

Autobiography

Name : Alexi El Khoury Francis Yammine

Place and date of birth: Ehden on August 10, 1946

Educational attainment: Intermediate level

Languages: Arabic

Hobbies: Reading

Family status : Married to Catherine Boutros El Kandalaft

Children: Francois - born in 1970, Mountaha - born In 1973, and Jihad - born in 1975.

They are all married and gave birth to 6 grandchildren.

- The Khoury Francis Yammine family, and the Yammine family are distinguished In Ehden and among Lebanese towns.

- I have a good relationship with Ehden - Zgharta natives along With the citizens of the district and I respect them all.

- I am a firm believer that every person has the right to express his political choice and that the respect of his opinion it a must; thus, I consider that anyone who opposes this Idea is not levelheaded.



From 1964 until 2006, I was vivid activist during the day, and at night when necessary in the following areas:

On the religious level

- I am a member of Caritas organization in Zgharta branch, and I am religiously committed person. Most importantly, I believe that the church of Bkerke represents the guarantee of the existence of Maronites and Christians in the East. Moreover I support adherence and commitment to the parish.
- It is our duty to pray to God Almighty for those who fought and were martyred for the sake of Lebanon's independence and the survival of the Christians; I make special mention to Youssef Bey Karam and his men and all the Maronites without discrimination, including our heroes who repelled the attack on Zgharta and the district against the Yarmouk army and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

On the social level:

- I always present to help associations and municipalities.

On the political level:

- Personally, the most important years for me were 1969 to 1971 which represented the "Por Tous" Cafe uprising, In addition to 1989 - 1990 uprising in Bnachi.

The information that were mentioned above constitute a summary of my autobiography "Who is Alexi y El Khoury Yammine?"

You may find below some of my works:

- President Frangieh (distributed for free after his election In 1970).
- Zgharta phonebook that includes pictures of Ehden in 1982.
- A tourist guide, Ehden-Zgharta and the district, words and pictures, 1986.

This book is composed of 80 pages, was translated into English and Spanish, and it is available in libraries For more information or to obtain a copy, kindly contact Mr. Alexi Yammine on the following phone numbers: +961 81 251416 or +961 6 667235.

- Ehden - Zgharta in words and pictures, a tourist guide, 2000.
- President Mouawad (not released), 1989. I collected pictures, articles, banners, diaries and cerebration.
- Facts (not released)

The book "Facts about the registers of Ehdenian families", is ready for printing, pending the political and more importantly, the economic situation of our country. The book is composed of 200 pages, 16 of which are colored while the remaining 84 pages are printed in black and white. It comprises the following:

- 1- Ehden families.
- 2- The transfer of civil status register (census) of people from Lebanese towns to Zgharta city.
- 3- The transfer of civil status register from different sects in the Maronite city





May we stay by your side... each and every year



Facts
About the registers of Ehdénian families

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His Eminence the Cardinal, whom the Lord had magnified His mercy, graciousness & clemency towards him, His Beatitude Patriarch Mar Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir the wholly blissful.

A Patriarch the size of a homeland

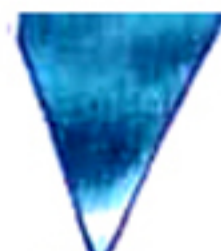
Free, sovereign, Independent

Visited by Mr. Alexi El Khoury Francis Yammine for the blessing of his book 'Tourist Guide'.

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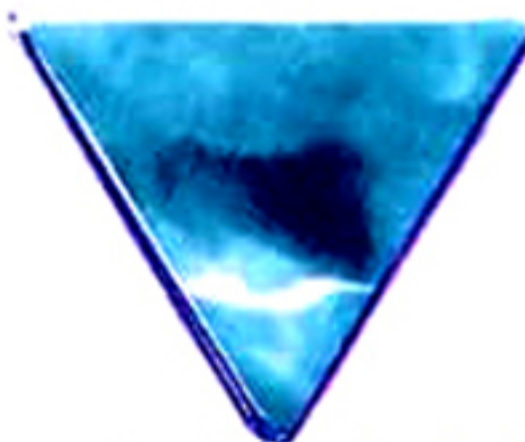
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Facts

About the registers of Ehdenian families

Words and pictures



Introduction to the book

My beloved Ehdenian people, I put this book in your hands because I found that we desperately need it to reveal facts concerning the register of Ehdenian families. They were sorted into three titles for ease of access.

First: Ehdenian families

Second: Zgharta families & households

Third: families from different sects

I was seeking to be elected as mayor —I was nominated several times — or a municipality member to make this job much easier and to correct the mistakes with the help of some mayors.

