



# Cedar Leaf

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- 26 months are remaining for the Centennial of Tranqueras
- 2012: 53 Anniversary of the World Lebanese Cultural Union
- 2012 : International Year of Sustainable Energy for All
- 2013 : International Year of Water Cooperation
- 2014 : International Year of Family Farming

## Leading Article *by José María Almada Sad*

The current Ambassador of Uruguay in Beirut Jorge Luis Jure officially began his duties on September 13, 2007, with the presentation of his credentials to then President of the Republic of Lebanon, Emile Lahoud. As he has informed the various Lebanese institutions in Uruguay, and all the circles that relates our distinguished representative in the land of the cedars, Dr. Jure will be leaving the position to fulfill the five-year period in August or September of this year. Even the diplomatic us know the name of his successor as designated by the Uruguayan government, as we reported in last month's Cedar Leaf. Even missing a few months, a handful of weeks more, and not wanting to get ahead too with the facts, we thought it fair to refer to something away from management the time to do it as objectively as possible,

destitute of the feelings of gratitude and affection concepts are sometimes exaggerated. In this case there is no exaggeration possible, our ambassador was simply brilliant. A career diplomat and descendant Lebanese, each day of the five years it was concerned and occupied with every detail of your function, but doing much beyond his diplomatic duties. He was responsible and great in his performance when Danny F II sank off the coast of Lebanon carrying Uruguayan cattle in December 2009, was responsible and bigger every time that a seemingly simple gesture, Uruguayan citizens visiting the Embassy and he as host Luxury is in every detail, is responsible and laborious great when your team at the Embassy publishes the newsletter keeps us abreast of everything related to Uruguayan Lebanon. Is responsible and when it gets big shoulder the work of sculpture designed by Adela Neffa to be placed at the entrance of Zouk Mikael busiest route in Lebanon, and will hopefully be open by the end of his mission. And it would be an endless list of facts and situations that have as protagonist in five years. With our Cedar Leaf was extremely helpful, friendly and gave us constant encouragement, plus the accident that nearly half of its mission coincides with the five years of our publication. There is still time management, but going forward this assessment of a diplomat who consider exemplary and worthy, on behalf of his two homelands....

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## **TRUE TOURISM LEBANON'S JEWELS**

For some editions, from Cedar Leaf we are referring to several hundreds of points and attractive places in the country of the cedars. Do not forget that the tourism industry is the main sector of the economy of Lebanon.

### **TODAY: Qammouaa Landscape, Akkar**

Situated at an altitude ranging from 1,500m to 1,900m, this picturesque region is known for the characteristically Alpine fir forest that used to thrive here, as well as its beautiful streams and rugged mountains. Today, the fir tree plantation of Qammouaa serves as a protected reserve by ministerial decree. It is an excellent area for hiking, picnicking, and photography. The mountains are especially beautiful when covered with snow in winter. There are several ruins sites scattered throughout the region.

**A land of golden beaches and stunning mountain landscapes. Landscapes that change with the seasons, but are always bathed in the warm sun. The daylight rising over Lebanon brings endless opportunities of fun, beach, nature and outdoor activities. You'll never know what to choose. Whatever it will be, an unforgettable time awaits you under the shiny Lebanese sun.**

Fadi Abboud, Ministry of Tourism, Lebanon

**100 Years of Tranqueras  
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## **----- KHALIL GIBRAN SPACE -----**

*Simple Cedar Leaf's homage to the great thinker Lebanese - intellectual heritage of humanity - reflections and thoughts, not necessarily authored by magnum Kahlil. Lebanese Kahlil was our great poet, painter, novelist and essayist born in Bechàrre, Lebanon, January 6, 1883 and died on April 10, 1931 in New York. He is buried in Lebanon, his homeland.*

### **TODAY: FRIENDSHIP**

**► Friendship doubles your joys, and anxieties divided in half.**

*Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626), British*

**► He who seeks a friend without faults run out of friends.**

*Turkish proverb*

**► The world's richest man is not what keeps the first money he earned, but which retains the first friend he had.**

*Martha Mason*

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## **LEBANESE CUISINE لمطبخ اللبناني HANDS TO POT.**

### **TODAY: Small Fatay**

**Ingredients** 30 small dough discs (8-10 cm), 150 gr. onion, 1/4 of red pepper, 1 clove of garlic, 250 gr. minced meat, 40 gr. of tomato paste, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon mint, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, salt and black pepper, 2 tomatoes, lemon juice.

