

Militant presence pushes farmers into debt

Landowners in border town have been unable to access their crops, leading to losses

By Ghina Obaid
The Daily Star

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Authorities saw wolf after ad sparks outrage

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BEIRUT | A wolf nuzzled its wounds Tuesday on a secluded property in the mountains above Beirut, his skin flayed by the metal snare in which he was caught. His captors had tried but failed to attempt to kill him.

"Three people were taken in for questioning by security forces around 100m after one of their traps, most likely laid to catch wild boar, was snuffled in the mountains near Bsharri, north of Beirut. Subdued by fatigue and fear, the animal was taken to a cage then advertised online for \$4,000."

"In the process of the wolf trying to get away from the trap he put itself into his own trap, as he tried to escape, he was caught by the metal snare. He was then taken to a cage and advertised online for \$4,000."

"The NGO and many who saw the photo alerted the Agriculture Ministry, which then took action. Elias Ibrahim, director of animal resources centre in Beirut, advised by a buyer and convinced the wolf was a seller, by bringing the animal to Doak, Beirut. There, police apprehended the three men and took them in for questioning."

"According to Ibrahim, the men were released after a few hours but were detained in the country for a few more days. Ibrahim clarified that hunting and trading of carnivores is illegal in Lebanon, but he said he had seen a lot of wolf awareness and the laws are often not enforced."

By Nadine Ghath The Daily Star

BEIRUT | Amid the urban chaos of modern-day Beirut race a few controversial projects that defy conventional thinking. One of the most striking is the renovation of Beirut's historic districts, overseen by architect Bernard Khoury in a complex job of intergenerational creativity.

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"People don't know the laws that prohibit trading in these animals. Ibrahim explained. "And the police in Lebanon have a lot of trouble to deal with wild animals temporarily in the care of humans. Depending on the circumstances, they can be returned to the wild, remain in captivity or be euthanized. Ideally if they could be safely released, that would be the best possible outcome, but we don't know what will happen yet," Mir said.

"Other animals such as lynxes, porcupines and badgers are often taken from the wild, and can be found in makeshift zoos across the country, Mir said. "Essentially all zoos have these animals which have been taken from the wild... It's important to understand why this animal could be removed, and so quickly, when other animals are not."

Beirut a 'wonderful catastrophe,' architect Bernard Khoury says

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Remaining largely faithful to the colonial projects dating from the '90s to the present day have imported foreign architectural trends and policies, without reconciling them to local needs. A recipe, indeed, the standards are dictated by Western trends," he said. Such imported modernity has left the Lebanese urban culturally and politically bankrupt, Khoury declared, extending the tragedy to encompass the entire Arab world. "This is the sad fate of the Arab nations and political bankruptcies. Beirut's schizophrenia is nothing like the stable environments where traditional projects mark the state's presence," Khoury believes. One symptom of the government's absence is the lack of public spaces. The lines between public and private space are heavily blurred even with

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Antonio Guterres: Reviving trust in the system

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