

Colonel George El-Khoury solicits research materials from LERC

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Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) Colonel George El-Khoury visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at Notre Dame University – Louaize (NDU) on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, in search of information on Lebanese emigration for a research paper he has to present to his superior.

The Colonel met with LERC Director, Dr. Guita Hourani, who shared her expert knowledge on the matter, notably the history of Lebanese migration, the integration of expatriate Lebanese in host countries, and the role their remittances play in developing their motherland. Col. El-Khoury was “amazed by the vast amount of information that [he] received from Dr. Hourani,” as he remarked in writing in the center’s Golden Book.



From left: Ms. Haddad, Colonel George El-Khoury, and Dr. Hourani at the LERC Offices at NDU (Nov 19, 2014)

The army officer repeatedly thanked LERC's Director for her invaluable help, and praised the center for its well-organized archives and its ample database covering all aspects of Lebanese migration.

Following the meeting with Dr. Hourani, Mrs. Liliane Haddad, Chief Indexer and Archivist at LERC, sent Col. El-Khoury several articles and reports on emigrants' remittances, the investments they make in Lebanon, and other issues for further information on the subject of his research paper.

Colonel George Khalil El-Khoury was born in 1967 in South Lebanon's Aaqtanit. He studied IT Management and later joined the Lebanese Armed Forces. He undertook training sessions abroad, notably in China and in the United States of America, and he has served in several military posts in cities and towns across Lebanon. He is married and has three children.