PMI LEBANON CHAPTER **NEWSLETTER**

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WORD FROM PMI **LEBANON CHAPTER**

Dear PMI Community,



I am **excited** to share with you my journey within PMI. My exploration of project management began during my university studies, driven by a desire to **expand** my limits beyond my background in telecommunications.

Focusing on acquiring the **PMP certification** opened doors to new **opportunities** and **perspectives** that have profoundly influenced my professional path.

Starting at Ogero Telecom in Lebanon as a technician and later moving through several positions, driven by a **passion** for **self-development**, I embarked on diverse projects that showcased the **power** of **effective project management**. Projects such as the Lebanese pavilion at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, digital transformation initiatives at Ogero and others at the Lebanese Red Cross highlighted the importance of strategic planning and execution in driving impactful outcomes.

My **commitment** to PMI extended beyond professional development. Since 2020, I have been an active volunteer within PMI, initially as a member of the **PMI Germany Chapter** in Darmstadt, and later in **Lebanon**.

This journey of **volunteering** has broadened my perspective, deepened my understanding of project management practices, and **strengthened** my leadership abilities.

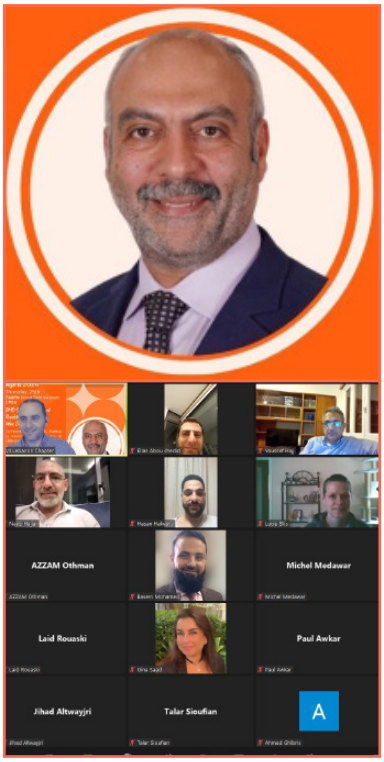
Today, as I continue my journey at Ogero Telecom as a Data Analyst, I am **privileged** to **serve** the PMI Lebanon Chapter **community** as VP of Marketing. Working alongside all board members, and with the **support** of each one of you, we **strive** to drive **success** in our chapter.

Join us on this journey of exploration and discovery, and let PMI be your guide to new **possibilities**. PMI offers not only a platform for professional **growth** but also a **supportive** network of like-minded individuals who are **passionate** about advancing the field of project management.

Warm Regards,

Toufic Habli
Vice President, Director of Marketing - PMI Lebanon Chapter

MONTHLY **TALKS**

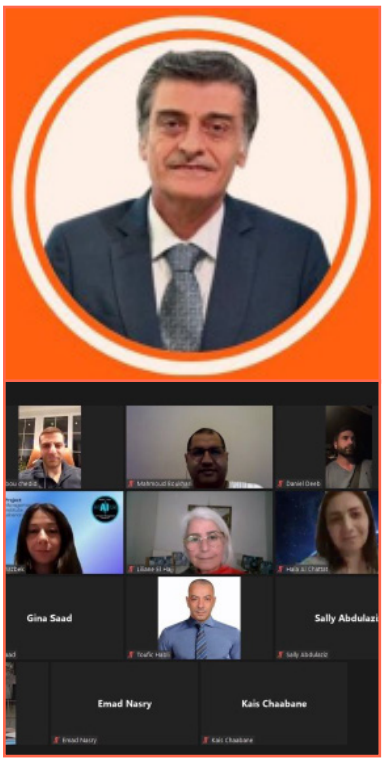


PMO Services Unleashed: Revolutionize Your PMO Value

by **Mr. Mohamad Khalifa**

DATE: April 25th, 2024 / TIME: 7:30 pm
SESSION: Online

Our season 2 of our monthly talks kickstarted with **Mr. Mohamad Khalifa** along with our host **Mr. Hicham Malaeb** VP of Professional Development in PMILC. Mr. Mohmad Khalifa poured his knowledge and expertise through this session by explaining the purpose and the role of the Project Management Office, by highlighting the grounds of the PMO service catalogue and by provided a short definition that this catalog serves as a comprehensive list of PMO's services. Then he covered in depth the step-step process for building a PMO service catalog.
Finally at the end of this fruitful meeting, participants were able to:
• Recognize the key elements of a PMO service catalog & its role in value delivery to projects and the organization.
• Develop and implement a PMO service catalog that maximizes value delivery to projects and the organizations.

