



Honor . Sacrifice . Security

The First of August 2019

74th Army Day



Honor . Sacrifice . Prosperity





Foreword of His Excellency the President of the Republic General Michel Aoun

We celebrate the Army Day when the Military Institution is deeply rooted in the hearts and minds of the Lebanese. Not only did they rely on this institution but they also entrust it with their sons, their most precious gifts of all. Almost all Lebanese families are proud to have a member in this institution, whether it is a father, a brother or dear friend.

This is the institution that protects all the Lebanese, regardless of the political calamities. It is their shield when dangers arise and their spear through which terrorism is defeated and all aggressors are annihilated.

Today, we are celebrating the "Diamond Jubilee of Independence". These officers are departing from the training field to the heart of the nation that is rejoicing in peace and tranquility thanks to their efforts. It is through them that the military institution will grow stronger by accomplishing the objectives for which they dedicate themselves to their nation, throughout successive generations that are increasingly embracing a true



independence and a genuine freedom.

The Lebanese have earned their independence, because they wanted it and therefore made the circumference of "Great Lebanon" real, despite the ever-growing difficulties. They have previously earned that they have ferociously fought to build by defying the whole world. It was achieved through their willpower and together, we will be celebrating its centennial in the coming year. Through it all, courage remained the pillar that enabled us to persist. It is a daily act of faith that the military institution repeatedly highlights and by which we are inspired to achieve great national deeds. I am forever confident that we will be proudly celebrating additional independence jubilees and vibrant centennials, for our past is the motive that springs us towards our present and future. Let us build them together, with the aim of giving back the sacrifices of our military institution, the guarantee for our national identity and the guardian that preserves our heritage!





Foreword of His Excellency the Minister of National Defense Elias Bou Saab

On the first of August, we celebrate together the Army Day, symbol of honor, sacrifice and loyalty. It is the day of the ever-silent institution that has always continued to amass achievements for 74 years. And will persist in doing so through your efforts and the struggles of the future generations.

You are being honored with the swords in a day that marks the "Diamond Jubilee of the Independence". An Independence that is dependent on the Army's protective shield and ever-watchful eye and a keen interest in consolidating the pillars of the political institutions and the rule of law, while safeguarding the rights of all the citizens equally. I would like to wish you dear graduates, and to wish your families, just as I wish the Army officers, NCOs and soldiers under the wise leadership of the LAF Commander General Joseph Aoun on this patriotic and distinctively unifying occasion everlasting success and progress. I equally extend my wishes to all the military and security institutions you will be joining.

Let us keep on marching forward.





Foreword of the LAF Commander General Joseph Aoun

74 years of honor, sacrifice and loyalty. A long journey at the service of the country and the Lebanese people, symbol of dignity and self-abnegation. A strong will that defied wars and sedition while braving the fiercest enemy and terrorist plots. It is the willpower of our army whose troops vowed to defend their country regardless of the sacrifices and challenges.

We commit ourselves, on the 74th Army Day, that the Military Institution will remain the center of interest and the source of pride for the Lebanese. We promise you that this institution will keep on being a guarantee for security and a milestone joining our compatriots. We will always strive to measure up to their confidence, hopes and affection. On account of this, honor, sacrifice and loyalty will blossom and bear the fruits of security, prosperity and development...



Order of the Day

Fellow troops

Years have passed on the founding of the Military Institution witnessing victories and bursting landmarks. Yet, we have never let any hurdle frustrate our efforts let along the elations of triumph and zest. Our focus was on preserving civil peace and coexistence. We are confirming at this point that we will never be moving backwards again; that divergence and division will not rule over the Lebanese and that we shall not allow provocative schemes and incitements bring back strife.

Fellow troops

You have always accomplished the given tasks and have proven yourselves in handling constitutional entitlements by being the true guardians of democracy, bearing in mind the sole objective of succeeding in your missions. What we have learned from the principles that marked our military upbringing is that the one and only objective lies in performing our duty, with no regard whatsoever to any personal benefit.