**Preparation** Chop the onions, pepper, garlic clove and mix with meat, tomato paste, parsley, mint, paprika and pepper. Add salt and pepper and knead with hands to integrate the ingredients well. Incorporate the skin of diced tomatoes. Form balls the size of a walnut. Place in the center of each disk of dough, making three pinches partially closed to form a triangle. Place on a greased plate and cook in an oven preheated to medium high for 20 minutes or until beginning to brown. Remove from oven and sprinkle with lemon juice.

**Your meal is your food, and your food your medicine.** *Hippocrates*

### **FAREWELL TO NOUREDDINE IN LEBANON SOCIETY**

On Friday April 27 there was a fellowship dinner to mark the next departure of the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Lebanon in Montevideo, Mr. Namir Nouredine. The tribute took place at the headquarters of the Lebanese Society in Montevideo. At press Cedar Leaf had no news of the event but we discount it must have been very busy and emotional, as Nouredine performed extensive work for several years in our distant homeland Embassy in Montevideo.

## **THANKS AND GREETINGS FROM THE PAST WORLD SECRETARY GENERAL WLCU DR. NICK KAHWAJI**

In the name of the Past Administration of the WLCU (Oct 2009-Mar 2012) I would like to wish the new administration all the best, and also to send a sincere thank you to all who worked with us for the last 2 and half years. I would like to thank the following :  
The WP for all the effort, travel and the personal budget he invested  
The President of the Board of trustees, the Vice President ,  
The members of the Arbitrating Committee, The Secretariat General's Team, for their Dedications and hard work  
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The Beirut office, Chairman and employee  
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All the regional councils, National and states councils  
All the members, especially the youth and the Ladies  
All the delegates who attended the 17th world congress, especially the Historical world Leaders: Anuar Kuri and Joseph Younes  
The founders of the PIRC (Phoenician international research centre), and to the LERC (Lebanese emigration research centre) .  
All our Families who supported us, and helped us, and are relieved to have us back into family affairs  
A special thanks to the WLCU - British Columbia - Council who believed in my plan to take the WLCU to a higher level of performance, and supported me to the end.  
Thank you All for your support and God Bless you (Go Comments) .

*Past World Secretary General Dr. Nick Kahwaji*

April 2010

## **GREETINGS SALUTATIONS SALUDOS SALUTI تحيات**

► Very dear friend Jose Maria, congratulations on your work and your openness to the world. Best wishes to all who came in Rivera and all members of the Society. Happy Easter and good health to all. Greetings to Father Pedro in Rivera. **Father Elias Salemi, Lebanon**

► Dear Jose Maria thank you very much. As always congratulations for the amazing effort you do for love of our ancestors. Receive a big hug. **Rafael Rosell Aiquel, Chile**

► I endorse the words of Lebanese President's Circle and, again, I extend the invitation to participate in our magazine Cedars of Lebanon.