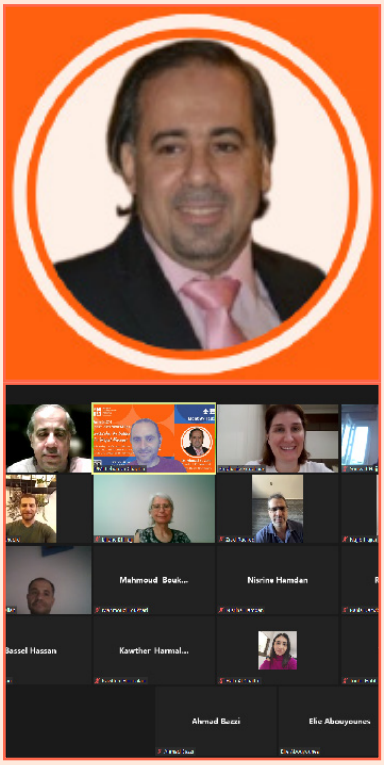


Best practices of Project Management applications and implications

by **Mr. Mamoon Atout**

DATE: May 30th, 2024 / TIME:7:30 pm
SESSION: Online

Still in our season 2 of our monthly talks which are carefully orchestrated by our host **Mr. Hisham Malaeb** VP of Professional Development, the participants were able to gain access and knowledge of the best practices of Project Management applications & implication as seen through the lenses of **Dr. Mamoun Atout**. The main topics elaborated by our May month's speaker were:
•Clarifying the terminology of both critical terms which are "project" & "management",
•Introducing the basics and principles of project management & their knowledge areas
•Understanding the processes of project management & challenges facing project managers
But of course, it would be impossible to narrow down 38 years of experience in 50 minutes, therefore we will be scheduling several workshops over a number of sessions. Stay Tuned!



Leadership: the indispensable Language of a Project Manager

by **Dr. Ahmad El Zein**

DATE: June 28th, 2024 / TIME: 7:00 pm / SESSION: Virtual

Our VP of Professional development **Mr. Hisham Malaeb** chose an interesting topic to end of Q2 sets of monthly talks. **Dr. Ahmad El Zein** provided his personal views & beliefs in the importance of leadership in Project Management. His presentation was rich and diverse whereby he covered the basics of Leadership in the following topics:

- Leadership at a glance
- Project Manager Responsibilities
- Project Manager Skills
- PMBOK & Leadership
- Aligning the necessary leadership style

His illustration about leadership caught the eyes & ears of our enthusiastic attendees. Dr. Ahmad El Zein kept focusing that Leadership is a set of skills that are interrelated & intertwined that make communication impossible without respect, ethics impossible without integrity, knowledge impossible without experience, objectives impossible without a clear road map.

PMILC **NEWS**

Lebanon and United Arab Emirates Presidents Chapters meet.

The PMILC is thrilled to share that under the umbrella of Project Management Institute MENA, PMI Lebanon Chapter represented by **Ms. Riam Chazbek** met with the president of PMI UAE Chapter **Mr.Adeel Sultan** to initiate the discussion for a potential collaboration for the benefit of our mutual member base!

This partnership marks the beginning of a journey filled with knowledge exchange, sharing of best practices, and encouraging a profound bond among our esteemed members.



New Managing Director appointed to steer the PMI.org in the MENA.

The new spring season blossomed with a delightful announcement that of the appointment of a new **Managing Director** for the **PMI MENA Mr. Hanny Alshazly.M.Ed.**

All PMI chapters in the region of the MENA extended their warm welcomes and positive messages through the social apps.

This new appointment aligns with the new strategy of the PMI global which is to raise and promote the pillars of Project Management all over its chapters in the MENA.

To our first-time readers, the PMI MENA provides governance & guidance to all six chapters. Under its guidance we name the Jordan, KSA, Lebanon, Morrocco, Tunisia & UAE Chapters.