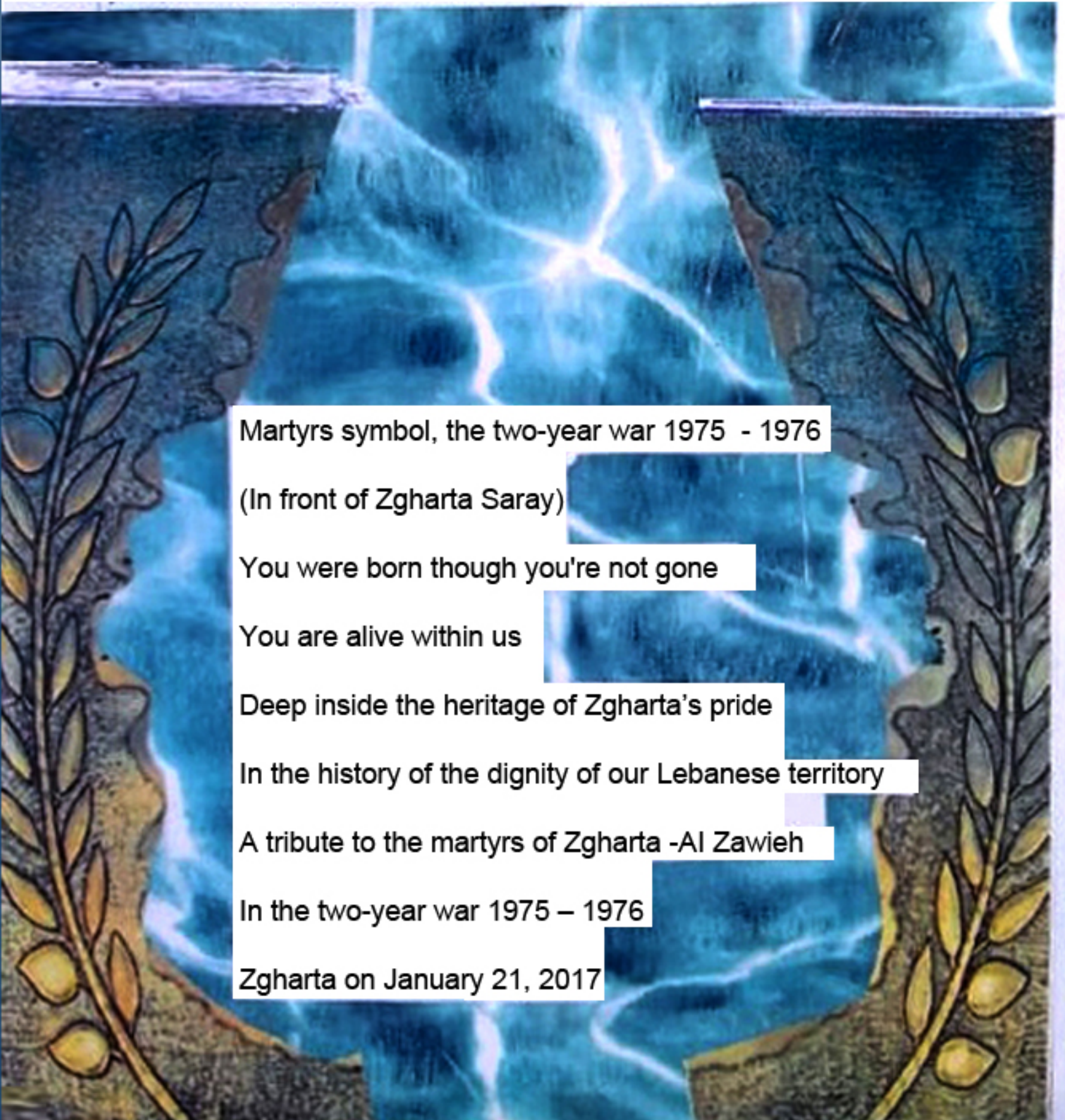
The important thing is that I didn't raise the subject of the history of families and households as I consider it a daunting and dark task due to the ambiguity regarding the origins and kinships. As a matter of fact, some families bore the name of the town from which they moved. In addition, there are sarcastic nicknames and families that have merged with Ehdenian families and some of which are similar to the family name. They know this fact and Ehden natives know them.



Dedication

To the citizens of Ehden and the district.
The Lions' den of the heroes
In defense of our homeland Lebanon
The sovereign, the free, the independent.
They were champions together with Lebanon's hero,
Youssef Bey Karam;
They were courageous in 1975 – 1976 battles, and intrepid
against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (Yarmouk attack).
In addition to all the virtuous martyrs.

We only aspire now to return the homeland to its sole protector, the Lebanese Army



Martyrs symbol, the two-year war 1975 - 1976

(In front of Zgharta Saray)

You were born though you're not gone

You are alive within us

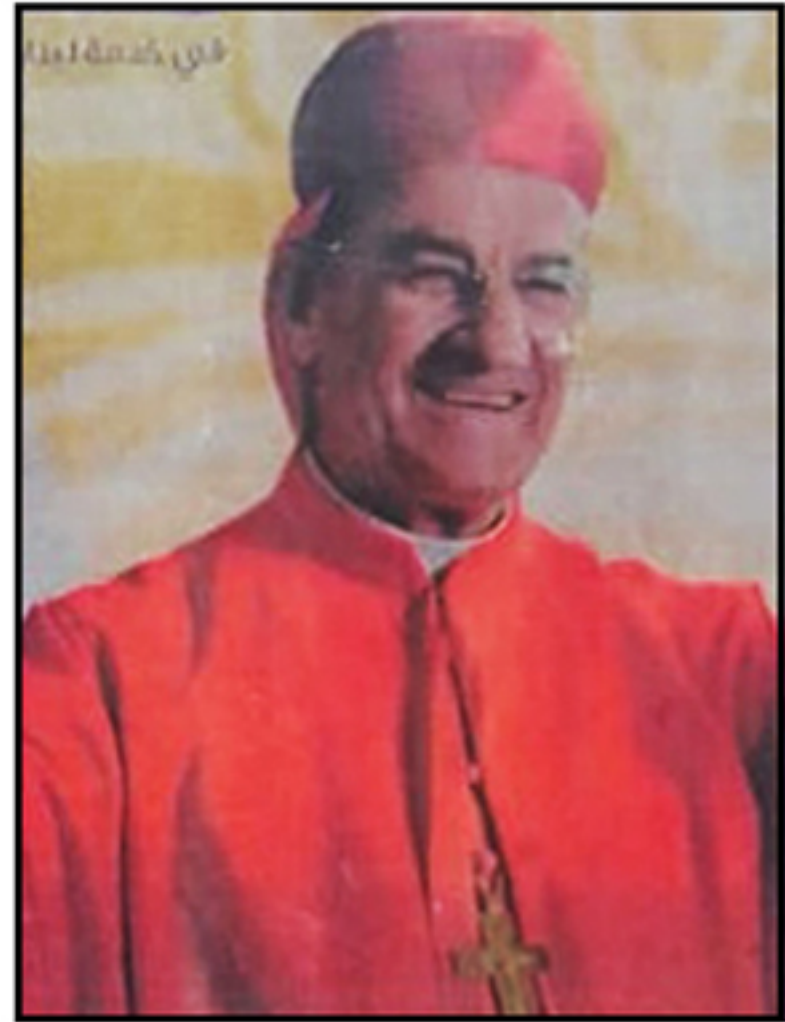
Deep inside the heritage of Zgharta's pride

