home and abroad Exchanging cultural and scientific experiences Organizing seminars, lectures and conferences and conducting scientific and cultural research |
| 820 Lebanese Foundation for Renewable Energy (LFRE) | 02-08-2021 | 16-04-2019 | Mtayleb-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting renewable energy production in Lebanon and proposing solutions to this end Studying and storing solar, wind and water energy Conducting technical, economic, political and legal studies |
| 821 Art Nub Lebanon | 02-08-2021 | 07-10-2020 | Ashrafieh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spreading culture, art and cultural heritage Supporting the young creative talents in art, painting and traditional crafts Providing all the assistance needed to complete the restoration of heritage structures |
| 834 Jamiyat Soufara' Al Khair | 03-08-2021 | 30-08-2016 | Qarneh-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing studies and scientific consulting to municipalities, associations and all departments Helping women and administratively empowering them Helping the children |
| 835 Al Jamiya Al Nissaiya Al Inmaiya / Aghmid | 05-08-2021 | 22-08-2019 | Aghmid-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting awareness campaigns to preserve the environment Conducting awareness and education campaigns to empower women in all fields Establishing a public library in the town Organizing a variety of cultural and recreational activities |

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| 839 Koulouna Watan | 05-08-2021 | 28-11-2019 | Hamra-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening and organizing youth efforts • Enhancing the role of women • Consolidating the concept of citizenship and reinvigorating the citizen's relationship with the state • Promoting public schools • Supporting industry and agriculture • Supporting freedoms and intellectual and cultural diversity |
| 849 Al-Fayhaa Center for Strategic Studies, Information & Youth Jobs (FCSIY) | 06-08-2021 | 01-04-2021 | Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting studies and strategic consulting that aim at providing recommendations and studies at the national levels • Developing studies on "Lebanon, a corruption-free society" |
| 855 Nuh Foundation (Bahaa Hariri is one of the founders) | 11-08-2021 | 12-07-2021 | Downtown Beirut-Allenby Street-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting initiatives that help create job opportunities for the youth • Paying special attention to difficult social areas • Preserving heritage and culture, especially after the August 4 explosion • Helping pupils and students and providing loans |
| 862 Jamiyat Alfred Wa Thouraya Yammine Al Khayriya Wal Ijtimaiya | 12-08-2021 | 31-07-2021 | Kfar Hata-Zgharta | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritually and socially developing and promoting the human being • Increasing interest in social, educational and cultural activities • Organizing art and educational activities and supporting the educational institutions • Deepening the national sentiment and inculcating human values • Spreading awareness to protect the environment |
| 864 Women's Platform to Lead (WPL) | 13-08-2021 | 08-01-2020 | Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting a culture of tolerance and acceptance of others and protecting human and family rights • Developing the society culturally, socially, environmentally and touristically • Promoting the concepts of accountability, citizenship and good governance |
| 865 Rise Build Beirut | 12-08-2021 | 19-08-2020 | Hamra-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The association has developmental, social, charitable, artistic and cultural objectives. It aims to preserve the cultural monuments |
| 866 WOOHOO | 13-08-2021 | 21-12-2020 | Sarba-Kesrouane | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating new art activities for kids • Establishing museums, theaters, cinemas and art studios • Promoting the production of handicrafts, paintings and drawings by children |
| 874 Jamiyat Thaer Al Inmaiya | 17-08-2021 | 30-05-2019 | El Khodr-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping the needy and providing food assistance for everyone in need • Working to eradicate illiteracy • Spreading peace and contributing to the peaceful settlement of disputes |

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| 876 Lebanon CERT (Cybersecurity Empowering Research Team) | 02-08-2021 | 18-05-2020 | Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an efficient and appropriate online protective umbrella • Conducting studies and technical research in the field of information security • Building national capacities to respond to all types of cyber incidents |
| 904 Maison d'Entraide et de Développement Sociale M.E.D.S | 25-08-2021 | 04-06-2021 | Nakhleh-Koura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activating the role of women and youth • Reducing unemployment, poverty and medicine shortages among women • Building capacities to achieve national unity |
| 909 Jamiyat Loubnan Fil Kaleb | 01-09-2021 | 22-10-2020 | Hamra-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing in-kind assistance to the poor and needy • Protecting heritage buildings and the houses of the poorest families • Cooperating with national, regional and international institutions to protect heritage |
| 920 Jamiyat Al Bourouj Al Inmaiya Li Tamkin Al Mojtamaa | 02-09-2021 | 25-11-2020 | Babliyah-Saida | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing free education for children and youth • Providing aid to the poorest families • Caring for the elderly • Constructing a waste collection and recycling plant |
| 921 Jamiyat Al Chouf Lil Tanmiya Al Ijtimaiya | 03-09-2021 | 12-03-2021 | Barja-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the bonds of intimacy and solidarity among all citizens • Supporting and encouraging activities related to the development and rehabilitation of women's skills and capabilities |
| 929 BRIDGE FOR KNOWLEDGE | 08-09-2021 | 05-08-2021 | Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing care and support to the poor, needy and orphans, and contributing towards solving their problems • Providing scholarships to students in order to pursue their studies • Reducing unemployment |
| 931 Mountada Al Najwa Wal Thana' Al Khayri | 08-09-2021 | 03-03-2021 | Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering youth, developing their capacities and raising their awareness of the drug scourge • Helping the poorest families • Contributing to humanitarian and development work |
| 932 THE LOCAL ASTRO GROUP | 08-09-2021 | 13-11-2020 | Deir El Qamar-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging astrophotography and astronomy • Spreading awareness about the risks that affect astrophotography |
| 949 FARDAYSO | 10-09-2021 | 18-12-2020 | Sarba-Kesrouane | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing rural projects and preserving the environment • Providing assistance and guidance to the people of rural areas • Securing scholarships to pursue cultural studies or specializations • Engaging in charity work and helping the poor and orphans |

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| 969 Jamiyat Al Fadel Wal Ihssan | 10-09-2021 | 21-03-2021 | Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting general development Preserving antiquities and cultural heritage Eradicating illiteracy and reducing school dropout rates Fostering the role of the ageing and elderly persons Providing professional and academic training |
| 1012 MEDONATIONS | 24-09-2021 | 08-02-2021 | Sin El Fil-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing low-income patients with comprehensive health care Providing health aid to poor Lebanese families Cooperating with expatriates to provide aid |
| 1016 Moassassat Lokman Slim Al Thaqafiya | 28-09-2021 | 16-03-2021 | Haret Hreik-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commemorating the intellectual Lokman Slim Preserving his intellectual heritage Publishing his writings Fulfilling his principles |
| 1033 Lebanese Zimbabwean Friendship Association | 07-10-2021 | 07-04-2021 | Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening friendship, understanding and cooperation in the economic, cultural, educational and environmental fields Carrying out cultural, educational and social projects in order to develop the population of the two countries, stimulate development and secure job opportunities |
| 1034 Al Mara' Al Shemaliya | 07-10-2021 | - | Trablous | - |
| 1035 Al Jamiya Al Loubnaniya Li Tarbiyat Al Nahel | 07-10-2021 | 25-06-2021 | Arab Salim-Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing and developing beekeeping in Lebanon Providing scientific laboratories to test honey Helping beekeepers |
| 1036 Goodwell Gathering | 08-10-2021 | 23-04-2019 | Al Bireh-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing aid to the needy, namely medicine Organizing scientific seminars and cultural activities |
| 1037 Genia | 08-10-2021 | 11-02-2021 | Bauchrieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up projects that promote sustainable development Provide assistance to patients Raising awareness about environmental protection |
| 1038 Evolve | 08-10-2021 | 26-04-2021 | Sin El Fil-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a free charitable health center Providing training courses for the unemployed |
| 1039 Lebanese Active Intellect Association | 08-10-2021 | 22-06-2021 | Zokak El Blat-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening private schools Providing social assistance and scholarships Carrying out recreational activities in the various regions |
| 1041 Confidence for Development | 08-10-2021 | 04-05-2021 | Zaarourieh-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working to achieve equality between men and women Conducting sessions on health awareness, literacy and rehabilitation of homeless children Providing assistance to the poor and needy |
| 1042 SADA Playback Theater | 08-10-2021 | 26-05-2021 | Qoubbeh-Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing theatrical performances and workshops aimed at achieving social, cultural and health awareness Providing all kinds of aid and assistance to the needy people |