Together we can.

Date: May 3rd 2024,

On May 3rd 2024, a group of volunteers came together for an afternoon coffee to socialize in person besides socializing on the social apps.

It gave us all the chance to put faces on some names and to decipher nicknames showing on the WhatsApp contact icons and others.

Thanks to **Eng .Ziad Ibrahim** VP of Volunteers for organizing this outing. We look forward to many more.



Hiking for wellbeing.

Date: May 19th 2024,

On May 19th 2024, our PMILC volunteers met at 9 am and hiked for 4 km in the heart of Ras El Metn. After a hearty lunch they participated in a yoga session at YMCA Camp Fares.

This beautiful day was organized by our Vice President of Volunteers **Eng. Ziad Ibrahim** whom we thank for all his efforts in engaging daily our volunteering community either in outings, gatherings, donation trips, quizzes while always sharing with them insightful topics.







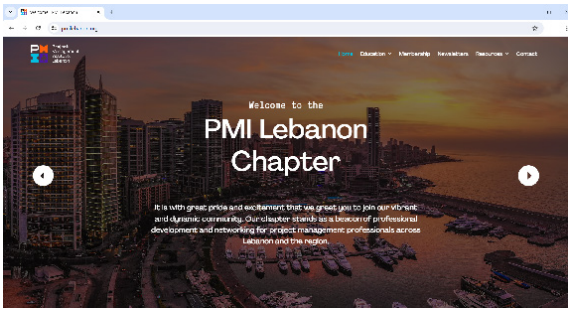
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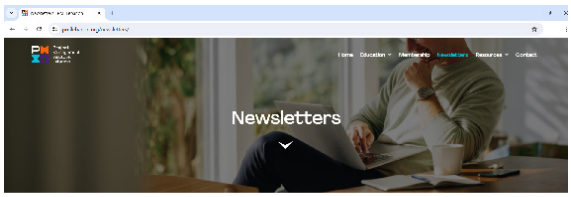
OUR WEBSITE

We are thrilled to share and spread the news that our WEBSITE has gone through a transformative journey in both shape and content. Users were able to notice the different “look and feel” of our home page.

The new website displays our PMILC logo with our triumphant Cedar tree, About us page, Membership, Certifications, Events, Resources, News, Partners & Contacts.

The revamping of our page was achieved by our Vice President of Marketing **Mr. Toufic Habli**. Moreover, Toufic is the person responsible for displaying the articles and adding the vibrant colors and PMI logos of our quarterly newsletter. Thank you Toufic!







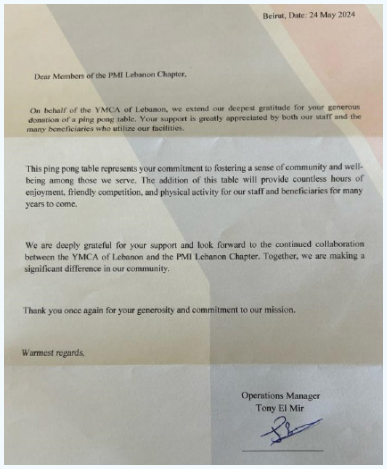
WHAT GOES AROUND COMES BACK AROUND

Date: May 27th 2024,

On May 27th, 2024, our Lebanon Chapter was kindly recognized by the YMCA through our VP of volunteers **Eng. Ziad Ibrahim** following the donation of a ping pong table.

They shared back with us a letter that reflected our commitment to fostering a sense of community & well-being among those we serve.

Here is a snapshot on the lovely letter and of the people who presented the ping pong table.


Beirut, Date: 24 May 2024

Dear Members of the PMI Lebanon Chapter,

On behalf of the YMCA of Lebanon, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of a ping pong table. Your support is greatly appreciated by both our staff and the many beneficiaries who utilize our facilities.

This ping pong table represents your commitment to fostering a sense of community and well-being among those we serve. The addition of this table will provide countless hours of enjoyment, friendly competition, and physical activity for our staff and beneficiaries for many years to come.

We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to the continued collaboration between the YMCA of Lebanon and the PMI Lebanon Chapter. Together, we are making a significant difference in our community.