In the history of the dignity of our Lebanese territory

A tribute to the martyrs of Zgharta -Al Zawieh

In the two-year war 1975 – 1976

Zgharta on January 21, 2017



Lebanon in the heart of the world

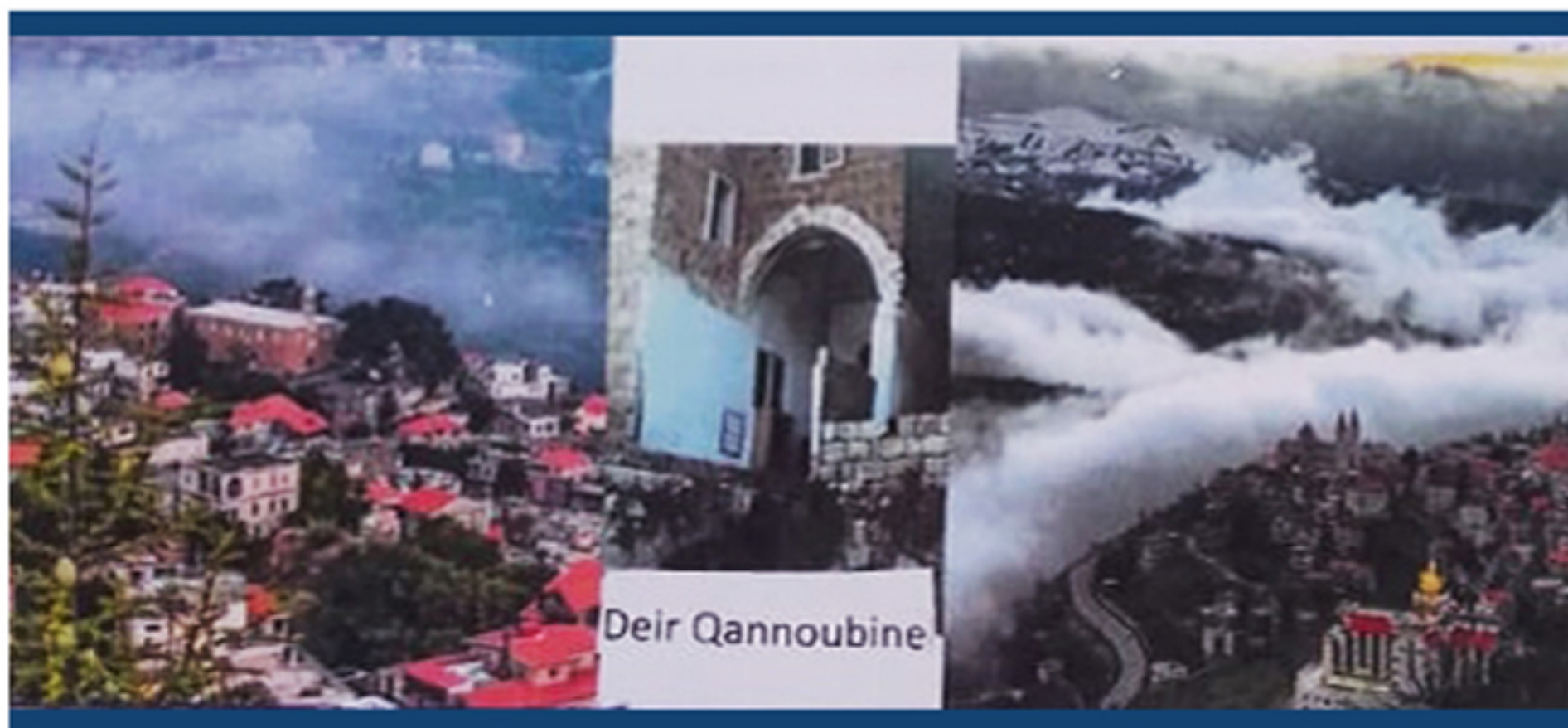
Pope Francis

His Beatitude Cardinal Mar Beshara Boutros Al Rahi the wholly blissful, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East

The Maronite Patriarch, Cardinal Beshara Al Rahi, declared during the announcement of the "Memorandum on Lebanon and Active Neutrality" that there are three interdependent dimensions: the first one is Lebanon's definitive abstinence from entering into alliances, political conflicts, and wars on the regional and international level, in addition to the abstention of any country from interfering in its affairs, dominating it or occupying it; The second one is Lebanon's sympathy for human rights & causes and peoples' freedom, especially the Arab affairs around which there is an international consensus in the United Nations; thereby, Lebanon continues to defend the right of the Palestinian people. The third dimension revolves around strengthening the Lebanese State to be a strong state with its army, institutions, justice and internal unity in order to guarantee its internal security on the one hand and defend itself against any terrestrial, marine or aerial attack from Israel or any other country on the other hand.

I appealed to the United Nations, asking it to work on re-establishing Lebanon's independence and unity, implementing international resolutions, and declaring its neutrality; as it is the guarantee of its unity and its historical positioning. Only a neutral Lebanon will be able to defend the rights of the Arab peoples and the Issue of peace, and to play a role in sound relations between the countries of the Middle East and Europe thanks to its location on the Mediterranean shore.