<http://www.circulolibanes.cl/publicaciones/> Best regards,  
**Nissrin Esber, Chile**

► José Thanks once again. In July this year with my brothers will travel to Lebanon from Madrid to Istanbul. Here we will meet with other relatives from Mexico named Boueri mother's side. We have common relatives in Bouar, north of Jounieh. A hug **Henry Chalup Dergam**

► Dear Jose Maria. I just got Cedar Leaf and as always with lots of information that makes us happy. Referring to the social, very happy that my dear Martha Chalela, has successfully passed the difficult box peritonitis. Let my salutations. Glad you can enjoy the two piano concertos, of which one of our compatriot Carmencita Curi. Another news CEDAR LEAF good that was favored in the draw of the Arab-Spanish dictionary, a great contribution to the new generations of the community, who are concerned to know our language. The good news we receive through CEDAR LEAF your post. I thank for. **Julio Normey, Montevideo**

► Hi José, Cedar Leaf is very interesting, I never read it, please send it to me, and pity the Arabic course only be given in Montevideo because I'm sure many people here

would like me, you always wonder who speaking a word, because I love all languages, although I only speak fluent Spanish, and Portuguese. (I say and not Portuguese border) and pretty good Italian, English and French and I do understand, and I know a few phrases and words in Greek, and very few in Arabic. Congratulations for the dictionary very useful thing, because I do not live in Spanish without a one. If anything I can help you I am at your orders, many greetings and love to the family. **Andra Loureiro**

**N. R.** This good friend is Master Specialized Primary Education - recently retired - Artist, Artisan, and a great contributor to our business municipal recycling theme.

► Hello my good friend. Thank you very much for sending me the newsletter. I appreciate your continued support and interest. Blessings to you. **Alhaji Sadiq, Ghana.**

► Thanks José for the materials posted affection. **Myriam Gutierrez**

► Thank you Mr. José María Almada Sad, about to leave from Madrid where I met again with Suraia Abud, my daughter, to Lebanon, greeted him carefully. **Rachel Coaik**

► A must ..... Palm Sunday or holding you back .... BIG JOSE MARIA **Darbesthar Sons Society.**

► Thank you for sending Cedar Leaf. I am delighted to receive it.

Attentive and affectionate greetings to you and all our Society Lebanese. **Myrna Dergam Repetto, Montevideo Uruguay**

► Very Happy Easter wishes **Teresita Diaz** to all members of the Lebanese community and your families Uruguay. Honestly.

● CEDAR LEAF THANKS A NICE EASTER MESSAGE FROM PRIEST ELIAS TARABAY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH OF MONTEVIDEO.

## **BRAZIL: MEMORIES OF IMMIGRANTS, RIO DE JANEIRO: SAHARA EXHIBITION**

Between April 7 and May 4 will be in poster, at Espaço Cultural Monument Estácio de Sá, the exhibition Sahara 40° – Memory of immigrants, of Beth Abi. The title makes reference to the place where, in Rio de Janeiro, is a large number of immigrants of Arab origin. Of Lebanese descent, the artist produced the plays of shows from observations of their old photos and their families. The unseen exhibition brings together 15 frames in red and black paper, plus a sculpture in fabric. The works were produced in 2009 and 2010.

For the artist, the idea is to provoke reflection of the audience that is watching their exposure. "It is up to each one the watchful and critical to build a new and proper speech, verbal or iconic, and we establish a common sense in the family identity and memories", believes Beth. "This show is an exercise of a deconstruction in a direct language, almost imagery scenic, with individual memories that interlace in the construction of a collective memory of immigration in the context of Rio de Janeiro, that discusses the construction of a hybrid memory from photos and drawings," explains the artist. **Service:** Exhibition Sahara 40° – Memories of immigrants, **Venue:** Espaço Cultural Monument Estácio de Sá, **Address:** AV. Infante d. Henrique, s/n°. Aterro do Flamengo. Daily from April 7 to May 4, 2012. **Opening hours:** from 9:0 to 5:0 pm, Free entrance.

**Information:** monumento@estacio.br

## **TRIBUTE TO KHLIL GIBRAN IN MONTEVIDEO**

On Wednesday April 11 it was developed a tribute to the great Gibran Kahlil Gibran Lebanese thinker. The event was organized by the Lebanese Women's Uruguayan capital, and developed in the early afternoon of the day indicated. References and authorities attended the community from its various institutions, special guests from government, municipality and large number of neighbors, friends of the community and followers of Gibran's work. Every April 11 we remember the date of death of our distinguished poet, painter, novelist, essayist, philosopher of the land of the cedars. The call was held at the foot of the bust to Gibran, in Montevideo at Trouville Street. There were speeches, wreaths and emotional memories of the great figure honored. Congratulations to the Lebanese Women for their continued work and especially for this permanent memorial to one of the greatest thinkers of mankind of all times.