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| 1100 Joe Msallem Association | 12-10-2021 | 08-09-2020 | Bziza-Koura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in the Lebanese cultural life and revitalizing it • Holding seminars and lectures • Securing equipment and software • Granting scholarships to students |
| 1101 Jamiyat Al Jawad Wal Joud Al Khayriya Lil Riaya Al Souhiya Wal Ijtimaiya Fi Loubnan | 12-10-2002 | 19-11-2020 | Haret Hreik-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping poor and destitute families in all regions • Providing care to the elderly • Establishing health centers • Working to reduce drug addiction • Organizing workshops on families' mental health |
| 1102 Dvelop | 12-10-2021 | 24-11-2021 | Qabrikha-Marjeyoun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the socio-economic capabilities of societies and combating illiteracy • Developing the ideas of youth to build a peaceful, democratic and just society • Contributing to the elimination of all forms of discrimination, neglect and marginalization and to the reduction of poverty |
| 1103 3 Nails | 12-10-2021 | 15-10-2020 | Kfar Aabida-Batroun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing assistance and treatment to the indigent people, especially those with chronic diseases • Establishing a social center and securing school and university fees and infant formula |
| 1104 Wrapped in Dignity | 12-10-2021 | 17-03-2021 | Moussaitbeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing social events • Organizing social, environmental and cultural activities • Communicating and cooperating with associations that have similar objectives |
| 1106 Moubadarat Tawazon Lil Tatwir | 12-10-2021 | 29-09-2016 | Sanayeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing and supporting sustainable development programs and projects and rehabilitating youth • Rationing, rationalizing and consciously using energy resources |
| 1107 KULLUNA IRADA | 12-10-2021 | 03-08-2017 | Downtown Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing social, environmental, educational and cultural affairs as well as the affairs related to agriculture, industry and craft • Helping municipalities and local institutions to work in all areas related to energy, water, modern transport and tourism • Develop studies in the developmental, commercial, financial, economic, legal and other fields • Activating human potential and improving technical capacities in order to develop the human beings in Lebanon, enhance their environment and improve the situation of Lebanese society in the fields that secure stability and prosperity and lead to civilization and progress • Working, cooperating and partnering with other civil society institutions and associations that carry out similar charitable and social activities |

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| 1108 Jamiyat Bassmat Al I'tidal | 13-10-2021 | 09-06-2019 | Tal Hmayreh-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor, needy and destitute Raising the educational level at all stages through establishing academic, technical and vocational institutes Providing accelerated vocational training courses |
| 1110 Jamiyat Afa'al Warshat Watan | 13-10-2021 | 03-05-2021 | Sin El Fil-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing citizen groups the opportunity and structure for cooperation, networking and exchanging opinions, information and experiences in all fields Finding solutions to everyday problems |
| 1112 Mouassassat Lika' Al Farah Marjeyoun | 13-10-2021 | 21-04-2021 | Zalka-Aamaret Chalhouh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a dialogue and meeting platform for the people of Jdeidet Marjeyoun Providing support to Jdeidet Marjeyoun Establishing cooperation between the townspeople and expatriates |
| 1113 United for a Better Tomorrow | 13-10-2021 | 13-11-2020 | Sehayleh-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping Lebanese people to have a decent life by fighting poverty and hunger Securing a decent living for the needy Helping the poorest families |
| 1122 LEBANESE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION (LEO) | 14-10-2021 | 10-05-2021 | Mechmech-Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor and the needy Helping the farmers Ensuring education Helping to provide emergency hospitalization |
| 1123 Science for Security | 14-10-2021 | 13-07-2020 | Sibney-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following scientific and technological development to reach stability, safety and security Conducting scientific research in the field of criminal justice and security in cooperation with the Lebanese state Developing scientific programs and conducting training sessions on them |
| 1124 Young Makers | 14-10-2021 | 18-10-2018 | Ballouneh-Kessrouan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing training programs and courses related to technology and electronics Establishing manufacturing facilities across Lebanon |
| 1125 Sharekna The Awareness | 14-10-2021 | 26-10-2020 | Zebdine-Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working by all means to raise accurate awareness in the social, health, environmental and educational fields Supporting small business owners, namely women and youth |
| 1129 Hay'at Daem Al Madrassa Al Rassmiya Fi Qada' Rashaya | 19-10-2021 | 05-09-2019 | Kawkaba-Rashaya | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting public education institutions in Rashaya Revitalizing the educational process in public schools Honoring teachers, outstanding students and students who pass the official exams |
| 1109 Moltaqa Richat Nagham Wa Heraf | 13-10-2021 | 07-09-2020 | Choueifat-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting and helping all Lebanese families Disseminating and encouraging cultural works Establishing a fine art and craft studio Marketing the cultural works to different destinations |

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| 1128 Environmental Development Association in Labouee and Neighborhood EDA | 19-10-2021 | 29-06-2020 | Jdeidet El Fekha-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the forest wealth through organizing afforestation campaigns Encourage waste sorting at home and institutions Finding markets for agricultural production |
| 1138 Jamiyat Mojtamaii Amanati | 20-10-2021 | 09-09-2020 | Sohmor-Western Beqa'a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing humanitarian charitable services to the people in need Organizing ceremonies and seminars on national occasions Working with civil society and humanitarian organizations to carry out community service projects |
| 1140 Tannourine Bel Qaleb | 20-10-2021 | 11-08-2021 | Tannourine-Batroun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor in Tannourine Supporting social communication promoting constructive participation in social life |
| 1142 Jamiyat Sohtak Bel Deni | 20-10-2021 | 04-06-2018 | Halba-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor and needy patients Communicating with government and private institutions in the health context Holding seminars and scientific meetings Strengthening cultural and social ties with other associations |
| 1143 Evolution and Development for Scientific Progress | 20-10-2021 | 04-12-2020 | Haour Taala-Baalbeck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combating violence against women and the exploitation of women by employers Helping children to learn online Securing a decent life for elderly people Conducting studies and statistics on students |
| 1144 Jamiyat Kaleb Loubnan Al Abyad | 20-10-2021 | 02-12-2020 | Wadi Khaled-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting and developing the spirit of cooperation among communities Strengthening social ties between the people of the region Creating a free forum to discuss the public interest Encouraging charitable activities |
| 1145 Association For Improvement Rmeileh (AFIR) | 20-10-2021 | 18-12-2020 | Rmeileh-Chouf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing to the communication between the local producer and the consumer to support rural industries Creating job opportunities for all segments of society |
| 1151 Jamiyat Ibtikarat | 22-10-2021 | 05-05-2021 | Maalaqah-Zahle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing social, cultural and educational training courses for adults and students to help them discover their individual identity Promoting the education and development of people |
| 1152 OFFBEAT | 22-10-2021 | 05-05-2021 | Ras Beirut-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building the capacities of youth and women, creating professional projects, raising awareness and conducting training workshops to improve their standard of living and generate employment opportunities |