"Lebanon and the active neutrality"

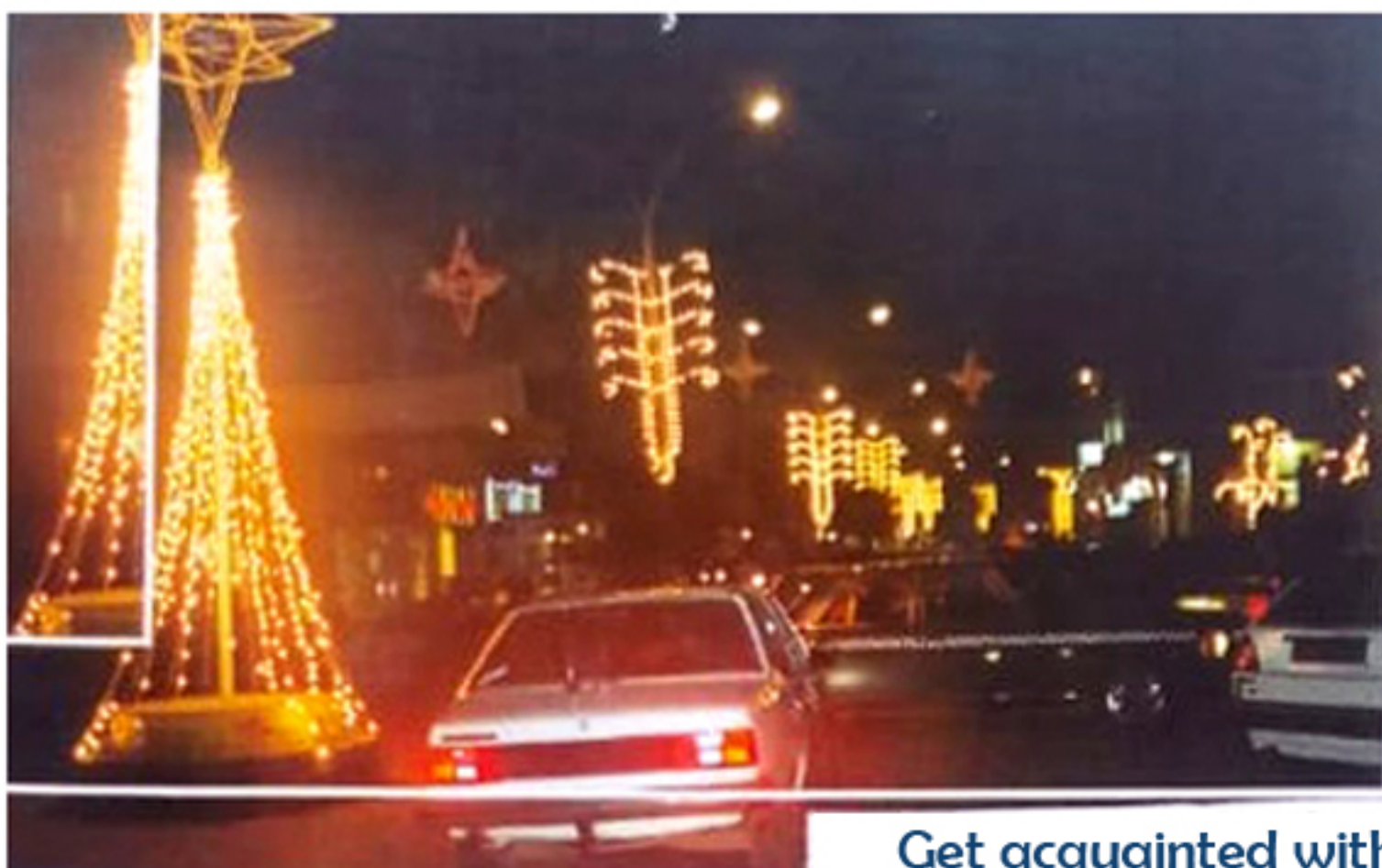


Ehden City

Bcharreh City

Deir Qannoubine monastery - Bsharri district, the Patriarchal Seat Tombs of Patriarchs, including Patriarch Estephan Doualhy and the patriarchs of Ehden and Bsharri.

We, townspeople of Ehden and Bsharri, must promote mutual respect as a demonstration of our loyalty towards them and towards the Maronite Community. The people of Ehden - Bsharri and their town must shorten the distances of the road, especially between Ehden - Bqufa - Bsharri, with the aim of exchanging visits between them thus dissolving political grudges.



Get acquainted with Zgharta

My book doesn't constitute a historical research, and there are many references available for those who want to learn about the history of families. However, I have drawn on the civil status registers for four years and more; I especially learned about the family's transfer from their place to Zgharta detail.

It must be noted that my work is accurate and truthful; it is also characterized by a simple style and a modern and brief narrative.

The rule is that the registration number (i.e. the register) must not be changed, and the registers shall be preserved in Zgharta's Personal Status department. As per the number of males — females, the register is always subjected to an annual increase in the percentage that is added to the number. This factor is not important, unlike the three abovementioned titles.

I consider, in all modesty, that this work represents the cornerstone for those who, after us, will be interested in staying informed of the updates related to the personal status registers.

We are all in the service of our city Zgharta — Ehden and the district.

All due thanks, respect and appreciation.

Alexi El Khoury Francis Yammine

Zgharta — Ehden

is worthy of the implementation of these vital projects by its lovers.

Their execution is certainly possible through the financing companies or persons.

Our parents have heard about the Implementation of projects in the city of Ehden —Zgharta.

