Celebrating Venezuela’s Independence Day  
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In celebration of the 201st anniversary of Venezuela’s Independence, H.E. Ambassador Zoed Karam Duaiji, the Venezuelan Ambassador to Lebanon, commemorated the date celebrating at a Beirut venue. The Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) was invited to participate in the event.

H. E. Zoed Karam Duaiji,  
Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela,  
delivering the inaugural speech.
The Venezuelan struggle for independence from Spanish colonization started on July 5, 1811. The tussle ended on June 24, 1821, at the Battle of Carabobo after which a document was ratified establishing the principles and ideals of the Venezuelan Revolution. The 300-year domination of the Spaniards ended under the leadership of Simon Bolivar.

The Lebanese Emigration Research Center was honored to share this important day with the Venezuelan people in Lebanon and share in celebrating such a notable date in the life of a country that is home to many Lebanese emigrants.