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| 1153 LEADING HANDS | 22-10-2021 | 02-11-2020 | Al Tal-Trablous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the youth's efforts, increasing their knowledge, enabling them to play an effective role in their society and developing their capacity Reclaiming fallow lands Establishing educational centers |
| 1156 JEAN OBEID FOUNDATION | 25-10-2021 | 21-04-2021 | Sin El Fil-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honoring and perpetuating Jean Obeid and disseminating his thought and approach Undertaking charitable activities and initiatives Publishing books and cultural works |
| 1157 One Hand One World | 25-10-2021 | 11-05-2021 | Furn El Chebbak-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering women at the decision-making level Providing material and in-kind assistance to everyone in need of material, psychological and legal support Building collaboration among the Lebanese residents and expatriates through exhibitions |
| 1158 Healing Hope | 25-10-2021 | 04-05-2021 | Saida | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educating women on breast cancer and its early detection through launching awareness campaigns |
| 1159 Jamiyat Wadina Al Afdal | 25-10-2021 | 18-04-2019 | Wadi Khaled-Akkar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviving the spirit of volunteerism and developing social responsibility among society members Helping the poor and needy by all possible means |
| 1160 CLORAY | 25-10-2021 | 29-12-2020 | Hemlaya-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing medicine and supplies to the sick, disabled and handicapped and supporting environment and tourism |
| 1161 Inno vvaste | 25-10-2021 | 07-04-2021 | Bauchrieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighting the problem of waste and their treatment methods Creating job opportunities and promoting constructive interactive participation Rehabilitating the lands that were deformed by crushers and quarries Building an entertainment hall of recycled materials |
| 1162 Association Notre Dame de Don Perpétuel | 25-10-2021 | 16-02-2021 | Bauchrieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing social charitable assistance to needy families and to all groups of elderly community Boosting scientific and cultural awareness among people Improving social cohesion among society's members |
| 1163 Jamiyat Tamar Al Takafol Al Ijtimaiya Al Khayriya | 25-10-2021 | 23-06-2020 | Maarakeh-Sour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping the poor and needy by securing and distributing food and financial aid in a deliberate manner Providing medical and humanitarian care to poor families Organizing seminars and orientation and professional sessions |
| 1168 BEmusic | 26-10-2021 | 11-07-2017 | Dbayeh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing music festivals Developing artistic talents |

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| 1170 United Lebanese Musicians | 26-10-2021 | 01-08-2021 | Dekwaneh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering and encouraging Lebanese musicians Spreading musical culture and awareness in Lebanon Teaching all kinds of music Carrying out activities that contribute to the dissemination of music and musical culture |
| 1171 Rabitat Abna' Rmeich Fi Loubnan Wal Ightirab | 26-10-2021 | 27-04-2021 | Dekwaneh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spreading the spirit of intimacy, love and benevolence between Rmeich residents and expatriates Establishing a public library in Rmeich Setting up a charitable dispensary and providing medical equipment |
| 1172 Tajamoh Chabab Rashaya | 26-10-2021 | 26-11-2020 | Rashaya El Wadi-Rashaya | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing support and engaging in charity work Sponsoring outstanding students Participating in the organization of tourism and art festivals |
| 1173 Jamiyat Majdouna Al Tarbawiya Al Ijtimaiya | 26-10-2021 | 03-05-2019 | Choueifat-Aley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing aid and support to the poor and needy, taking care of families and supporting students Providing care to children and elderly Organizing literacy courses Providing educational grants and encouraging outstanding and gifted students |
| 1191 Moubadarat Al Taawon Wal Inma' Al Loubnaniya | 28-10-2021 | 11-06-2021 | Sami El Solh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising the educational and academic attainment Assisting the displaced persons Preserving the environment |
| 1192 Al Lika' Al Madani Li Nahdat Loubnan | 28-10-2021 | 22-05-2019 | Sin El Fil-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with relevant parties to fight corruption by all means Spreading national awareness among the Lebanese people Stimulating investment in the productive sectors to provide job opportunities for youth Reducing immigration and unemployment |
| 1195 Jamiyat Fitya Aminou | 28-10-2021 | 04-03-2021 | Haret Hreik-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the youth's sense of belonging to their country Carrying out charitable activities for poor families, disabled persons and beggars Carrying out health activities such as collecting and redistributing medicines |
| 1198 Jamiyat Lina Wa Lynn Al Tarbawiya Lil Tawjih | 28-10-2021 | 19-05-2021 | Ghobeiry-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the competent authorities to build educational institutions and establish public libraries for reading and lending school books Providing specialized education services and diagnosing and treating students with learning disabilities |
| 1200 Mountada Chaer Al Koura Al Khadra' Abdallah Chehadeh Al Thaqafi | 28-10-2021 | 09-09-2020 | Kousba-Koura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publishing and disseminating literary and critical studies and research that shed light on the work of the Green Koura's poet Abdallah Chehadeh Promoting creativity in the Arabic language |

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| 1206 Jamiyat Ajjad Li Ajl Al Inssan | 29-10-2021 | | Beit Houaik-Mennieh Dennieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out various social activities and establishing health centers • Organizing cultural and educational activities • Promote all development projects |
| 1226 Jamiyat Biatouka Nafssouka | 01-11-2021 | 18-06-2021 | Ehden-Zgharta | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing individual technical, social, psychological and environmental skills • Preserving ecological wealth • Investing in and rehabilitating tourist sites |
| 1228 Jamiyat PROGRESS Al Khayriya | 01-11-2021 | 21-12-2020 | Bourj El Barajneh-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educationally assist the poor, orphans and people with special needs • Raising awareness and combating illiteracy • Taking care of children • Improving and enhancing the social and economic situation of women and training rural women |
| 1231 Jamiyat Kasser Sursock | 03-11-2021 | 23-08-2020 | Ashrafieh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstructing, rehabilitating and administering Sursock Palace and its contents, holdings and artifacts that were damaged by the explosion of Beirut Port |
| 1232 COEUR SANS FRONTIÈRES | 03-11-2021 | 10-12-2020 | Hadath-Baabda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing public health, social and humanitarian services to needy and marginalized families |
| 1241 Lebanese Brazilian Business Council (LBBC) | 03-11-2021 | 05-09-2019 | Bauchrieh-Matn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and promoting commercial, industrial, agricultural, tourism and technological relations and the exchange of technical and professional experiences of all kinds between Lebanon and Brazil • Strengthening the communication between Lebanese and Brazilian businessmen • Encouraging mutual investments and increasing delegations between the two countries |
| 1249 Jamiyat Rouwad Al Taalom Lil Hayat | 05-11-2021 | 08-09-2020 | Mennieh-Dennieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the educational level and establishing and managing private schools • Organizing educational and cultural courses conferences • Organizing recreational activities and trips for scientific and educational purposes |
| 1252 Heart of Youth | 05-11-2021 | 12-08-2020 | Jbeil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting students who fail to pay tuition fees • Carrying out social, educational and cultural activities aimed at enhancing students' skills • Carrying out nutrition and individual health activities |
| 1253 Humm YOGA Beirut | 05-11-2021 | 04-06-2021 | Mar Mikhael-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of the importance of yoga, meditation and relaxation exercises to reach a physical and mental balance |
| 1280 Jamiyat Al Bir Wa Khair Al A'amal | 15-11-2021 | 12-04-2021 | Choukine-Nabatieh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching sewing, knitting and nursing • Helping the poor, needy families and orphans • Eradicating illiteracy |

| Notice of recognition No. & NGO's name | Date of notice | Date of application | Headquarters | Main objectives |
|---|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1281 Industrial Research Achievements Association Lebanon (IRALEB) | 16-11-2021 | 28-04-2021 | Sami El Solh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting and sponsoring scientific and technological research • Meeting the needs of industrialists • Establishing non-profit incubators |
| 1303 Association for Rural Development and National Aid (ARDNA) | 19-11-2021 | 11-05-2021 | Moussaitbeh-Beirut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting intellectual and social development • Developing the creative potential of all members of society • Helping and rehabilitating vulnerable groups |
| 1320 Ghayyir | 24-11-2021 | 23-02-2021 | Rashaya El Wadi-Rashaya | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting charitable works, helping the needy and providing health and social care • Providing job opportunities for graduates and encouraging qualified people • Caring for the environment and supporting agricultural production |
| 1326 Jamiyat Koullouna Ahel | 25-11-2021 | 22-12-2020 | Kfarhazir | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing studies and proposing projects related to environment and sustainable development • Enhancing the heritage character of all Lebanese regions • Providing assistance to farmers to develop their agricultural work |