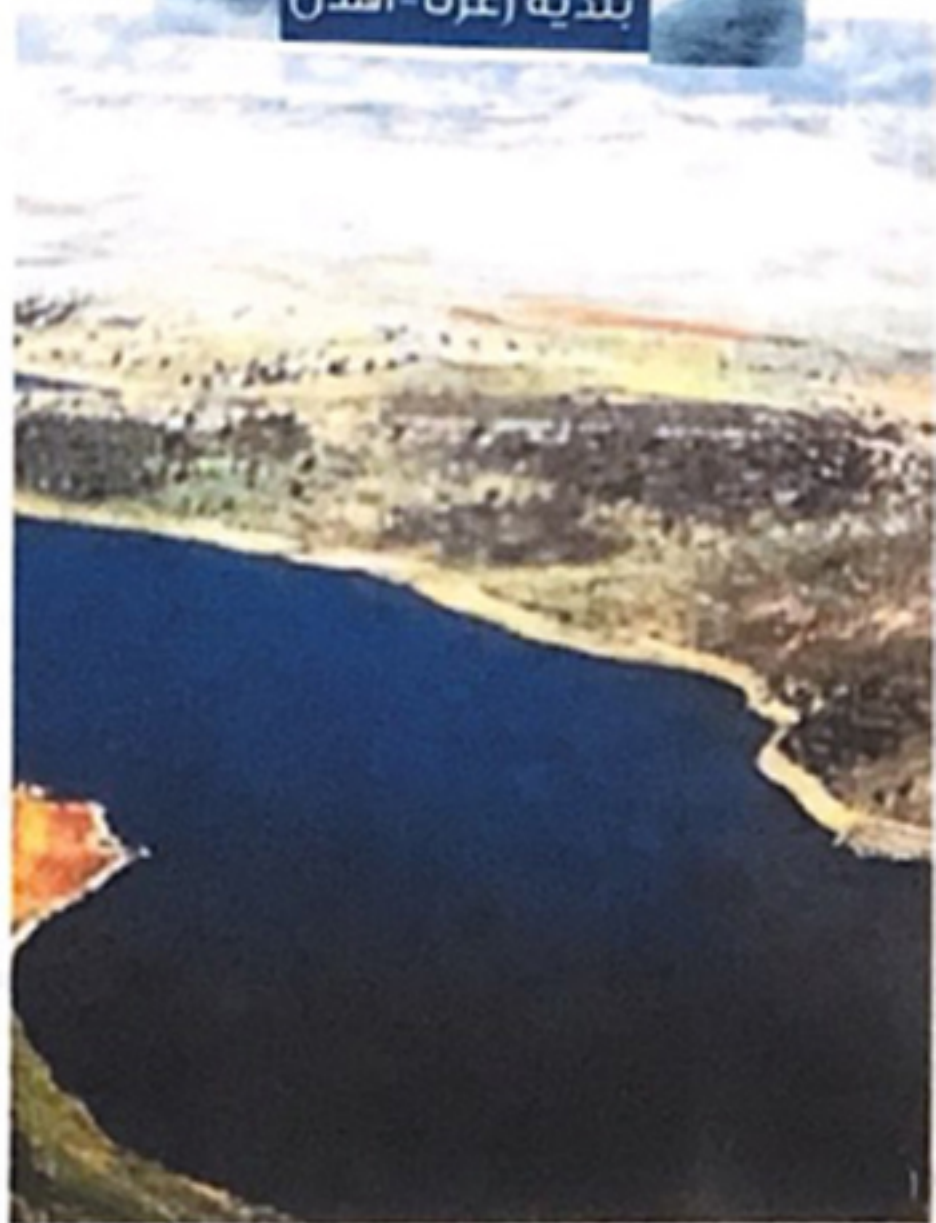
We heard the news from them.

Will our children witness them?

There are many projects, including the following:



The dam of Ehden city Location: Ehden - town of Kfarsghab



Car of Ehden city
Location: Saydet Al Hosn mountain – Bab el Hawa - cross location