Fellow troops

The Israeli enemy is still transgressing Lebanon's land, sea and air sovereignty. Throughout decades, several soldiers and civilian martyrs died as a result of the continuous Israeli assaults. Thanks to your efforts and sacrifices, we shall persist in facing the enemy's greedy schemes and in fighting terrorism.

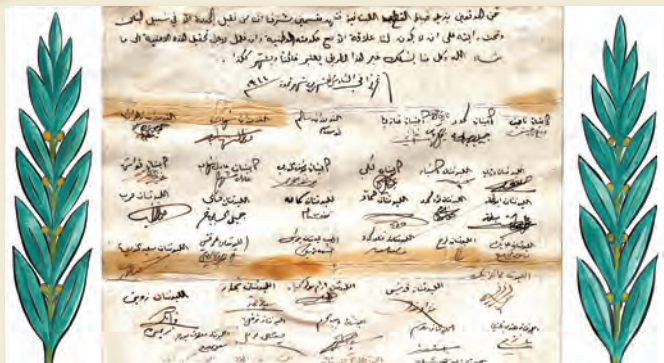
May the martyrs rest in peace and may God bestow patience and healing upon the disabled and injured. We vow to you that we will always be worthy of your sacrifices. We will preserve our oath and safeguard the mission that we were entrusted with. We shall measure up to the responsibility, no matter how great the sacrifices and difficulties are.

Yarzeh on 31/07/2019
The Armed Forces Commander
General Joseph Aoun



Schedule of the Army Day Ceremony 2019

- 8.25** Arrival of all official guests.
- 8.30** Arrival of the Lebanese Army Flag.
- 8.35** Arrival of Major General P.S.C Chief of Staff.
- 8.40** Arrival of the Armed Forces Commander.
- 8.45** Arrival of His Excellency the Minister of National Defense.
- 8.50** Arrival of His Excellency the Prime Minister.
- 8.55** Arrival of His Excellency the Speaker.
- 9.00** Arrival of His Excellency the President of the Lebanese Republic.
 - Laying a wreath of flowers before the monument of martyr Lebanese Army officers.
 - Parade of the forces.
 - Handing over the Military Academy banner.
 - Naming the course.
 - Reading the decrees.
 - Handing over the swords.
 - The oath.
 - Speech of His Excellency the President of the Republic.
 - The Military Salute.
 - Departure.
 - Commemorative photograph.
 - Cocktail party at the hall of honor.
 - Departure of His Excellency the President of the Republic and all the officials.
 - Departure of the Army flag.



The historic document of 1941



Exercises held for the military parade in 1943



The President of the Lebanese Republic Sheikh Bechara el-Khoury handing over the Army flag to the Army Commander Major General Fouad Chehab in August 1945



First military parade held in front of the Ministry of National Defense at Mathaf on 1/8/1945



The President of the Lebanese Republic Sheikh Bechara el-Khoury in the inauguration of the Lebanese Troops Rest house on 24/11/1945



Evacuation of the first French unit from Lebanon on 24 March 1946



Celebrating the Martyrs Day at el-Burj Square in 6/5/1946



The President of the Lebanese Republic Sheikh Bechara el-Khoury and the Minister of National Defense Emir Majid Erislan attending an Army military drill on 3/8/1946



Minister of National Defense Emir Majid Erislan in Melkieh in 1948



The President of the Lebanese Republic Fouad Chehab bowing before the Lebanese flag



The President of the Lebanese Republic Fouad Chehab during the Independence Day celebrations in 1962



Visit of the President of the Lebanese Republic Fouad Chehab to Sin el-Fil in 1963



Commemorative photograph of the Military School Cadets on 28/8/1964



Arrival of new students to the Military School on 19/11/1964



The President of the Republic Charles el-Helou and Prime Minister Rachid Karamé during the graduation ceremony of the "Honor and Loyalty" Class in 1965



Ceremony of honoring the flag at the Military School on 4/12/1965



Tour of the Army Commander General Emile Boustany in the Military School on 4/5/1966



