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# Mr. Mohammad Barrie

*Head of Secondary*

As the echoes of passionate debate fade and the clinking of coffee cups subsides, we reflect on another successful MUN conference. This triumph is a direct reflection of the NES Community's unwavering dedication, which ignited the spark of intellectual curiosity in our students through invaluable guidance and mentorship.

“Today we stand at crossroads.” Our Head of Secondary, Mr. Barrie, opened the NESMUN ceremony with this powerful statement, declaring “the world as we know it is undergoing transformations, from climate change to social injustices and technological disruptions. All of these built a complex picture for our world, yet amidst these challenges comes opportunity—an opportunity to restructure humanity.

Though new to our NES family, Mr. Barrie's impact has been immediate. With over 20 years of teaching and administrative experience, Mr. Barrie offers an insightful and inclusive learning environment to provide students with robust materials to cultivate and maximize their full potential. His aims include fostering a well-heard atmosphere, where each and every voice is addressed, as well as establishing a healthy community where support and communication are prioritized. With holding the previous role as Vice Principal in an international school located in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with the addition of being trained and qualified in the United Kingdom, he has earned a master's degree in educational leadership and management. Mr. Barrie has experienced and acquired the needed skills to fully guide NES into an even more positive light.



Written by: Natalie Nassar and Zeina Abd ElJawad

“I urge you to dream big. Dream with imagination beyond the limitations of the present. Logic will move you from A to B but your imagination will take you everywhere.”

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## Our Opening Ceremony!

February 8th 2024, the annual Model United Nations conference of the New English School (NESMUN) commenced and the excitement has filled the conference halls. To commemorate this, the opening ceremony began with the playing of the Jordanian National Anthem for which audience and team members alike stood. The theme of NESMUN24' "Restructuring Humanity" was underlined through the opening video which emphasized the importance of bringing attention to the global crises of today, most pressingly those in Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Sudan and Ukraine; through bridging the gap and discovering our collective humanity. This was followed by the exceptional flag ceremony where members of the secretariat team grandly entered the hall, carrying the representative flags of each delegation present with the NESMUN flag; reaffirming the significance of NESMUN'24. Our hosts for the evening, Deputy Heads of Organization Karam Naimat and Zaina Abd ElJawad delivered the welcome speech, further emphasizing their enthusiasm and excitement for the interesting debates and discussions to come. Head of Organization Maryam Ibrahim followed where she underlined the integral part the organization team plays in making the conference a reality. We had the pleasure of receiving an exceptional talk from his excellency Dr. Nidal Katamine where he highlighted the pivotal role of MUN in shaping a generation of change, especially in the tumultuous world of today. Adding to that, Head of Secondary Mohammad Barrie drew attention to the importance of unity and cooperation; core values of both MUN and NES. The ceremony closed with speeches from the Deputy Secretary General Muhsen Waithfi followed by Secretary General Zaid Khawaj where they both reminisced on their personal MUN journey and the motivation leading them to guide this year's NESMUN to success. With that, 'NESMUN'24 is officially open!'

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## SC:

Security Council, is considered an enriching and intellectually stimulating committee tackling the many pressing global issues that pose a multitude of threats to one's daily life. Our chairing panel at SC are fully aware and accustomed to these attributes. Therefore, we inquired about what has led them to this point at NESMUN:

Unfortunately, our president was unavailable, hence we proceeded with our Vice President Angelina Nocerino, and chair; Kareem Abu-Saif.

Beginning with Angelina, we started off with the following: "What made this committee appeal to you?"

She responded that this committee has always been "her most favorable form". With her many experiences she has found herself drawn to the atmosphere of debate, the intensity, the distinctive topics addressed, especially ones tackling wars and their destructive consequences. With that in mind, she has found herself as a Vice as well as a President multiple times throughout her MUN journey.

Next, our chair Kareem Abu-Saif. We started off with asking him: "Has this MUN been up to your expectations?"

Kareem enthusiastically elaborated on how he has engaged within "healthy, entertaining, as well as enjoyable" debates. Additionally, he elucidated on how there has been no miscommunication among delegates, and how thankfully, everything has been running smoothly so far.

Our second question inquired on the difficulties with preparation, our chair explained that the time constraints have added pressure with devising their work. Furthermore, Kareem also described the difficulty of juggling exams, organizing meetings with the chairing panel, and finding the time to assemble everything without an accommodating schedule. However, that did not stop them from finalizing their dossier on time.

Our last question was: "which MUN experience affected you most as a person?"