**As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.**

*Andrew Carnegie*

## **Argentina: Day of the Francophonie**

The Embassy of Lebanon participated in the Day of the Francophonie (French tongue), which is celebrated around the world each March 20 and this year more than 30 countries were represented at a party which offered to people of all ages. Lebanon People at this event was present with a booth where you could see the richest country's traditional dishes, offered brochures of the major tourist sites and the end of the day the House of Amir Thaleb Ballet was presented with a sample of Lebanese folklore. Under the motto "The French unites us" on March 20 gathered in the Plaza San Martin in Buenos Aires, the diplomatic representations of French-speaking countries: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Slovakia, Slovenia, France, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Lebanon, Lithuania, Morocco, Poland, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Romania, Serbia, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine and Vietnam. On the other hand, in the framework of the celebrations was held at noon in the Argentina Foreign Ministry Official Act of the Francophonie.

## **LEBANESE OF MEXICO TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS 2013**

The Embassy of Lebanon in Mexico reports that, according to the reform of the electoral law passed in 2008, the Lebanese Diaspora will for the first time ever in Lebanon the right to vote in legislative elections will take place in 2013. The Embassy of Lebanon in Mexico invites interested persons over 21 who are registered at the Embassy to perform at this Embassy or Honorary Consulates in Merida and Guadalajara to register and incorporate them into the electoral roll of the elections. The only requirement for participating in this unprecedented event, your statement is to bring civil registration or identity card. The deadline for registration is December 31, 2012. This news comes to Cedar Leaf by Aline Younes Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Lebanon in Mexico.

## **INSTITUTE "IBOLIBAN LEBANESE" WORK FOR VALUES**

The Lebanese of Bolivia work in their national community is kept the flame of the Lebanese culture among the offspring. In the last communication arrival in Cedar Leaf, they talk about "what we are, and we have made since the great migration from the 1890s from Lebanon to Latin America". End countrymen saying "Lebanon needs all of us. Lebanon is stronger, because they love their children and struggle to maintain their sovereignty, brotherhood and integration with the international community, with contributions to knowledge and work. Lebanon blesses us when we pray daily for peace in the region and around the world. "

## Spain

### **LIBRARY OFFER VARIOUS ARAB BOOKS**

From the Arab World Library of Madrid Spain, offer interesting new titles related to the various manifestations of various kinds, most Middle Eastern countries. In such narratives are announced "Alcazaba" by Jesus Sanchez, "The Rose of the Sahara" by Joaquin Arbide, "The Land Divided" by Ramon Munoz, "Zejels Strait," in Travel "Guide to the Mosque -Cathedral of Cordoba" by Maria Dolores Baena Alcántara, in History "History of Modern Tunisia" by Kenneth J. Perkins, "The Moors from the city of Huesca" of Anchel Cazcarro Conte, "History of the University of Toledo", "The armies of heaven" by Jay Rubenstein, "Thoth: Thought and Power in Pharaonic Egypt" on Ferran Iniesta. In Law, Sociology, Magazines and DVDs there are some interesting titles like "The right of Moroccan family" of Maria Dolores Cervilla, "Nader and Simin: A Separation" directed by Asghar Farhadi, "Guest" by José Luis Guerin, "Return to Hansala "Address by Chus Gutiérrez, "The Band's Visit" by Eran Kolirin , among many other titles. The benefits of this library may be next to the application plans in books and [www.libreria-mundoarabe.com](http://www.libreria-mundoarabe.com).

