

President's Speech on February 14, 2025

Commemoration of RHU Founder's Assassination

Good morning. Thank you all for being here.

On Behalf of our chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Nazek Rafik Hariri, I stand before you to commemorate the assassination of our founder, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Mrs. Hariri, as a staunch supporter of education, continues to be committed to our founder's educational mission. She is determined to educate and empower the young people of this country to become free thinkers and transformational agents capable of serving their country and advancing their communities.

Ms. Warda El Zammel, thank you for being with us.

Today marks 20 years since the assassination of Martyr Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and 21 and his companion.

His tragic death sent shockwaves which has reverberated throughout our country and beyond. Resulting in heightened political divisions and instability in our region.

The achievements of H.E. Hariri are numerous; however, I would like to recognize two major accomplishments.

Prime Minister Hariri is widely credited for his roles

1. Taif Agreement that ended the Lebanese Civil War, and
2. The reconstruction of Lebanon after the 15 years of war.

He was a visionary leader whose appeal transcended sectarian and geographical boundaries.

- He Built Roads, Bridges, Tunnels,
- Schools, Hospitals,
- Brought connectivity,
- He reformed the government, healthcare, and the nation's Econ.
- Formed an international alliance to help Lebanon (Paris 1, Paris 2)
- Most importantly, he educated people.

Some colleagues and I are some of the people who have benefited from the Hariri Educational Scholarship.

Two decades later, his legacy lives, and we continue to aspire for a sovereign, prosperous, and peaceful Lebanon.

- نم قرير العين يا أيها الرفيق.
- إن أولادك الاكاديميين، واحفادك الاكاديميين، وأولاد الأحفاد الاكاديميين، ينمون، يكبرون، يتعلمون، ويخدمون مجتمعهم.
- أكثر من أربعين عاما من العطاء في خدمة العلم والتعليم.
- أكثر من أربعين عاما من النجاحات والانجازات التي نفتخر بها جميعا.
- ايها الرئيس الشهيد: نعدك الالتزام بالحفاظ على نهجك، واستكمال مسيرتك في بناء لبنان المزدهر والمستقر. سنواصل العمل على تحقيق رؤيتك في تعزيز الوحدة الوطنية، ودعم التعليم وضمان استمراريته للأجيال القادمة .
- رحم الله دولة الرئيس رفيق الحريري وسائر الشهداء.
- حماكم الله ، حما لبنان، حما جامعة رفيق الحريري.