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Al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association Album, 1947-1967
ألبوم الجمعية الخيرية الإسلامية العاملة، ١٩٤٧-١٩٦٧

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Descriptive Summary

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Scope and Content

Al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association Album consists of 8 black and white photos that depict the schools' buildings of al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association between 1947 and 1967. The buildings featured were: The French branch building, established in 1947, Al-Sadiq Amiliyah School opened in 1959, Al Mihaniya Al Amiliyah, 1957, the first private vocational and technical education institution in the Middle East, available also the photo of the English branch building in the al-Amiliyah Secondary School, founded in 1961, and al-Amiliyah building and school for Girls, kindergarten, primary and secondary sections, inaugurated in 1967.

Other buildings included are al-waqf al-Amili, in al-Nejmeh Square, established in 1953, and Al-Safa Mosque near Amiliyah High School built in 1967.

Historical Sketch

Al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association, (named after Jabal Amel) was founded in 1923 in difficult social and economic circumstances; Rashid Baydoun joined several people from Beirut and the south to establish this association, with the aim of providing education opportunities for the needy, an edifice which is still standing strong today.

The reasons that led to the establishment of al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association in Beirut are multifaceted and are the result of the urgent need to address social and educational backwardness, combat illiteracy, ignorance and with them poverty, hence the establishment of the first Amiliyah school in 1928.

In 1956 Rashid Baydoun stressed that "The goal of al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association is to spread culture across Lebanon and to staunchly fight ignorance to form a

new generation that understands the meaning of both life and freedom. The Amiliyah School and its branches are nothing but our tool to serve this end and contribute to building a decent society working for the good of both the Arab nation and Lebanon.”

Biographical sketch

Son of Youssef Baydoun, Rashid Baydoun was born in Damascus in 1889 before he moved with his family to Beirut. Some sources claim that Baydoun was born in Beirut.

He enrolled at the elementary schools of Beirut and the American school in Saida. The circumstances that prevailed at the time did not allow him to pursue higher education.

Early in his life, Rashid Baydoun worked with his father in trade in Beirut. In 1937, following in the footsteps of the people of his generation, he relocated to Africa where he was able to amass wealth. He later returned to Lebanon and engaged in social and educational work as well as politics.

In 1923, he established al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association. Rashid Baydoun qualified as Member of Parliament following the vast popularity he gained in the south and Beirut. After his election as a member of the Parliament for south Lebanon in 1937 and 1943, Baydoun contested the Shia’a seat in Beirut and emerged victorious in 1947 and 1951.

Rashid Baydoun assumed several ministerial posts and founded the Talaeh Party to hold out against his rival Ahmad Asaad who headed the An-Nahda Party. Supporters of each party were imbued with great ardor and their hostilities often resulted in death and injury. This conflict provided pretext for the state to withdraw the certification from both parties, which was to the detriment of Baydoun.

Rashid Baydoun died on September 17, 1971, after battling dementia that had forced him into political seclusion. Baydoun’s interest in educational and development sectors led many to describe him as “an enlightened man despite his lack of education.”

Arrangement

السلسلة I:	صورة شخصية (صورة واحدة)
السلسلة II:	أبنية المدارس (٥ صور)
السلسلة III:	مساجد وأوقاف (صورتان)

Subject Headings

Baydoun, Rashid, 1889-1971.

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Al-Amiliyah Islamic Charitable Association.

Formats

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Photograph albums -- 1940-1970.

بيضون، رشيد، ١٨٨٩-١٩٧١.
الشيعية -- لبنان.
الشيعية -- التربية.
التربية -- لبنان.
المدارس -- لبنان -- بيروت.
الأبنية -- لبنان -- بيروت.
الجمعية الخيرية الإسلامية العاملة.

Container list

مجموعة صور في ألبوم عن بعض المشاريع التي حققتها الجمعية الإسلامية العاملة في بيروت بجهود رئيسها رشيد بيضون:

السلسلة I: صورة شخصية (صورة واحدة)

I.١. صورة رئيس الجمعية رشيد بيضون

السلسلة II: أبنية المدارس (5 صور)

- II.١. مبنى الفرع الفرنسي في الثانوية العاملة - تأسس عام ١٩٤٧
- II.٢. مدرسة الصادق العاملة - خندق الغميق - افتتحت عام ١٩٥٩
- II.٣. المؤسسة المهنية العاملة - طريق المطار - وضع الحجر الأساسي لها عام ١٩٥٧ وبدأ التدريس فيها عام ١٩٦١
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السلسلة III: مساجد وأوقاف (صورتان)

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