## Colombia

### **LEBANESE CUISINE OF GROWING ACCEPTANCE**

Lebanese cuisine, previously reserved to the world of Caribbean immigrants, has been extended for the rest of Colombia and now in the inner cities are not only specialty restaurants, but the big supermarkets have in their food courts selling spaces kibbe, rice with lentils, tabbouleh, falafel and other dishes, jars and shelves with vine leaves, wheat, pots of hummus and Arabic bread. There are several specialty restaurants in the country. In Bogotá, Colombian-Lebanese Club, El Khalifa, Medellin, Garden Lebanese Shawarma. In Cali, Litany. In Barranquilla, Arabic Gourmet, Zahle, Tripoli. In Cartagena, Dunia, Alibaba, Arab restaurant.

**To get something you never had, you must do something you never did.**

### **IN JUNE EXCURSION TO LEBANON FROM BUENOS AIRES**

This is a tour package ideal for Buenos Aires and towns, including Montevideo and other parts of Uruguay that can access the interesting advertisement to visit the country of the cedars. Logically, with some differences in terms of passport and visa. The details that we believe are important are that the trip will be fulfilled in the period from 9 to June 24, and the total cost includes airfare, transportation from and to Beirut airport, breakfasts, lunches and dinners, 12 nights hotel accommodation, comfortable transport, visits to historical 15 points, 2 nights of shows and entertainment, tour guides in Spanish, travel insurance and others. People who do not have a Lebanese passport, must obtain a visa to travel. The same can be done individually at the Embassy of Lebanon <http://www.ellibano.com.ar/tramites/Consulado.htm>, or by the Lebanese Mission Argentina [info@misionlibanesa.com.ar](mailto:info@misionlibanesa.com.ar) and telephone 4311 7299. As for the tour scheduling contact SANIN Travel Phone 011-6379 9787 or mail to [info@saninviajes.com](mailto:info@saninviajes.com).

### **MEXICO : LISTEN TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

Mindful of Mexico's democratic process and citizen participation in the forthcoming Presidential Elections in the Aztec country, the Board of the Lebanese Center of Mexico sent an invitation to the four candidates for the presidency, to speak at the Lebanese institution, to report their proposals to the Lebanese descent and friends in general, and end of each exposure a session of questions to the candidates. The first presidential candidate to lecture was Josefina Vazquez Mota on Tuesday April 24 at 20 pm in the Hall Center Baalbek and the next day Gabriel Quadri de la Torre, in the Hall Byblos. The dates of the other two candidates will be announced these days.

## **EXCURSIONS FROM BRAZIL LEBANON**

We reports from the esteemed Prof. Paulo Sarquis of World Lebanon Travel, the group in mid-April was this month in Lebanon, while preparing the groups travel with arrival in Lebanon on July 22, on October 8 and then on February 16, 2013. Add Sarquis than now they have a guide in Spanish and Portuguese and do not need a minimum group, departures are guaranteed with any number. The program in Lebanon, first day arrival in Beirut, welcome at the airport and driving to the Hotel Plaza Hamra. Second day, breakfast and all day tour, visiting Baalbeck, the largest Roman historical site in Lebanon, then exit to the town of Anjar, lunch at restaurant in Zahle, visit to wine and wine tasting. Back to the Hotel at the end of the day. Third day breakfast and all day tour, visiting the ancient city of Sidon, the Crusaders, then the city of Tyre, Cathedral of the Crusaders and ancient Phoenician and Roman thermal baths. Lunch at Restaurant specializes in fish. Returning to Beirut Echmoun visit, the only Phoenician temple built during the Persian period, fourth century BC. Fourth day after breakfast tour of Beirut visiting the National Museum where there are "seven thousand years of civilization", also the center and the seaside town. Forward to Beiteddine, visiting the Palace of Emir Bachir. After lunch, departure to Deir El Kamar, visiting two Emirs palaces. The fifth day is free, the sixth day, another all day tour, visiting the Phoenician city of Byblos, gave the name to the Bible, then visit the Jeita Cave Natural Monument, its upper galleries and lower cave, then visit Harissa -Our Lady of Lebanon, by cable car. Lunch at restaurant seafood. The seventh day after breakfast full tour north of Lebanon, visiting the largest Qadisha Valley Chapel founded in the seventh century, after lunch detour to the Cedars Millennials, the oldest forest of humanity, then visit the Museum Kahlil Gibran. The next day out of the hotel to the airport in Beirut, returning via Brazil. Can be diverted to other places such as Turkey and Dubai. The package also includes tickets to museums and tours, five lunches, seven nights accommodation with breakfast. Inquiries for more details and prices: worldlebanon@gmail.com (with Dr. Paulo Sarquiz).

