

UPF Lebanon meets with city and faith leaders in the Beqaa Valley

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On January 20th UPF Lebanon hosted two events in Hermel in the Beqaa Valley. The morning program consisted of a special meeting for 14 key leaders from Hermel and the Beqaa region. The wide-ranging discussion, which took place at the Lazord Hotel in Hermel, was followed by a UPF luncheon. The afternoon program was a humanitarian aid event, co-hosted with the Asdaa Association at the Association's Medical Center.



The leaders present at the Lazord Hotel included mayors from the region, the Governor of Hermel, the President of the Union of Municipalities, representatives from the Ministry of Social Affairs, and some religious leaders. The discussion focused on the situation in the Beqaa Valley and the Hermel region; but also covered the ongoing conflict in Gaza and events on Lebanon's southern border. This conflict has had a major impact on life in Lebanon, not least because, since the outbreak of war on October 7th, all support to this area from the European Union has ceased.

UPF Lebanon President, Thomas Schellen, introduced UPF and its founders, describing their great efforts to promote peace and prosperity on all levels and in many fields, in societies and nations worldwide. Following the morning's discussion, UPF hosted a luncheon for the leaders present.



The afternoon program consisted of a humanitarian aid event with a special focus on support for the family. Held at a meeting hall of the newly established Medical Center of the Asdaa Association, it included words of encouragement and support for husbands and wives in their role as pillars of a strong and happy family, and a celebration of the family. 70 families received large boxes of food. This donation was possible thanks to the great support of the International Relief and Friendship Foundation (IRFF). Such donations are very precious for the recipient families, especially during these most challenging times in Lebanon. UPF Lebanon is truly grateful to IRFF Germany for this continued support, which has made possible numerous such donations of humanitarian aid over the years, along with the associated family festivals.