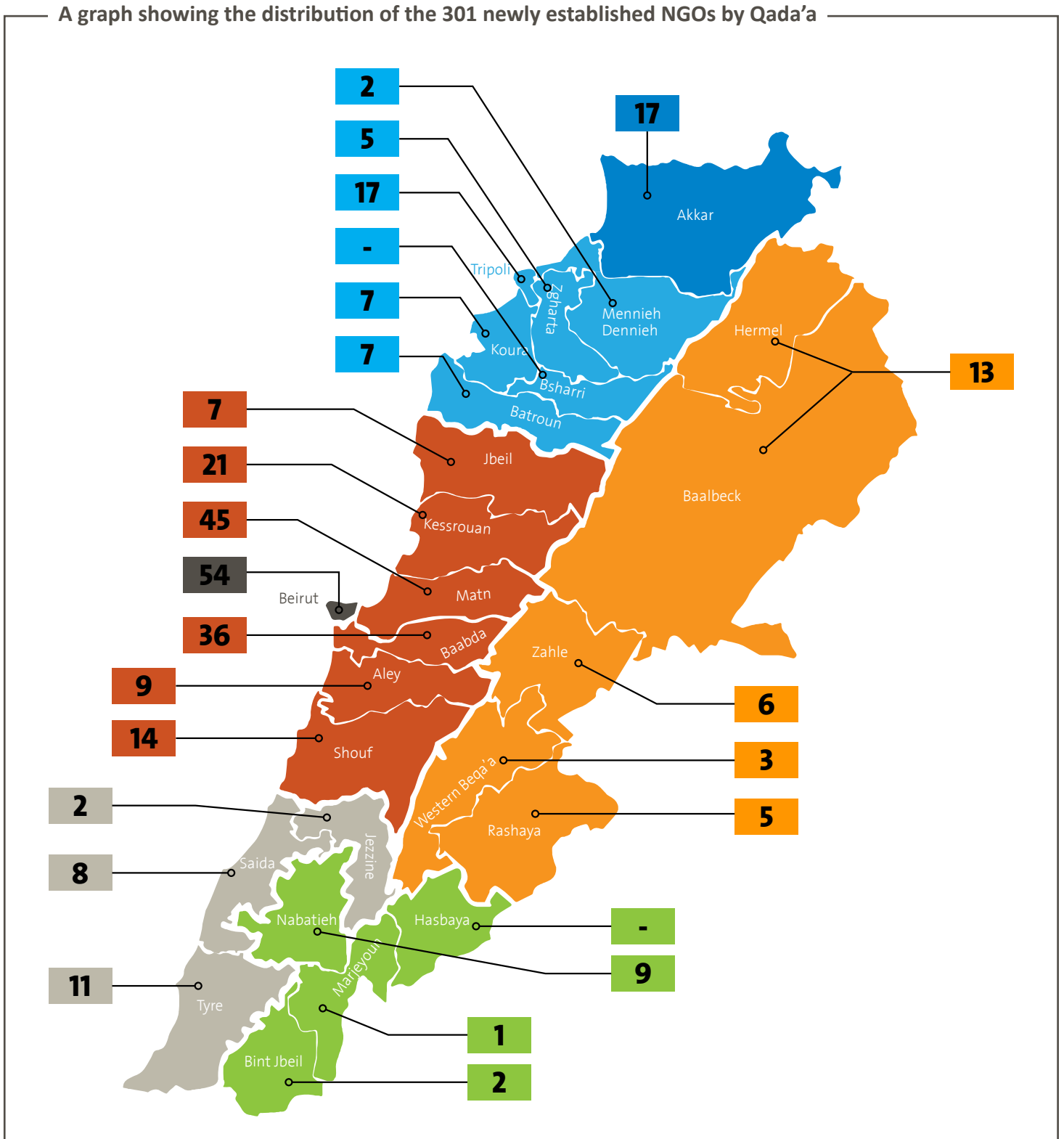
Source: *Information International* based on the notices of recognition published in the Official Gazette in the said years.

Note: The above table does not include the 44 NGOs that published their notices of recognition at the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022.



Distribution of NGOs by Qada'a

The following graph distributes by Qada'a the 301 NGOs established in 2021 according to the headquarters specified in the notice of recognition. It shows that 45.5% of the NGOs are located in three Aqdiyah, with the largest number in Beirut (54), Matn (45) and Baabda (36). The number decreases to two NGOs in Bint Jbeil, Jezzine and Mennieh- Dennieh, one NGO in Marjeyoun and Zero in Bsharri and Hasbaya.



RAISING CUSTOMS DOLLAR RATE TO SURGE PRICES

Taking into account the high budget deficit, the Lebanese government has proposed several measures to generate additional revenues, finance social assistance and increase daily transportation allowance as established by a ministerial committee (in preparation for its issuance by a decree), including the raise of customs dollar rate that is currently at LBP 1,507.5. Yet given the decline in imports and the possible increase in smuggling activities, not to mention the customs duty exemption agreements signed by Lebanon, the suggested rate increase will not yield the desired revenues but skyrocket the prices.

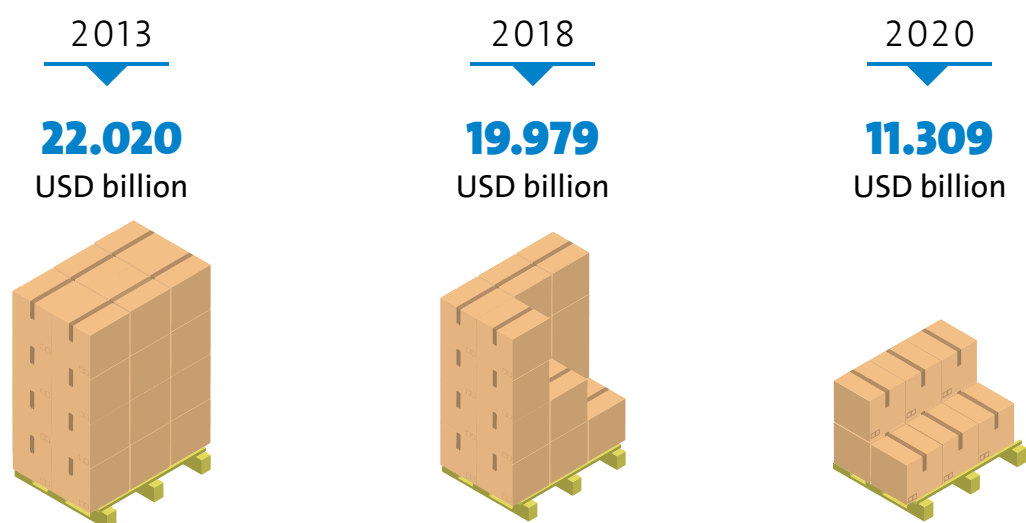
Imports and Exports

Table No. 1 below shows a major decline in imports from about USD 19.5 billion in 2016-2019 to USD 11.3 billion in 2020. This is partly explained by the crisis that Lebanon has been facing and the declining purchasing power triggered by the collapse of national currency.