Testing the "Cedar" missile in 1965



Building the Billy Bridge in the neighborhood of Kantari in 1966



General Emile Boustany and General Jean Njeim congratulating one another on the Army Day in 1966



The Army Band in el-Sanayeh garden – Beirut in 1966



The Israeli aggression targeting Beirut airport on 29/12/1968



The Ministry of National Defense Headquarters in 1968



resident Charles Helou handing over the sword to a graduating officer on the Army Day 1968



Rescue and evacuation operation of citizens stranded due to the floods in Barr Elias – the Bekaa in 1969



Strike of Phone operators and Army troops filling the gap on 29 December 1969



Tour of the President of the Republic Charles el-Helou in the south in 1970



Visit of General Jean Njeim to Qoleyaat Airbase in 1970



Armored vehicles during a shooting drill in Baalbek in 1970



Air Parade during Independence Day celebrations in 1971



Army Day 1972



Graduation of a Commandos session in Hammana on 22/12/1973



Visit of General Iskandar Ghanem to the North region in 1975



Visit of the Minister of National Defense Joseph Skaff and General Iskandar Ghanem to the southern border region on 20/2/1975



Laying the foundation stone of the Central Military Hospital in 1975



General Hanna Saiid visiting the troops in the region of Beirut on 03/11/1976



Laying a wreath of flowers at the Unknown Soldier monument in 1977



The visit of General Victor Khoury to Yammoune on 2/09/1978



President Elias Sarkis during the Army Day celebration in 1979



A military parade at the Ministry of National Defense – Yarzeh in 1979



General Ibrahim Tannous during the sword distribution ceremony to the officers on 06/05/1983



General Ibrahim Tannous awarding US officers with medals on 04/06/1983



General Ibrahim Tannous laying a wreath of flowers at the Unknown Soldier monument on 02/11/1983



Visit of President Amine el-Gemayel to the Ministry of National Defense in 1984



Prime Minister Rachid Karame, General Michel Aoun and Major General Nadim Hakim in 1984



Meeting for the military council in 1984



Army Day Celebration at the Ministry of National Defense in 1985



General Michel Aoun laying a wreath of flowers at the martyrs monument in 1986



The tour of General Michel Aoun in Sannine and Ouyoun el-Siman in 1987



General Michel Aoun inspecting his office after being shelled in 1989



Tour of General Emile Lahoud in the South during the Israeli aggression in 1993



A cleaning campaign in Deir el-Qamar on 07/10/1994



An Army vehicle contributing to rehabilitation works in the city of Alep on 7/11/1994



Deployment of the LAF in 1994



Grapes of Wrath in 1996



Welcoming the Pope on 10/05/1997



Independence Day 1997



Tour of General Emile Lahoud in West Bekaa on 25/09/1997



Donniye security incidents in 2000



Tour of General Michel Sleiman in Bekaa on 13/04/2000



Liberation Day 2000



July assault in 2006



July assault in 2006



Deployment of the LAF in the South in 2006



Martyr Major General François el Hajj, director of operations in Nahr el-Bared battle in 2007



Evacuation of families of terrorists from Nahr el-Bared camp in August 2007



Welcoming the Pope on 13/09/2012



Tripoli security incidents in 2013



Abra security incidents in 2013



Tour of General Jean Kahwagi in the South on 23/12/2013



Ersal security incidents in 2014



Tripoli security incidents in 2014



The handover of Cessna aircrafts in 2016



Prime Minister Saad el Hariri visiting the Operations Room on New Year's Eve in 2016



The Battle of "Dawn of the Outskirts" in 2017



The tour of Prime Minister Saad el Hariri accompanied by General Joseph Aoun in Ersal in 2017



Honoring the units that were engaged in "Dawn of the Outskirts" battle on 16/09/2017



Awarding units that were engaged in "Dawn of the Outskirts" battle with the medals of war in 2017



The honoring ceremony of kidnapped martyr troops during the Ersal security incidents
at the Ministry of National Defense in 2017



Unveiling the Independence monument
during the 75th Independence Day celebration in Yarzeh in 2018







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