

Dr. Saleh AL-Kilani of the Ministry of Interior of Jordan visits LERC

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Dr. Saleh Al-Kilani, head of the Refugee Affairs Coordination Office (RACO) at the Ministry of interior of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, visited LERC.

Dr. Al-Kilani was interested in furthering the discussion with Dr. Hourani regarding the Syrian refugees' situation in Lebanon. Dr. Al-Kilani met Dr. Hourani when both spoke at the conference on the Syrian Refugee Crisis: Policies of Receiving Countries and Crisis Impact on Displaced Syrians and Receiving Societies Conference of The Institute for Migration Studies at the Lebanese American University which was in partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and took place at the Commodore Hotel in Lebanon between March 27–28, 2015.



Mr. AlKilani with Dr. Hourani at LERC Library (March, 2015)

The meeting centered around how Jordan and Lebanon are dealing with the Syrian refugee crisis and what are the differences in terms of policies to address this pressing issue. Dr. Al-Kilani and Dr. Hourani stressed the importance of Jordan and Lebanon to protect their national identity and security while addressing their humanitarian obligations towards the Syrian refugees.

Dr. Al-Kilani received his undergraduate and M.A. degree from MU'TA University, Department of Politics. He also received his PhD degree in political science and was the head of international cooperation Division in Ministry of Interior from year 2007 till 2011. Dr. Kilani has participated in many cooperation projects between Jordan's Ministry of Interior, and the EU, the USA and the UN agencies on issues related to migration and refugees in Jordan.

During the meeting, it was agreed that more cooperation needs to take place in regard to the refugee crisis at hand especially in terms of policies in both countries.