Table No. 1: Imports, exports and trade deficit (2010-2020).

| Year | Imports (USD billion) | Exports (USD billion) | Deficit (USD billion) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2010 | 17.964 | 4.253 | - 13.711 |
| 2011 | 20.276 | 4.265 | -16.011 |
| 2012 | 22.037 | 4.482 | -17.555 |
| 2013 | 22.020 | 3.963 | -18.085 |
| 2014 | 21.437 | 3.313 | -18.124 |
| 2015 | 18.595 | 2.952 | -15.643 |
| 2016 | 19.149 | 2.977 | -16.142 |
| 2017 | 19.582 | 2.843 | -16.739 |
| 2018 | 19.979 | 2.951 | -17.028 |
| 2019 | 19.351 | 3.731 | -15.620 |
| 2020 | 11.309 | 3.544 | -7.765 |
| Cumulative total | 211.669 | 39.247 | -172.422 |

Source: *Information International* based on the General Directorate of Lebanese Customs.



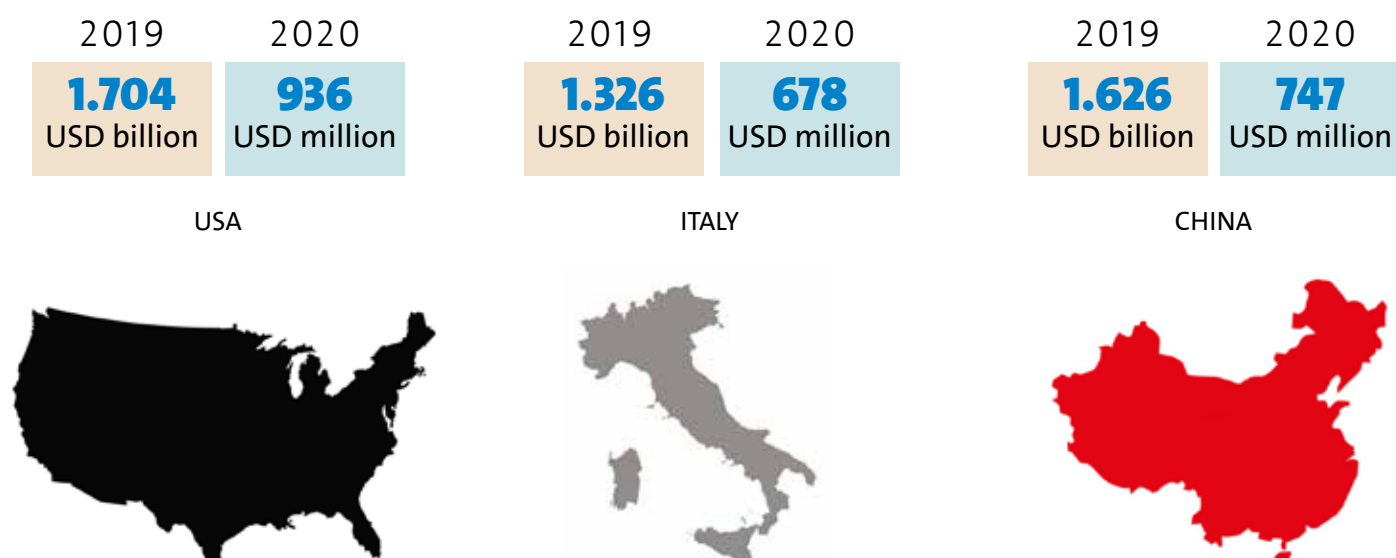
Countries of Imports

Lebanon imports goods and commodities from more than seventy countries. Table No. 2 below lists the top ten countries in terms of import volume, which accounts for 57%.

Table No. 2: Top ten countries of imports to Lebanon.

| Country | 2020 imports | 2019 imports | 2018 imports | 2017 imports |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| USA | USD 936 million | USD 1.704 billion | USD 1.438 billion | USD 1.442 billion |
| Greece | USD 857 million | USD 1.4 billion | USD 1.708 billion | USD 1.372 billion |
| Turkey | USD 811 million | USD 940 million | USD 948 million | USD 777 million |
| China | USD 747 million | USD 1.626 billion | USD 2.048 billion | USD 1.879 billion |
| Italy | USD 678 million | USD 1.326 billion | USD 1.590 billion | USD 1.770 billion |
| UAE | USD 632 million | USD 563 million | USD 588.4 million | USD 359 million |
| Germany | USD 570 million | USD 954 million | USD 1.168 billion | USD 1.228 billion |
| Russia | USD 519 million | USD 1.343 billion | USD 567 million | USD 746 million |
| France | USD 380 million | USD 770 million | USD 710 million | USD 766 million |
| Egypt | USD 280 million | USD 408 million | USD 549 million | USD 593 million |
| Total | USD 6.410 billion | USD 11.034 billion | USD 11.314 billion | USD 10.932 billion |
| Percentage to total imports | 57% | 57% | 56.6% | 56% |

Source: *Information International* based on the General Directorate of Lebanese Customs.



Evolution of Customs Revenues

After introducing the value-added tax in 2002, some customs duties were reduced and others were abolished. Lebanon had signed with the Arab States an Agreement on Facilitating and Developing Inter-Arab Trade and with the European Union an Economic Partnership Agreement, whereby imports from these countries are exempted from customs duties. This has led to a substantial decline in imports and ultimately in customs revenues, which dropped from LBP 2.117 trillion in 2016 to LBP 1.290 trillion in 2020, a number that is expected to decline further in the coming years.

Table No. 3: Customs duties, value-added tax and their percentage to the total state revenues (amounts in LBP).

| Year | Duties on international trade and exchanges | Of which the customs duties | Of which the fuel duties | Of which the tobacco duties | Of which motor vehicle duties | VAT | Total budget + treasury revenues |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 2016 | 2.117 trillion | 706 billion | 680 billion | 228 billion | 497 billion | 3.234 trillion | 14.959 trillion |
| 2017 | 2.163 trillion | 742 billion | 691 billion | 197 billion | 526 billion | 3.476 trillion | 17.524 trillion |
| 2018 | 2.025 trillion | 745 billion | 668 billion | 143 billion | 452 billion | 3.841 trillion | 17.403 trillion |
| 2019 | 1.800 trillion | 632 billion | 703 billion | 158 billion | 294 billion | 3.258 trillion | 16.680 trillion |
| 2020 | 1.290 trillion | 328 billion | 750 billion | 52 billion | 150 billion | 1.864 billion | 15.342 billion |
| 2021 (until end of May) | 608 billion | 189 billion | 249 billion | 27 billion | 139 billion | 1.482 billion | 6.658 billion |

Source: *Information International* based on MoF data.

Customs Duty Rates

The rate of customs duty varies by commodity, ranging from 5% to 105%. The following Table No. 4 shows that some exempted commodities are only subject to VAT or to a specific duty.