Thank you once again for your generosity and commitment to our mission.

Warmest regards,

Operations Manager
Tony El Mir



WILL AI REPLACE PROJECT MANAGERS

Date: June 4th, 2024 / Session: online PMI Norway Chapter Summer Event.

PMI Norway Chapter with its vice president **Mr. Kjetil Hatlestad Volle** & our chapter's member **Dr. Lavanya Vijayaraghavan** from PMI Bangalore India & Lebanon Chapters, organized an interesting session regarding a central question: Will AI replace project managers? The answer of **Dr. Vijayaraghavan** is NO, but we have to be AI ready.
Needless to say, that all participants were delighted & relieved.

Her delivery of the answer revolved around 3 crucial circumstances out of which:
•AI is transforming the way we work & project managers must adapt,
•Organizations are seeking AI-skilled talent, but are hesitant to invest in training,
•Individuals need to take personal control of their professional futures.



L'IA AU SERVICE DE LA TRANSFORMATION ORGANISATIONNELLE.

Date: June 13th 2024 / Time: 8pm / Session: Online PMI France.

PMI France Chapter organized its 5th webinar which revolved around Artificial Intelligence at the service of organizational transformation. This webinar, part of the series of webinars dedicated to the AI topic, gathered around 150 participants from several French-speaking PMI chapters, we name France, Benin, Marocco, Ivory Coast, Cameroon. Lebanon chapter was fortunate to participate in this insightful webinar as part of new collaboration with PMI France chapter. We take this opportunity to inform our readers that PMI MENA is also expanding its outreach with more French-speaking chapters .

A beautiful team of 14 persons were both at the forefront & at the background of this successful event. We proudly name the sponsor of this webinar **Ms. Claude Khalil**, the VP of PMI France chapter **Ms. Mounina Tounkara**, facilitator **Ms. Kindy Sylla**, co-facilitators **Mr. Aurelien Bayon, Mr. Kamel Alabane**, contributors **Mr. Ibrahim Dembele, Ms. Amelie Ngatsi, Ms. Ghania Chemmoul, Mr. Yanis Ioualitene, Mr. Mehdi ElGuarni, Mr. Destin Logbo, Mr. Soufian Abouliatim, Mr. Abdelhamid Boulenouar & Mr. Abderrazak Benddali- Hacine.**
All of them came together & elaborated on the following point:

•Notions of AI & Organizational Transformation
•Storytelling
•Overview of generative Artificial Intelligence
•Ethics in AI
•AI at the service of project managers
•Cases Study: PMI infinity & augmented ChatGPT

We take this opportunity to inform our dear readers that PMI MENA is also expanding its outreach with more French-speaking chapters enabling the offering of more collaborations under French initiatives.



PMI **NEWS**

PMI:NEXT!



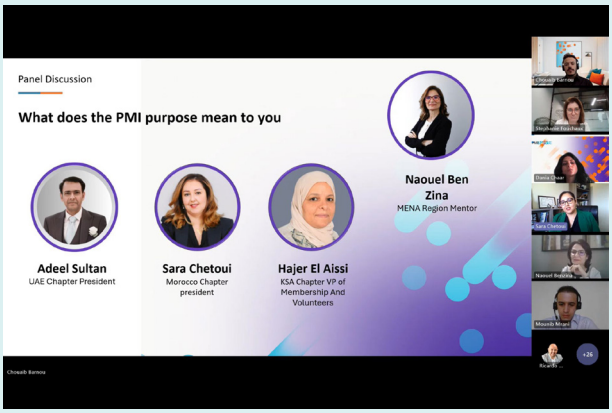
At the beginning of this year, our **PMI CEO Pierre Le Manh** has decided to walk in BIG & BOLD along 800 PMI staff & his board of directors with their new strategy to strengthen PMI impact:

• by empowering our communities of experts via its community generated information platforms (AI Co-pilot, PMI Infinity),
• by vesting our professionals with learning & development tools throughout their careers,
• by explaining the reason for which PMO Global Alliance was acquired, & finally, to protect PMI position as its unique spot as the world's leading authority for the project management profession, by investing in and fully supporting our most trusted, gold-standard professional certifications, like the PMP. All is being accomplished while clearly distinguishing project management business use & its social impact from its technical scope.