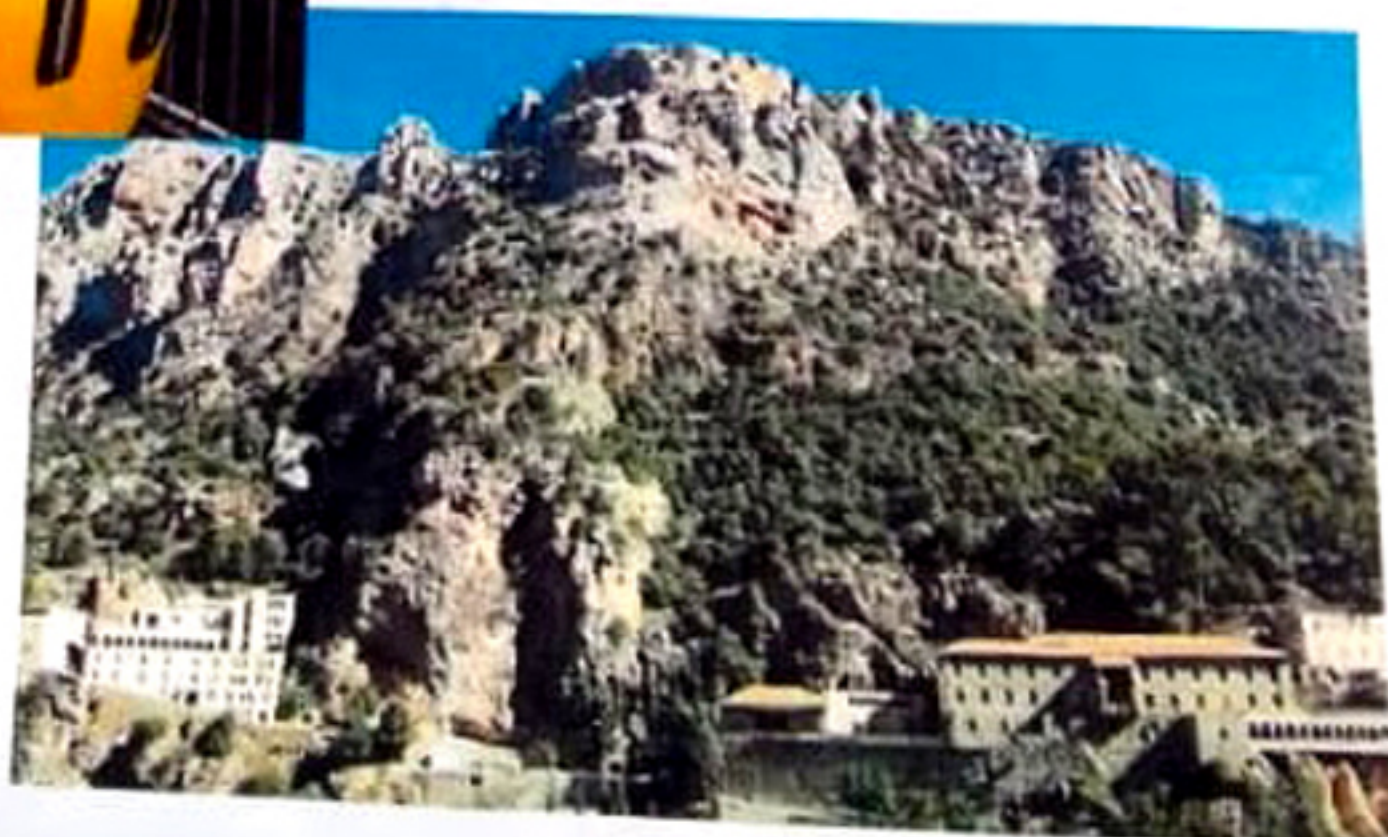
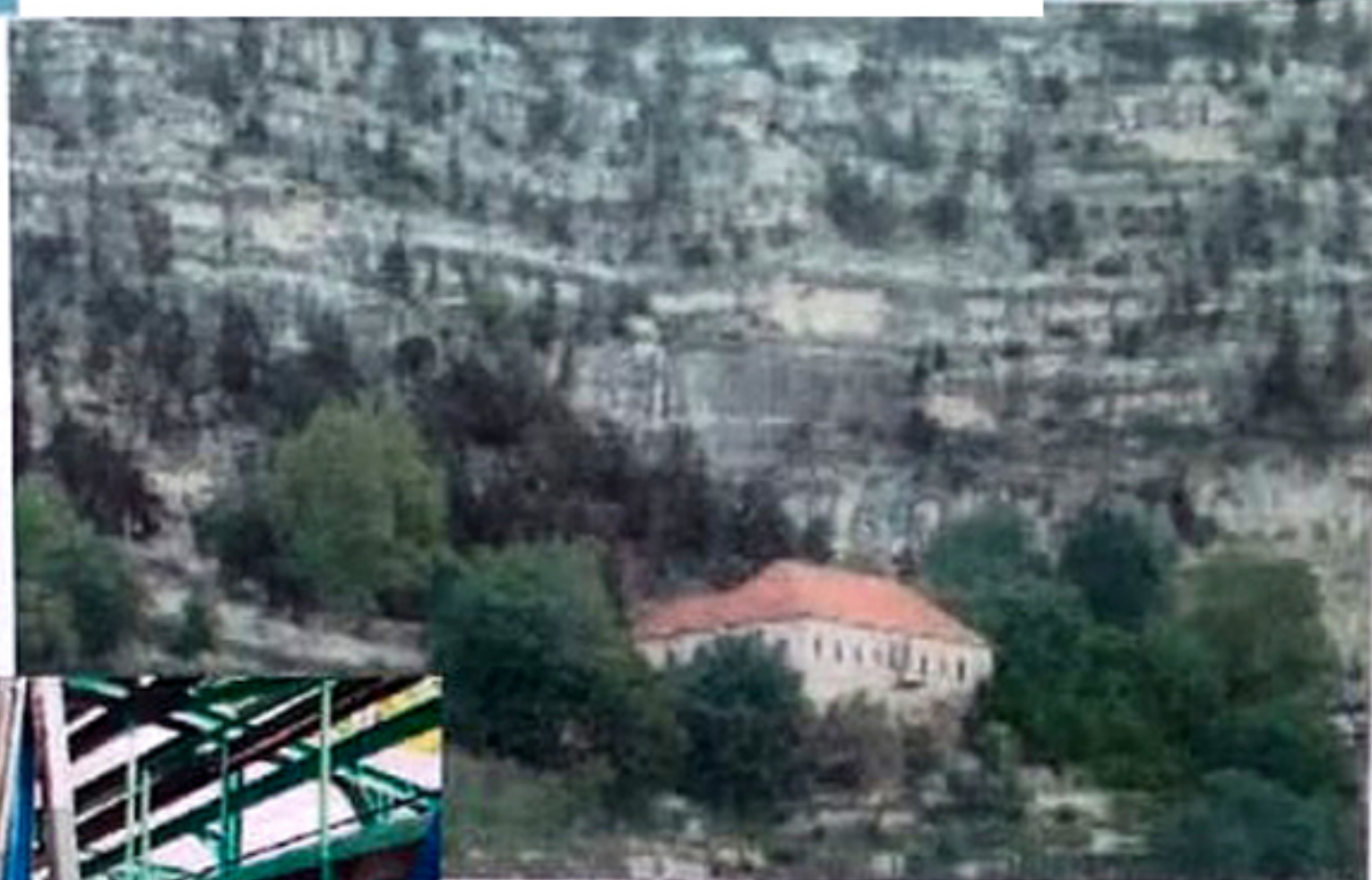