Table No. 4: Customs duty rate by commodity.

| Commodity | Customs duty rate |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Horses-Donkeys | 5% |
| Bovines | 0 |
| Pigs | 5% |
| Sheep | 0 |
| Goats | 5% |
| Poultry and birds | 5% |
| Bees | 5% |
| Cars, vans and tractors | 5% |
| Pearls, metals and gold | 0 or 5% |

| Commodity | Customs duty rate |
|-----------------------|--|
| Clothing | 5% |
| Drugs | 5% + VAT exempted |
| Used vehicles | <p>Vehicles of up to LBP 20 million: Customs duty of LBP 500,000 + domestic consumption tax of LBP 4.5 million</p> <p>Vehicles of above LBP 20 million: Customs duty of 5% + domestic consumption tax of 45%</p> |
| Tea | Exempt |
| Coffee | 5% |
| Fruits | 5% |
| Unpeeled almond | 70% |
| Peeled almond | 5% |
| Chestnut | 5% |
| Pineapple | 20% |
| Cheese | 70% |
| Meat | 5% +VAT exempted |
| Mineral Water | 25% |
| Beer | 40% |
| Labneh | 70% |
| Whiskey | 51% |
| Vodka | 15% + 11% VAT + domestic consumption tax of LBP 1,200 per liter |
| Grape arak | 11% + 70% VAT + domestic consumption tax of LBP 600 per liter |
| Tobacco | No customs duties + domestic consumption tax of 48% + 11% VAT |
| Cigars | 5% + domestic consumption tax of 35% + 11% VAT |
| Cigarettes | 5% + domestic consumption tax of 108% + 11% VAT |
| Hookah tobacco | 5% + domestic consumption tax of 35% + 11% VAT |
| Electrical appliances | 5% + 11% VAT |
| Perfumes | 15% + 11% VAT |
| Cosmetics | 15% + 11% VAT |
| Deodorants | 15% + 11% VAT |
| Dentifrices | 15% + 11% VAT |

Source: *Information International* based on the General Directorate of Lebanese Customs.

- The 95-octane gasoline is exempt from customs duties when imported from Arab and European Union countries but subject to domestic consumption taxes. It is however subject to a customs duty of LBP 70 per 20 liters and a domestic consumption tax of LBP 4,990 per 20 liters, i.e. a total of LBP 5,060 when imported from other countries.
- The gas is customs duty free but subject to VAT.
- The diesel is exempt from customs duty and VAT.

Effects of Raising Customs Dollar Rate

The Lebanese government has not yet determined the customs dollar rate to be imposed. Many rates have been proposed, including LBP 12,000, LBP 14,000 and LBP 20,000, the Sayrafa platform rate, with each having an impact on the expected revenues and the price hike. If the customs dollar is raised to LBP 14,000, as is likely, the prices will increase by 15%. As for the state revenues, they will not exceed LBP 5.5 trillion while the government estimates them at LBP 10-12 trillion.

Estimated Revenues 2021
LBP
10 - 12 trillion

**If the customs dollar
is raised to LBP 14,000**



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BUDGET OF MOFA'S FOREIGN SERVICE FROM USD 92 MILLION TO USD 7 MILLION

It is well known that the state budget's revenues and expenditures, including that of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants (MoFA) and its Foreign Service, are set in Lebanese pound.

Salaries, wages as well as the rentals of embassies, consulates and ambassadors' premises and all other expenses continue to be calculated at the official peg of LBP 1,500 to the US dollar. The Banque du Liban (BDL) has kept adopting this rate while transferring the Foreign Service funds but informed the government in early December 2021 of its decision to alter the rate to LBP 19,000 per US dollar, raising it by LBP 17,500 or 1,167%. This would lower the budget of Foreign Service from USD 92 million (LBP 138.1 billion based on the exchange rate of LBP 1,500, according to the 2021 budget bill) to USD 7 million (based on the rate of LBP 19,000 to USD), rendering it unable to secure the salaries, rentals and other expenses of embassies, and thus threatening its existence.

If the expenditures calculated at the rate of LBP 1,500 to the dollar remain pegged at USD 92 million while adopting the new exchange rate (LBP 19,000 per USD), the Foreign Service budget will increase from LBP 138.3 billion (0.7% of budget expenditures) to LBP 1.748 trillion or 9.5% of budget expenditures.

Foreign Service Expenditures

The Foreign Service expenditures are distributed as follows:

- Salaries, wages and related benefits: LBP 100 billion
- Rentals: LBP 22.8 billion
- Administrative supplies: LBP 5.6 billion
- Maintenance of administrative and residential buildings: LBP 2.7 billion

Foreign Service Revenues

The 2021 budget bill estimated the consular fee revenues at LBP 6.8 billion (USD 4.5 million) or 4.9% of the Foreign Service expenditures. By law, such funds shall be transferred to the Ministry of Finance and not directly used by the embassies and consulates.



LEBANESE VOTERS 2018-2022

AN INCREASE OF 224,000

The number of Lebanese registered voters has grown in the past four years, rising from 3,746,484 in 2018 to 3,970,073 in 2022, i.e. an increase of 223,589 or 5.95%. The following table shows that the highest increase is in Dennieh (9.2%) followed by Akkar (8.9%) while the lowest is in Beirut I (0.1%).

A table showing the evolution of the number of voters by Qada'a (2018-2022).

| Electoral District | 2022 | 2018 | Amount of Increase | Rate of Increase (%) |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Dennieh | 74,683 | 68,389 | 6,294 | 9.2 |
| Akkar | 309,083 | 283,790 | 25,293 | 8.9 |
| Saida villages | 123,225 | 113,489 | 9,736 | 8.6 |
| Bint Jbeil | 162,263 | 149,647 | 12,616 | 8.4 |
| Mennieh | 48,080 | 44,425 | 3,655 | 8.2 |
| Baalbeck-Hermel | 341,293 | 315,644 | 25,649 | 8.1 |
| Nabatieh | 159,689 | 147,900 | 11,789 | 7.9 |
| Marjeyoun-Hasbaya | 175,669 | 163,018 | 12,651 | 7.7 |
| Sour | 205,394 | 190,703 | 14,691 | 7.7 |
| Trablous | 254,771 | 237,330 | 17,441 | 7.3 |
| Saida | 67,244 | 62,749 | 4,495 | 7.1 |
| Western Beqa'a-Rashaya | 153,928 | 143,812 | 10,116 | 7 |
| Chouf | 212,853 | 202,489 | 10,364 | 5.1 |
| Beirut II | 371,020 | 353,144 | 17,606 | 5 |
| Aley | 133,708 | 127,381 | 6,327 | 4.9 |
| Zgharta | 82,051 | 78,183 | 3,868 | 4.9 |
| Zahle | 183,723 | 175,613 | 8,110 | 4.6 |
| Jbeil | 85,973 | 82,500 | 3,473 | 4.2 |
| Jezzine | 62,073 | 59,775 | 2,298 | 3.8 |
| Baabda | 172,026 | 166,135 | 5,891 | 3.5 |
| Koura | 62,895 | 60,981 | 1,914 | 3.1 |
| Batroun | 62,556 | 60,647 | 1,909 | 3.1 |
| Bsharri | 50,874 | 49,605 | 1,269 | 2.6 |
| Kessrouan | 96,551 | 94,210 | 2,341 | 2.5 |
| Matn | 183,562 | 179,919 | 3,643 | 2 |
| Beirut I | 134,886 | 134,736 | 150 | 0.1 |
| Total | 3,970,073 | 3,746,484 | 223,589 | 5.9 |

Source: *Information International* based on the number of voters in 2018 and the preliminary number of voters in 2022.

A letter from Dr. George Yacoub in response to offering five Palmyrene artifacts to Damascus National Museum, an initiative taken by Nabu Museum to promote cultural cooperation between Lebanon and Syria.