Shining a Spotlight on Strategy – Mena – PMI:NEXT!

Date: April 24th, 2024 / Time: 6pm / Session: online

Following the announcement of the new strategy earlier this year, valued panelists & distinguished moderator came together to share a spotlight by unfolding some of the steps that are being taken to maintain PMI position as the most recognized authority in the world for project management.
Mr. Chouaib Barnou started this online discussion by clearly delivering a comprehensive overview of the PMI:NEXT Strategy.
Mr. Ricardo Triana -PMI Fellow Global Leader of Community & Culture proceeded in explaining and clarifying the purpose, strategy and culture of the PMI-NEXT under the caring eyes of **Ms. Naouel Ben Zina** PMI MENA Regional Mentor.
Followed by respectful panelist who each shared individually what Project Management means to them. We enthusiastically name: **Mr. Adeel Sultan** President of the PMI UAE Chapter, **Ms. Sara Chetoui** President of the PMI Morocco Chapter & **Ms. Hajer El Aissi** VP of Memberships & Volunteers of the KSA Chapter.



PMIxAI

Date: June 21st & 22nd, 2024 / Time: 10:00 am / Session: online

The PMI has organized a 2-day webinar to all its AI aficionados enabling them to unlock the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in project management and discover how it can revolutionize the way chapter members approach their projects.

In this exclusive webinar for **PMI Chapter Leaders**, attendees enjoyed a sneak peek in PMI's innovative AI initiatives, with a special emphasis on PMI Infinity – the state-of-the-art AI-powered tool.



PMI **EVENTS**

PMI UAE CHAPTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY





Date: May 5th, 2024 / Time : 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM
Venue : The One and Only Mirage

This year's annual gala gathering was a little bit more special because this year the UAE chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary!
This Milestone had people from the UAE and other countries join & participate in a full-fledged event which kickstarted with a speech delivered by the newly elected president of the PMI UAE Chapter **Mr. Adeel Sultan**, followed by a message by our PMI CEO Mr. **Pierre LeManh**. As the day went on, more keynote speakers took the stage and addressed the attendees with topics ranging from sustainable & digital economy, to PMI*AI & PMI : NEXT. After which an interesting panel finalized the agenda by bringing forward interesting concepts about navigating the intersection of AI, sustainability and Project Management shaping the future.

It was a beautifully organized event which was attended by PMILC President **Ms. Riam Chazbek**. This event was buzzing with excitement, entertaining & engaging professionals from around the world who enjoyed a lunch at the One & Only Mirage, Dubai Marina.

GLOBAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT JOB TRENDS: Insights for 2024



Date: May 14th, 2024 / Time: 10:00 AM / Session: Online

This webinar brought together around 2,000 people from around the world to discuss in depth the job trends in different parts of the globe.
In this webinar, PMI Thought Leadership Manager, **Jill Diffendal**, shared themes and trends from the recent PMI Global Project Management Jobs Trends report.
She was joined by PMI Managing Directors, **Karla Eidem**, North America; **George Asamani**, Sub-Saharan Africa; and **SoHyun Kang**, Asia Pacific who shared what they heard from organizations in their region on needs for project talent.
A full-fledged report was issued covering industries to watch such as aviation, technology, construction and their impact over 8 geographical regions. Enjoy clicking on the below link to view the webinar.

More details

GLOBAL FORUM FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Date: June 2nd & 3rd, 2024 / Time: all day / Venue: Fairmont Hotel Riyadh – KSA.

The edge of the world hosted the biggest summit for project managers worldwide over a two-day comprehensive event. In fact, the President of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia PMI Chapter & GPMF, **Mr. Badr Burshaid** was able with the assistance of a dedicated team volunteers of the KSA chapter & staff members of the GPMF to bring together around 9,000 persons some of which keynote speakers, industry leaders & experts in the project management domain. The purpose of this global event was to shed the light on:

- Social & Environmental Responsibilities,
- Diverse & Inclusive Community Building,
- Leadership & Competency Development,
- Excellence in Project Management,
- Professional Empowerment & lifelong Learning.