**In something as small as a tear, drop something as big as a feeling**

## **LEBANESE BASKETBALL PLAYER BEAT WORLD RECORD: 113 GOALS IN ONLY ONE MATCH**

The international press highlighted a recent basketball game in the League of Lebanon, where an athlete achieved a record in the history of FIBA (similar to FIFA soccer) is the Lebanese Mohammad El Akkari, Moutahed player, which up averaged 7.6 points this meeting, with that record, set a new record entry in the FIBA basketball Lebanese league became news because Mohammad El Akkari scored, no less than 113 points in one game. In the triumph of his team, Moutahed, to Bejjeh by 173-141 on 3 April, the Lebanese forward was the great figure of the night. He averaged three points per minute. Its effectiveness was 57 percent (40 of 69), but, undoubtedly, the most striking were his 32 triples on 59 attempts. A record number of entries in the FIBA basketball, Akkari, who until this game averaging 7.6 points per game in 23 presentations, said: "I thank God for this performance is the result of lots and lots of training".

**THE BASKETBALL IN LEBANON** *The land of the cedar stands in the sport of basketball because, as reported in Cedar Leaf on July 2011, the Club Riyadi Beirut is the reigning Asia, won the Asian Cup in his 22nd. Editing developed in Manila, Philippines in 2011. Previously Hikme Sagesse, Beirut also won the Asia Cup in 1999, 2000 and 2004.*

## **LEBANESE WAY TO SOCCER WORLD CUP IN BRAZIL**

The Lebanon national football team is contesting the qualifiers in Asia for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014. Under orders from German coach Theo Bücker, they beat Kuwait 1-0 on November 11, they beat South Korea 2-1 and lost to UAE by 4-2 on 29 February this year. Also in this 2012 must play against Qatar on June 3, to Uzbekistan on June 8 both at home, visit to Korea on June 12 and Qatar on September 11. Since 2013 visit to Uzbekistan on March 26, welcomes Korea on June 4 and closes the Heat to Iran on June 11, 2013. The clothing selection Lebanon is short jacket with epaulets and cuffs red green shorts and red socks. Alternative equipment is white with green living. Its main stadium is in Beirut since 1957 and is the "City Camille Chamoun Stadium." The first international match in the red selection was in 1940 to Palestine. Has classified six times a Nations Cup Arab of the eight contested and hosted the Asia Cup in 2000 where he was fourth. Lebanon's best result was 11 to 1 against the Philippines, played in Japan in 1967. As is known in Uruguay as well now lead their group in America to Brazil 2014, is third in the FIFA world rankings, Lebanon is now far behind and his best ranking was in 1998, at No. 85. Lebanon never qualified for a World Cup, but according to the results there are chances this time ... and perhaps there the blue of Uruguay faces red cedars on Brazilian soil ....