Cable car

Monastery of Saint Sarkis and Bacchus – Ehden

Monastery of Saint Anthony the Great – Kozhaya

Lebanese Maronite Order





Objection to the dredging of the dam

Supporting the reinforcement of Al Ketleh walls



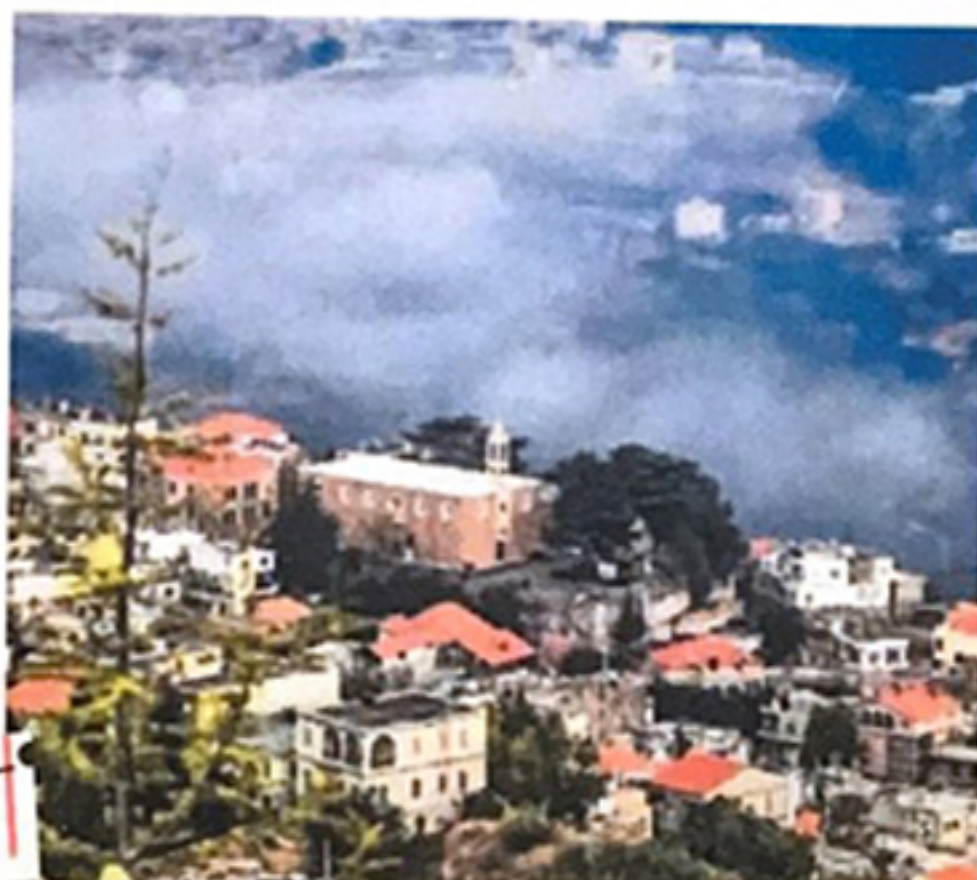
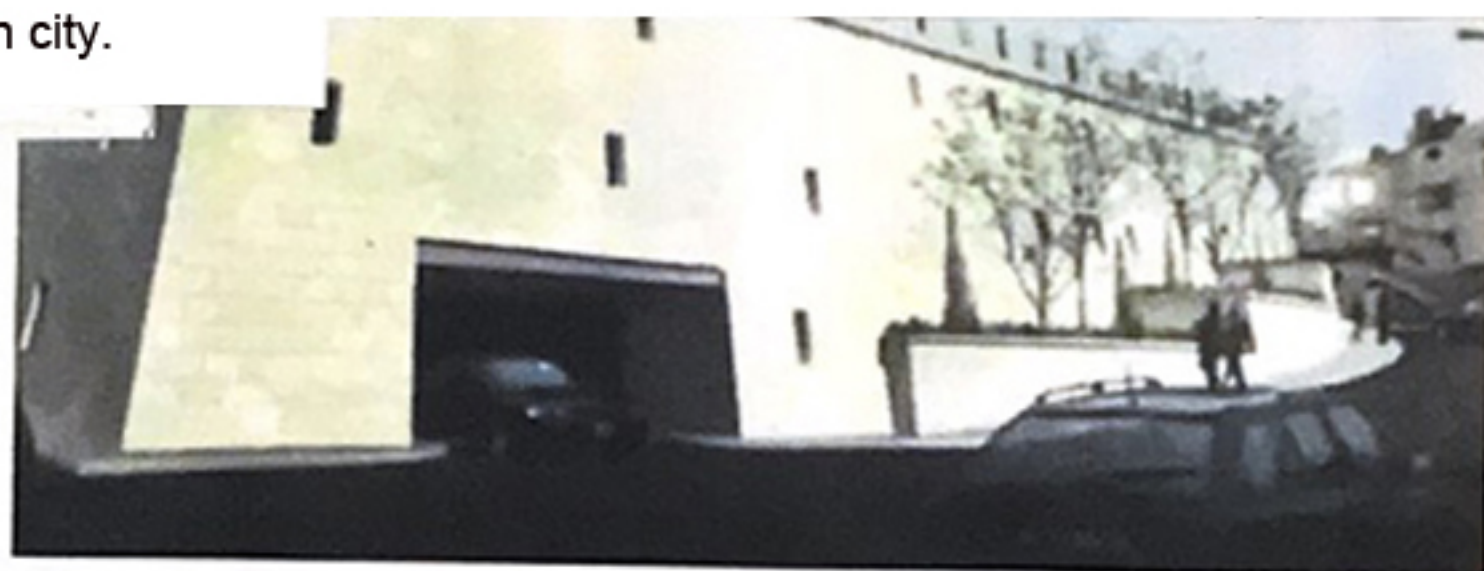
Landscapes will soon be blocked from the visitor starting from Bqoufa, Kfarsghab, Bane to the mountains of Hadath El Jebbeh and others. The houses will be replaced by 2 ground floors dedicated for commercial stores while more than three floors will be designated as cars parking.

