

**A Rocha Lebanon**

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**June 2024**



## **Summertime is firetime**

All the solar energy stored in grass during Spring dried out. What was produced by sun fire is ready to dissipate again through wildfire. Dry biomass is a potential fuel, and what photosynthesis brought together is ready to be taken apart.

By windy summer afternoons, fuel, oxygen, and heat, i.e. the fire's triangle, is waiting for a single spark...







Now that biomass is back on site, our main concern is to bring this biomass into the soil in order to feed the latter, deprive the potential fuel from oxygen, then prevent fire.







The 7 acres had to be mowed, some by the cow, some by a herd of sheep by night, the hard parts with a Brazilian scythe, and the remaining plots of grass with a brushcutter. The grass was taken from the lower part up to the upper part to cover its soil.







We are grateful to Nasser who mowed Qabb Elias educational garden, still marked by last year wildfire.







**Should we really  
prune pine trees?**

A dense foliage is  
a refuge and  
nesting place for  
birds.

Here, an  
unpruned pine  
tree hosts a nest  
of common black  
birds.






The Ghouj Conservatory Garden and its Bedouin tent are now ready for the opening...







Save the date:  
June 29  
MEKSEH OPEN DAY



We are grateful to our chair, Nabil “Abouna-razzo” Shehade for the event pictures









We were happy to launch with the opening our partnership with Danmission and our project:  
**A Tent in a Garden**





The mayor Atif al-Mays insists on the destiny of the garden: “it is meant to benefit to next generations”





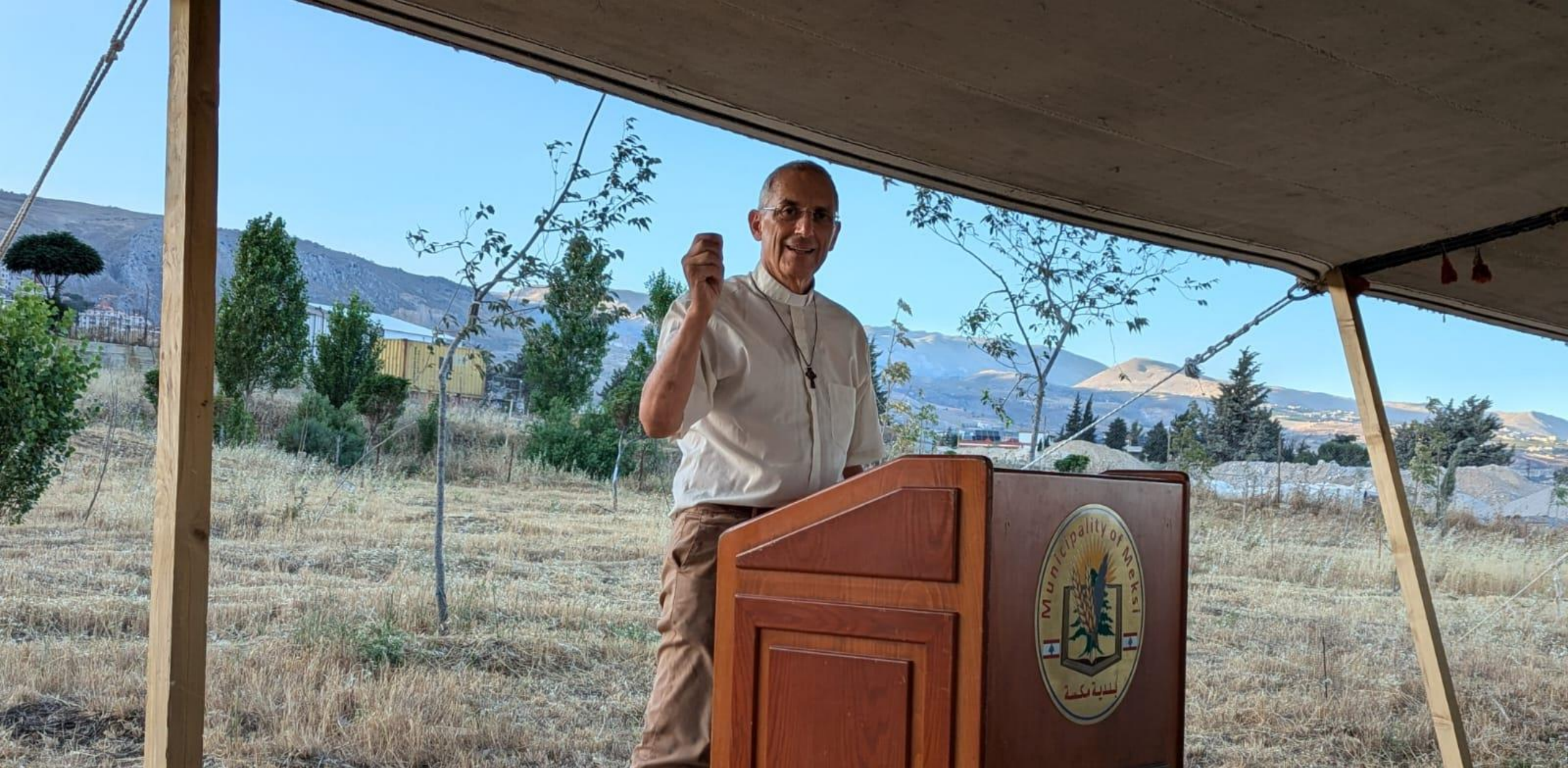
Jad Hamoud, our education officer, defines the “**Ghouj**” garden, called after this very special moment before sunset in our mountainous area.





Guillaume de Vault, our national director, draws the conclusion: this garden reveals the beauty of Mekse and will give the village its identity.





Nabil Shehade, our chair, invites us all: “in order to praise the Creator, magnify His creation.”





As an example, Amal Awad, our deputy chair, gives an introductory lesson on wild bees.



# A Tent in a Garden

Mekse (Zahlé district) - June 30

3pm-8pm

3-5. Guided tours - exhibition

"Bees of Lebanon - Another View"

Visit of the Rouge garden

Project of land restoration

6-7:30. Talks: Faith and Ecology

Animal Piety in our Religious Heritage - Dr G. de Vault (A Rocha)

On the Islamic Environmental Thinking - Dr. A. Abd al-Salem (Orient Institute)

For children:

Theater

The lazy bee

Pond fishing

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# خيمة في حديقة

مكسه (قضاء زحلة) - ٣٠ حزيران

يوم ٣٠-٦ من ٣ إلى ٨ مساءً

٣-٥. زيارة المعرض

نحل لبنان - عالمنا بعيونهم

زيارة حديقة "الغوج"

مشروع استصلاح أرض

٦-٣٠:٧. نقاش: الدين والطبيعة

التقوى والإيمان في سلوك الحيوان في تراثنا الديني - د. غيوم دفو (أروشا)  
الفكر الإسلامي البيني - د. أحمد عبد السلام (معهد الأبحاث الألماني)

للأطفال أيضاً!

مسرحية بيئية

أنا النحل الكسلان

صيد سمك

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Arabian coffee is a  
8-hour work.







We are grateful to Sarah for her workshop on lavender spindles.















Angling session to move fishes from the habitat pond to two other ponds.



Like the dew of Hermon...



“See how good and  
how pleasant to live  
together in unity...”



It is like the precious oil on the head, even Aaron's beard;  
That came down on the edge of his robes;

Like the dew of Hermon, that comes down on the hills of  
Zion.

Psalms 133, 1-3





**See you next month**