**Everyone sees what you appear, but few see what you really are**

## **YOUNG BOYS FROM URUGUAY CAN GO TO LEBANON**

The estimated Fernanda of the Lebanese Embassy in Montevideo, send us note and documentation on the 11th Camp young emigrants, to be held in Lebanon from 10 to 19 July 2012. "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon, Directorate-General of Emigrants, is organizing this new event with the aim of promoting better relations between young Lebanese and immigrants, and enable them to know their country and in depth of origin, customs, environmental, and tourist sites along all Lebanese provinces. Interested youth must be Lebanese or descendants Uruguay, have between 17 and 25 years old, students of high school or college, and be willing to accept the camp as to order, discipline and schedule. Registration can be submitted to the Lebanese Embassy in Montevideo or by mail to the Directorate of Emigrants of Lebanon to the respective Ministry director@emigrants.gov.lb mail, you need two passport photos and copy of valid passport. Registration forms and rules are available at Cedar Leaf - courtesy of the Lebanese Embassy in Montevideo, its "weight" computer and size are not included in this installation, but can apply to our mail, they will gladly send immediately. Stay and other expenses are paid by the Ministry, while airfare to afford it the young person concerned.

## **LEBANON PRESIDENT VISITS AUSTRALIA IN APRIL**

On April 17, Governor General of Australia Quentin Bryce and her husband Michael Bryce received the President of the Republic of Lebanon, Michel Sleiman, and his first lady along with the accompanying delegation at the headquarters of the Governor General in capital, Canberra. Following a meeting, the Governor General and her husband held a luncheon in honor of President Sleiman and his First Lady, in the presence of prominent political figures, diplomats and businessmen, ministers of both countries, and media.

## **MEXICAN ACTRESS SALMA HAYEK IN LEBANON FILM "THE PROPHET"**

The young Lebanese-born Mexican actress begins production of the film with important figures in world cinema. Salma Hayek with Clark Peterson, Roger Allers (The Lion King), Chris Landreth, Joan Gratz, Bill Plympton, Mohammed Saeed Harib, Haytham Nasr, Steve Hanson, Jean Ryachi and several other actors, producers and world court artists, make the "imaginary story of the Prophet" in cartoons, directed to bring the beautiful message of Gibran future citizens of this world. Funding is FFA Private Bank Lebanon, Lebanon My Group, Greenberg Traurig, and Doha Cinema Productions among others. After 90 years of publication and a hundred million copies sold to date, "The Prophet" is the best-selling book in the world after the Bible, translated into over 40 languages inspiring thousands of theater producers, and influential in many constitutions and laws world comes. Gibran is the third most read philosopher in the world after Shakespeare and Lao-Tzu, but with his masterpiece "The Prophet" has managed to reach the consciousness of millions of humans, then the main idea of the producers is to inspire children today with the intention of seeing them "covered" by the values and principles of the Book. Salma told reporters "When I was of Lebanese origin, I feel very honored to make this beautiful work on the big screen on Khalil Gibran" The Prophet "has been a source of wisdom for millions of people around the world".

## **MONUMENT TO THE LEBANON-URUGUAYAN BROTHERHOOD IN ROUTE**

The Ambassador of Uruguay in Lebanon Dr. Jorge Jure, has informed the various Lebanese institutions in Uruguay and facilities throughout the country, that the Municipality of Zouk Mikael recently approved the maquette for sculpture donated by Adela Neffa representing a stylized hand holding an obelisk. She has called this sculpture "Homage to the Uruguayan-Lebanese brotherhood." The large sculpture will be installed in Beirut-Tripoli highway full, which is the busiest road in Lebanon (something like Interbalearia Route or Route 1 in Uruguay), the height of the entrance to the city of Zouk Mikael. Thus it will see thousands of people each day. That great sculptor Uruguayan-Lebanese is Mrs. Adela Neffa, was born in Argentina, to parents of Zouk Mikael, he lived as a child in Uruguay and is a citizen "very uruguayan" and a pride for the Lebanese community, because it is a recognized artist, was professor of sculpture, among other important activities. With its 90 years is dynamic and currently lives in the area of Punta Carretas in Montevideo. Dr. Jure reports that the sculpture is 4 meters high, white stone of Lebanon, on a concrete base of 1 cubic meter.

**When you lose, do not look at what you lost, but what's left to win ...**

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