Our Lebanon Chapter President **Ms. Riam Chazbek** & Vice President of Professional Development **Mr. Hisham Malaeb** were part of that event in which they met one of the founders of the Project Management Professional Certificate **Mr. Lee R. Lambert.**







COMMUNITY **THOUGHTS**

JAMAL YEHYA



CURRENT ROLE:
Operations Manager at Tribonian Law Advisors
(Rindala Beydoun Legal Consultancy)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:
Bachelor's degree in Law

PMILC MEMBER SINCE:
2023

DOMAIN/INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:
Project Management / Administration / Operations

TESTIMONIAL:

Being a member at PMI & the PMI Lebanon Chapter has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

Through this involvement, I've gained so much knowledge so much & developed new skills in project management. The supportive community & diverse events offered countless opportunities to learn & grow. I've also made meaningful connections & friendships along the way.

Being part of PMI has truly enriched my professional journey & personal development. And as a volunteer members engagement coordinator at the PMI Lebanon Chapter, I've had the joy of nurturing this sense of belonging for others, weaving threads of connection that enrich both our professional journeys & personal lives.

COMMUNITY **THOUGHTS**

AHMAD GHIBRISS



CURRENT ROLE:
Biomedical Project Manager with the European investment bank under the IPF11 Project. Leading an initiative aimed at enhancing Kosovo`s healthcare sector.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:
Bachelor`s Degree in Biomedical Engineering from the Islamic University of Lebanon (IUL), Lebanon (Graduated in 2012)
•Project Management Professional – PMI
•Management Essentials – Harvard Business School
•Lean Six Sigma, Yellow Belt

PMILC MEMBER SINCE:
2023

DOMAIN/INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:
Biomedical Engineering, Project Management, Lean Six Sigma

TESTIMONIAL:

I became a PMI member on March 31, 2023. Shortly thereafter, I was directly contacted by PMILC and introduced to the chapter and its activities. Since joining, I have participated in multiple monthly talks, which I find extremely valuable. These talks provide the perfect opportunity for networking and getting to know other members of the chapter.

I have also engaged in various volunteering activities with the chapter, and the experience has been incredibly satisfying. The members are very supportive, and it is wonderful to witness the diversity of expertise within the chapter. This community fosters a collaborative environment that greatly benefits all members.

Inspired by the chapter's objectives and mission, I decided to join the volunteering community. I am currently serving as a Communication Manager volunteer for the Recapture Roots project. Volunteering in this position has been a rewarding experience. It allows me to contribute to meaningful projects while enhancing my skills and connecting with a dedicated group of professionals.

Being part of the PMILC volunteer team has deepened my appreciation for the chapter's mission and the positive impact we can make together. I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to this supportive and dynamic community

WELCOMING
NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming new member who joined the chapter in Q2 2024

1. Rabih Bou Serhal
2. Taline Nemchehirlian
3. Christian Bassil
4. Shady Al Adawy
5. Khaled Sidani
6. Mira Safa
7. Ibrahim Mansour
8. Victoria Zayed
9. Freddy El Khoury
10. Gina Saad
11. Charbel Hleyhel
12. Renee Khoury
13. Jad Stephan
14. Majd Al Mohtar
15. Khaled Ramadan
16. Maria Berchan
17. Issam El Mir
18. Karim Chidiac
19. Elias El Bitar
20. Toni Sfeir
21. Nada Jesser
22. Zaher Chendeb
23. Rami Agha Kassab
24. Charbel El Haddad
25. Mahmoud Zeidan Nasser
26. Joelle Bejjani
27. Bashir Hazim
28. Walid Chazbek
29. Christopher Arida
30. Georges Maroun
31. Mazen Chazbek
32. Charles Serhal
33. Mahmoud Zeidan Nasser
34. Racha Bou Nasser Eddine
35. Sally Aoun – Hadi El Masry
36. Rami Hanna
37. Tarek Chazbek
38. Diana El Hakim
39. Joelle Bejjani
40. Tamer Farhat
41. Alaa El Ghali
42. Faten Al Akoum
43. Raja Nassim
44. Aleen Khodor
45. Diana Hakim
46. Mohamad Al-Bukair
47. Mohamad Bahij Jamil
48. Rachad Bou Nasser Eddine
49. Houssein Hassan
50. Yara Chazbek
51. Imad Toak

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