(1)

Dear Jawad,

Let me congratulate you on your noble gesture and on the article. I fully agree with your statement.

You are absolutely right to point out that preserving our cultural heritage must be done, first and foremost by the people because they and their descendants are the real owners not the state. The people must believe that this is part of their being, honour and sacred ancestry.

This reminds me of an encounter I had many years ago in Libya. Our camp was 5 KM from a coastal town called Tolmaytha (PTOLEMIA) with old Greek ruins that I visited frequently.

The waves had washed away part of the hill on the sea front exposing layers of clay chars and bricks. I looked at those layers trying to see the difference between them. One afternoon a shepherd came to the site and saw me looking. He rushed to me and yelled what are you doing? I said I am just Looking. He waited for a while and he said 'you are a brother where are you from.' I replied Beirut,

He said "please do not disturb these stones and broken bricks because the Soul of my Ancestors lies in every grain of sand they are made of".

I said "I will never do that".

He took from his bag a small book kissed and then said "swear on the Koran that you will not disturb the souls that sleep in these clay chips or any other old thing." Then he added that I believe that part of my soul is here and has been passed to me to hold in trust until my time comes to give it to my children.

This spontaneous and deep belief in our heritage must be taught in our schools. Perhaps Jawad, you could arrange with schools special sessions for children to teach them to appreciate and understand antiquities.

May I propose to you that you think about writing a book for children from the age of 9 to 14 to introduce them to various historical sites, including archeological excavations etc.

You are doing a great job. Bless you. ”

George Yacoub
January 21, 2022

A letter from Dr. George Yacoub in response to offering five Palmyrene artifacts to Damascus National Museum, an initiative taken by Nabu Museum to promote cultural cooperation between Lebanon and Syria.

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☞ Dear Jawad,

Thanks for your good words. What I wrote originates and is reinforced by your action. What is needed is to act as you did and are doing and not just to pontificate. As far as I am concerned your deed fired my imagination and opened a window of hope that I was starting to lose sight of. Thanks a million.

Sometimes I feel that our people are still “Bedouins”. They do not respect or understand the importance of the wealth of geographic realities and cultural heritage we have. These historic relics have been passed to us in trust and we must teach our children to be truthful trustees because it is their solemn duty to pass them intact to their children. As the Libyan shepard, in Tolmaytha, pointed out to me, all antiquities, regardless of size or worth, are very special and valuable because they embody a crucial part of our continuity as people and our collective national souls and cultural identity. We are not their owners to dispose of them as we wish, but their custodians and trustees. We must leave what we have inherited to future generations hoping that they will learn how to preserve and use them better than our generation has done.

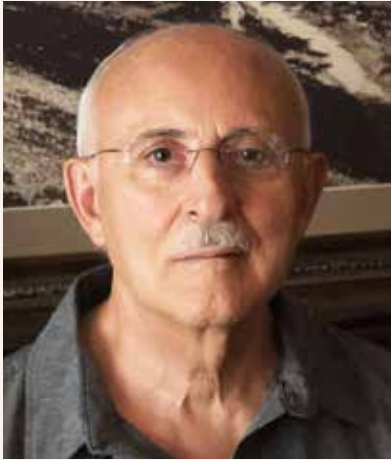
I think collectors come in two categories: the category of hoarders (THEY ARE UNFORTUNATELY THE MAJORITY) moved by greed, egocentricity and profit and the category of genuine collectors (not more than a handful in the Arab world) whose prime interest is to preserve, study and understand the true meaning of their heritage and most importantly share their collections with society as a whole. We must teach children at school, that not everything is transient and will disappear with “ITS OWNER”. History should be taught not as static chronologies encapsulated in time but as a dynamic account of the accumulated, continuous and synergetic flow of knowledge and experience of those who preceded us.

NABU IS A GOOD STARTING POINT. YOU COULD DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN (age 7-16) aimed at demonstrating, by visual and sound aids, our cultural heritage through antiquities, excavation preservation etc. Such a programme could be given to other Arab countries sharing our culture...

Please feel free to do with my notes whatever you wish. I have already my reward by your prompting me to think about this vital subject.

With much gratitude. ☞

George Yacoub
January 22, 2022



A WEDDING AT ISHTAR (1)

By Dr. Hanna Saadah

It's eight in the morning. The doorbell startles us. My American bride moans. "What time is it? Who could that be?"

I shuffle to the door. It's Georgi, my childhood friend. He and I used to swim in the Mediterranean Sea in our underwear because we did not own bathing suits.

Georgi smiles. He knows that we have just arrived from Oklahoma after twenty-eight hours of airplanes, airports, security checks, and sailing traffic. He knows because he was at our home, awaiting us, when my American bride and I arrived at four in the morning.

"Georgi? What's wrong?" I yawned.

"Nothing is wrong. You have been chosen to be the best man this afternoon."

"Best man? Best man at what? I asked with insomnia-parched voice.

"Best man at the Ghantous wedding. They've been waiting all year for you."

"Do I know the groom?"

"No, but you know his father, your childhood playmate, Nazeeh."

"Why did you wake me up so early if the wedding is this afternoon?" I mumbled, rubbing my eyes.

"Because you have to preside at the nine o'clock wedding breakfast. They will not start without you."

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In Lebanon—where societal rules are more potent than legal laws—social mores are not to be violated. My American bride's sleep-deprived, first-time-in-Lebanon eyes stared at me with dry disbelief as I explained that I had to leave her all alone for an unknown 'Lebanese' while. Fortunately, she was far too foggy to protest. Instead, she turned her back to me, buried her face into the pillow, and murmured, "You Lebanese are something else."

Half asleep, I showered, dressed, and got into Georgi's car. During the ride, I learned that the groom's name was Nasseem, the bride's name was Hala, and the breakfast hors d'oeuvres featured niblets of raw goat meat, raw lamb fat, and raw calf liver. I also learned that my role as best man was chosen by the groom's father to honor me for having helped control, by telephone, his long-term, resistant hypertension.

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I launched the breakfast ceremony by raising my arak drink and offering a long, well-wishing toast to the bride and groom. Comically, arak—our homemade, anise-laced grape alcohol that turns white when broken with water—made us look as if we were toasting one another with shots of milk.

The breakfast hors d'oeuvres were offered from large, bronze trays—poised on dancers' heads—among strumming ouds and ululations. I peppered, salted, and ate the offered bites of raw meat, fat, and liver—

but followed them with a hefty dose of Cipro, which I had pre-stashed in my pocket precisely for that purpose.

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Back home, I found Judy still in jetlag slumber. Trying to pay back my own sleep debt proved Sisyphean. Lying in bed with eyes closed did not assuage my raw-meat-fed, arak-watered brain. Uncontrolled, my thoughts, like a flock of chattering birds, flew in and out of my mind's tree and kept me awake with their loud, inaudible noises.

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The afternoon announced itself with yawns and slow stretches as Judy awakened and wondered why I was already dressed.

"You're wearing a suit and bowtie?"

"I'm the best man, remember? I told you that before I left this morning."

"I do remember what you told me, but I had a hard time believing it. What time is it anyway?"

"It's fifteen after two."

"And what time is the wedding?"

"It starts at four."

"Am I invited?"

"Of course, darling, but at breakfast Georgi insinuated that everyone would understand if you felt too jetlagged to attend."

Donning a disconcerted look, Judy sat upright, rolled her eyes, got out of bed, and carefully examined her hair in the mirror.

"I believe I can be ready in an hour," she affirmed with a formulated smile. "How far is the church?"

"Mar Elias's cave is thirty minutes away, but from car-to-cave is an additional twenty-minute walk. We need to leave at three, darling," I apologetically but firmly stated.

