

The Association of Banks Honors Al Kassar in a Luncheon Ceremony

Torbey: Kassar dedicated his efforts and time for enhancing national Economy



During the luncheon ceremony held in honor of Minister Adnan Al Kassar at the Phoenicia InterContinental Hotel – Beirut, the Chairman of the Association of Banks – Dr. Joseph Torbey said: ‘we depend on you our Minister friend and your colleagues in the Government to work as one and take advantage of the opportunity, presented by the current positive economic and political indicators, that might not happen again, in order to achieve a qualitative shift in the

economy and politics together.’ The honoring ceremony was attended by the ministers: Fadi Abboud, Rayya Al Hassan, Mohammed Al Safadi, Charbel Nahhas, Boutros Harb, and former ministers: Sami Haddad, Morris Sahnawi, Farid Rophael, Raymond Audi, in addition to the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council Roger Nasnas, the Chairman of the Banking Control Commission Walid Alameddine and its members, chairmen of economic bodies, chairmen

of banks, Banque du Liban Vice Governor Haroutian Samuelian, and financial-banking figures.

Torbey expressed a word of thanks to Kassar for ‘the time and effort bestowed to serve the national economy in general, and the economic bodies and banking sector in particular, through his sound and effective leadership, throughout the years, of the economic bodies’ assembly, after consecutively chairing the Chamber



of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry in Beirut and Mount Lebanon, Union of Lebanese Chambers, Union of Arab Chambers, leading to the International Chamber of Commerce thus making him the first Arab Chairman. Al Kassar proved in the various significant posts he occupied that he possesses leadership attributes and such personal features as imperturbability, wisdom, moderation, clear in-

sight and sense of responsibility, thus making him a perfect representative of the Lebanese economic family, in all its aspects, and a good caretaker of the Lebanese higher interests and the interest of all production partners, with no exception.' Al Kassar Responded by saying: 'I consider everything that I have done and have achieved in my career professionally and generally would not have been

accomplished if it weren't for you all and for my work through the structure of the economic bodies and its unity, primarily the banking structure. As my dear colleague President Torbey pointed out, we have passed through difficult stages nationally and economically, where Lebanon was continuously being subjected to big fateful shocks, however we managed to pull through and beat the



odds. You all know how big these shocks were throughout the past decades. My joining of the national unity government based upon the confidence of His Excellency President Michel Suleiman and PM Saad Al Hariri, is a great opportunity for me to contribute with my fellow government colleagues in ending the instability situation that prevailed in the past period.