Out of this area, a 1500 square meters site located next to the houses belongs to the endowment.

However it is crucial not to block the stunning views of Al Keteh.

Encouraging the expansion of Al Ketleh square

It is a religious and touristic landmark and it reminds us of the history of the greatest heroes of Ehden city.



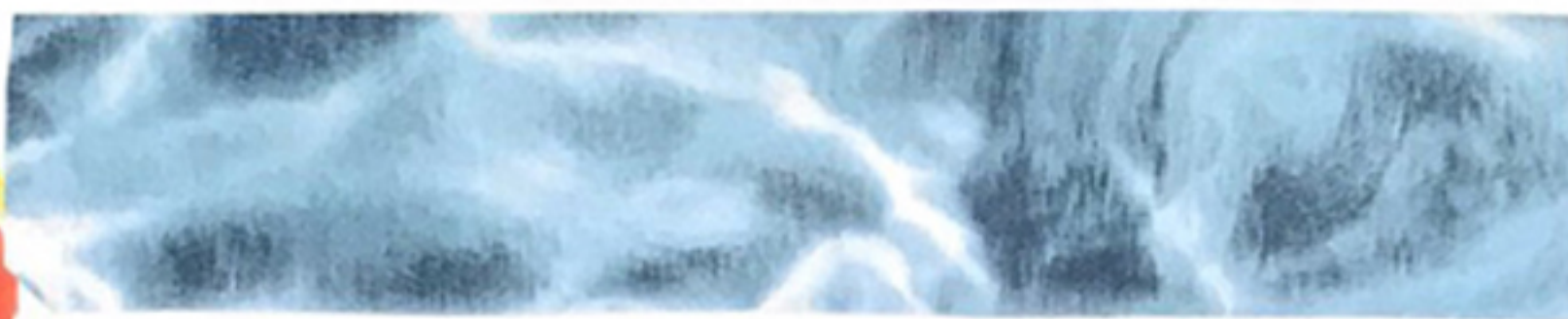


Ehden city is getting more and more magnificent

Ehden's charm will shine brighter if the municipality encourages land owners, regardless of the size of their land, to allocate it for prefabricated houses. It may even include trees which fruits can be vended according to the season's price.

Prefabricated houses can be rented on a summery or annual basis. But it is vital that we do not lose a lessee who didn't find a house for rent or a bedchamber in Ehden. This is a crucial factor, and the most important thing is reviving the economy for the townspeople and refraining from distorting the beautiful scenery with reinforced concrete and buildings. In fact, the views of house roofs made of wood or brick are spectacular. Although they are available in limited numbers in Ehden city, however they are spread throughout the majority of mountainous touristic places in our homeland Lebanon. I wish the municipality would work on making a brick roof for every building in Ehden city.





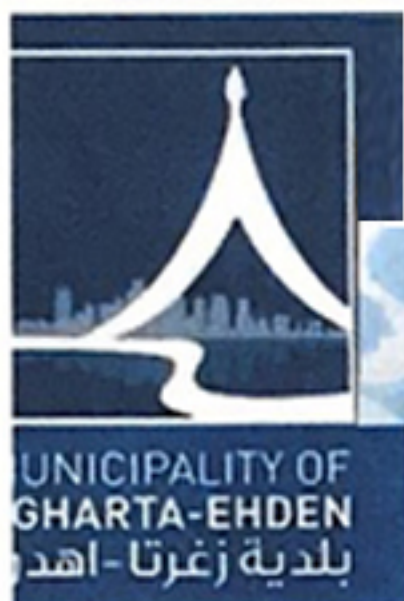
Zgharta

Construction of the building of the municipality of Zgharta — Ehdén

Construction of the municipalities' union building - district of Zgharta

Implementation of a road on the banks of Rachiine river

Establishing private restaurants (protection of the river from wastewater)



A page from history

Ehden

- Learned Patriarch Estephan Douaihy Lebanon's hero, Ycussef Bey Karam
- The erudite mister Jawad Boulos
- President Sleiman Frangieh
- President Renee Mouawad

National personalities from Ehden along with their likes from our homeland Lebanon who relentlessly fought for the sake of:

- A Lebanon that promotes coexistence between its sects, where no sect dominates anyone
- A Lebanon that is sovereign, free and independent
- A Lebanon that remains neutral between the East and the West
- A Lebanon that is a people and strong army's state
- A Lebanon that is an equitable state respected by people, where security services work to enforce justice.

The expatriates, sons of Ehdenians and the district citizens, with the help of senior officials in the emigration countries, handsomely offer their moral and financial support to their families in their homeland Lebanon to strengthen their resilience in the face of livelihood and military wars since 1943 to this day. People, especially from Ehden and the district, always repeat to politicians: This our homeland Lebanon, today and in the future.



Moonlight, occidental and oriental restaurant & café - Porch, occidental and oriental restaurant & café Ehden Resto Cafe, occidental and oriental restaurant & café • My France, occidental restaurant - Mini market - Sweets restaurant - Breakfast restaurant - Rustic wooden houses

Access to Saydet Al Hosn Mountain —road from the budding of the municipality of Zgharta — Ehden, and a road from the Palace roundabout. Occidental & oriental restaurants — coffee shops — Amusement parks for children -Sweets restaurants — Mini market - Rustic wooden houses - annual rental.

Religious tourism in Ehden — Saydet Al hosn — restaurants on this page and restaurants of Nabeh Jouit (Jouht spring)

The most wonderful location in the city of Ehden near Saydet Al Hosn church