"We're going to a Mar cave?" She gasped.

"St. Elijah's (Mar Elias's in Arabic) is a holy cave, darling, inside an olive mount, thousands of years old, and has hosted thousands of weddings."

"And the foot road to the cave is a dirt road, I presume."

"You cannot walk to the cave wearing high heels, if that's what you mean. Most ladies will climb wearing flat shoes. But there will be donkeys to carry those who cannot make it up the winding dirt road."

"You want me to get dolled up and ride on a donkey to a cave? Is that traditional for an American bride's first day in Lebanon?" She glared with jesting eyes. "You Lebanese are something else," she reiterated.

"We can talk about it while in the car. Please hurry up, darling. Georgi will be here soon."

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Judy refused the donkey ride. The expression on her face—as she, step by step, trudged up the dirt road—vacillated from a half-smiling frown to a half-frowning smile. But when she arrived at the mouth of the cave, she sighed with loud relief as her face glowed with triumph.

"There's no altar," she marveled as she surveyed the large, open-mouthed cave. "Oh, and there are no lights or candles or benches to sit on," she observed as she gazed at the surrounding stalactites and stalagmites that shadowed the cave's prehistoric walls.

"It's just a big cave, darling, with a weeping rock at the back."

"Rocks weep in Lebanon?" She smirked.

"If you pray hard enough, the rock in the back will ooze holy water."

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RAS OSTA: HOMETOWN OF AHMAD FAMILIES

Overlooking the city of Jbeil, Ras Osta is one of the beautiful summer residences in Lebanon.

Etymology

The writer Anis Freiha considers that “Ras Osta” may be spelled as:

- Ras Ista, i.e. the top of the wall.
- Ras Qusta, meaning the highest level of justice and equality.

Location

Situated in the Qada'a of Jbeil at an altitude of 900 m above sea level, Ras Osta is considered one of the most beautiful summer residences in Lebanon. It is 55 km from Beirut and stretches across an area of 429 hectares.

The town may be reached through the following routes: Jbeil- Mar Charbel- Ras Osta highway or Nahr Ibrahim-Yahchouch- Mechan- Tourzaiyya- Kfar Baal- Ras Osta.

Population and Houses

Many housing projects were carried out in Ras Osta in the past years, rising the number of houses to 300 (100 of which are owned by natives).

Its population, which belongs to the Shia'a sect, is estimated at 1,500 people, a number that doubles in summer.

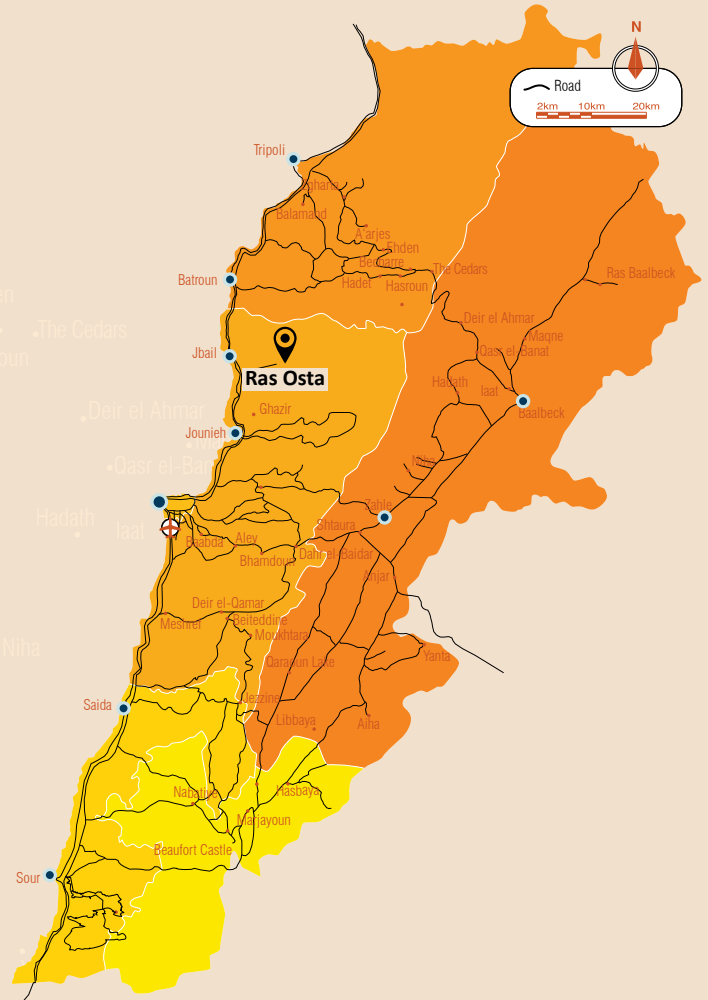
Voters

Registered voters totaled 718 in 2000, 834 in 2010 and 968 in 2018, with 700 casting their ballots in the 2018 parliamentary elections.

The voters belong to one family, Ahmad family, from which derive Haidar and Haidar Ahmad families.

Local Authorities

Ras Osta has a nine-member municipal council established by Resolution No. 85 of January 29, 2004, a mukhtar and an ikhtiyari council.



Economic Life

In addition to the public and private sector jobs, agriculture, namely the cultivation of vegetables, peaches, olives and apricots, is a source of income for resident families. Ras Osta has also eight restaurants providing job opportunities and income to many people there.

ASEEL FAMILIES

“Sunni” in Jdaidet El Qaitea, Akkar Al-Aseel Families: “Druze” in Aaqbeh, Rashaya

Genuine “Al-Aseel or Aseel” is an adjective describing the person who maintains friendship, love and loyalty to his family and friends in particular, and to all other people as well. It is also the name of Lebanese families.

Aseel is a small family of 51 members belonging to the Sunni sect and residing in Jdaidet El Qaitea in Akkar, which is 115 km away from Beirut.

Al-Aseel family members total about 180, with 150 members belonging to the Druze sect and residing in Aaqbeh- Qada’a of Rashaya (which is 84 km from Beirut), and 30 members belonging to the Greek Catholic sect and residing in Sin El Fil.

MOUKHADER FAMILIES

“Shia’a” from Babliyah, South Lebanon

Anesthetic “Moukhader” is a natural or synthetic substance that is used to relieve pain, but some may misuse and misproduce it, turning it into a scourge that destroys human life, health and safety.

Moukhader is also the name of Lebanese families. We do not know the reason behind this name, but it is likely that the members of this family are quiet and calm, which brings comfort to the hearts and minds of whoever sits with them.

Moukhader is a Shiite family in the Qada’a of Zahrani. Its members total about 270, with 250 residing in Babliyah (62 km from Beirut) and 20 residing in Qaaqaaiyet El Snoubar (57 km from Beirut).



FROM NABU MUSEUM TO DAMASCUS NATIONAL MUSEUM

OFFERING OF FIVE PALMYRENE ARTIFACTS

The “National Museum of Beirut” hosted on January 20, 2022 an offering ceremony during which five artifacts were presented from “NABU” Museum to “Damascus National Museum”. This move came as “an initiative to promote cultural cooperation between Lebanon and Syria”. The event was sponsored and attended by the Lebanese Minister of Culture, Judge Mohammad Wissam Al-Mortada, and included the participation of the Syrian Ambassador to Lebanon, Dr. Ali Abdul Karim Ali, the General Director of the Syrian Directorate-General for Antiquities and Museums, Mr. Mohammad Nazir Awad, the Director of Excavations and Archaeological Studies at the Syrian Ministry of Culture, Dr. Hammam Saad and Mr. Jawad Adra, one of the founders of “NABU”.



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