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Rebuild-Lebanon Information Center

Rebuild-Lebanon Delegation Initiative Update

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Members and Friends of the American Lebanese Engineering Society (ALES)
Boston, MA, USA

Ref: Bridge Reconstruction in Lebanon after the July 2006 War

Dear Members and Friends of ALES:

Greetings.

We are happy to announce that most of the 91 bridges demolished or damaged after the July 2006 war in Lebanon, have their funds donated and that many of them are under construction or 100% completed. The major donors reported on the “Bridge Reconstruction Status” website of the Lebanese Government are: the Hariri Brothers (22 bridges), Iran (18), Saudi Arabia (4), USAid (1), Italy (1), Greece (possible 4), the Lebanese Institutions (19), and the rest by several private donors.

We are delighted that private competition in Lebanon appears to have solved the problem of the bridges, and that the Lebanese people would be able to travel and to rebuild their economy faster than expected.

Our original goal to help Lebanon in the reconstruction of the bridges is now redundant. Lebanon proved to be different from countries struck by a disaster resulting from hurricanes, earthquakes or tsunamis. Reconstruction in those countries is taking several years. Not in Lebanon.

Nabil and I are very grateful for your generous support and encouragement.

Our efforts and those of ALES will now be redirected towards other goals that can help the Lebanese people.

Sincerely Yours,

Charles Sacre, P.E. and Nabil Hourani, P.E.
ALES Members

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