

Journalist and Writer George Hayek seeks out LERC For the Maronites in the World

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Mr. George Hayek previously worked at Al-Nahar newspaper as an editor and is currently a reporter for Al-Dalil magazine and Almassira, and is a freelance researcher for Dubai TV's *Swalifna Hilwe show* (سوالفنا حلوة). Mr. Hayek is working on a documentary on the Maronites in the world in cooperation with Fr. Johnny Saba of the Lebanese Maronite Order (LMO). His visit to the Lebanese Emigration Research Center at NDU aimed at seeking material on the topic. Mr. Hayek met with LERC's Director Ms. Guita Hourani and with LERC Chief Indexer Mrs. Liliane Haddad.

Mr. Hayek expressed his interest in becoming affiliated with LERC to enjoy access to its electronic archives, databases and library. Mrs. Haddad showed him LERC's electronic archives and the Center's other research infrastructure.



Mr. Hayek pictured on his visit with Mrs. Haddad at LERC offices at NDU. (March 2012).

Mr. Hayek has published several books of which he donated to LERC: *Qannoubin fi qalb Allah* (قنوبين في قلب الله), *Alta'mol min wahi Charbel* (التأمل من وحي شربيل) and the *Valley of Qadisha from the Depth to the Pinnacles* (وادي قاديشا من الأعماق إلى القمم).