He went on to describe that HTUMUN'23 was an epiphany for him, he found it as a "nurturing and comforting" experience, an opportunity to try something new, as well as an event that introduced him to his closest friends

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## ECOSOC:

Economic and Social Council offers a unique opportunity to debate pivotal ideologies including sustainable development, regional economic and social commissions, intergovernmental discussions of major global issues, and specialized agencies. This committee serves as the catalyst for discovering meaningful and innovative solutions to economic and social topics. Hence, we decided to interview our chairing panel to unravel their opinions and views on the importance of this committee:

Starting off with our chair Bishir Halawani, our first question was: "Tell us about yourself, what made this committee appeal to you?"

Bishir excitedly explained that this is his second chairing experience, he additionally enjoys the energy of the committee, the enthusiasm of the delegates, and all of their hard work. He also reported that this MUN has completely exceeded his expectations, he found himself excessively amused by the conference.

Proceeding with our President Julie Zeidan, we asked: "How is this committee different from others?"

Her response stated: "honestly the delegates, the topics, how far it goes into funding." She additionally articulated the realism of this committee, how the solutions proposed are considered pragmatic and sensible. Moreover, she elucidated the fact that this committee goes beyond the base of economic issues.

Adding to that, our president claimed that this experience has been her favorite so far, the delegates attitude and their deterministic traits have left her with a sense of accomplishment and gratitude.

Finally, we interviewed our committee advisor who elaborated on how ECOSOC investigates multiple aspects of topics, labelling this committee as diverse and dynamic. She also stated that this MUN has "exceeded her expectations" and that she has been delighted to partake in such a conference.

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## ICC:

International Criminal Court is one of the most complex committees, with many factors needed to keep it running. Though that is true of any other committee, ICC requires thorough knowledge of the jury, prosecution, defense, witnesses, and the case itself; thus naturally, it would need a chairing panel that has what it takes to be able to run this committee.

The ICC chairing panel, when asked, answered the following about the experiences that led them here to NESMUN'24:

“When you were applying for NESMUN, was this one of the committees you chose to take part in and why were you interested in it?”

The chair, Salma Othman went on to state “I did in fact have ICC as my first choice, I absolutely love court; I actually interned at a law firm and aspire to be a lawyer one day.”

The president of this committee Abdullah Jalal went on to elaborate that this MUN has met all his expectations. “In every aspect it has exceeded my expectations; from the robes provided, to the organization of the committee. It wasn't like this last year; I think this is one of the best MUNs I've gone to so far”

The chair, Yasmeen Tarazi, when asked about her opinions of everything she has seen so far, answered “The opening ceremony was immaculate, the guest speaker, the topics he brought up and the way he tackled them very inspiring, not to mention that the the opening video was beyond creative and unique”

The president and both chairs agreed that they love court incredibly and are beyond glad to have acquired the positions they are in.

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## ARAB LEAGUE:

أجريت مقابلة مع نائب الرئيس ورئيس لجنة الجامعة العربية. تضم هذه اللجنة كل الوطن العربي وموضوعاتها باللغة العربية .

المذيع: ما الذي جعلك تختار هذه اللجنة؟

أمير البستنجي: كنت أرغب في اختيار لجنة عربية نظرًا لأن اللغة العربية غير ممثلة خاصة في مؤتمرات الأمم المتحدة النموذجية. معظم لجانها باللغة الإنجليزية، لذلك قررت أن أصبح رئيسًا لهذه اللجنة لمساعدة نشر هذه اللغة من خلال اختيار لجنة تقدم موضوعات تتعلق بالوطن العربي.

المذيع: هل كانت هذه اللجنة تلي توقعاتك؟

أليكس أنكي: لقد فاق توقعاتي، تهتم لجنة الجامعة العربية بمواضيع مثيرة للاهتمام. كما أن المشاركين لديهم آراء مذهلة و تحتم المناقشات بسرعة.

المذيع: ماذا عن المؤتمر، هل حقق توقعاتك؟

هنا الشلبي: توقعت أن يكون هذا المؤتمر ممتعًا، وقد حقق كل توقعاتي. كل شخص قابلته كان لطيفًا جدًا وكانت لجنة الجامعة العربية ممتعة للغاية و كانوا المندوبون رائعين. بالإضافة إلى أن الطعام كان شهياً وكان المكان ضخماً، لذا كان هذا المؤتمر مذهلاً.

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## HRC:

Human Rights Council (HRC) is a United Nations body whose mission is to promote and protect human rights around the world as well as addressing human rights violations and making recommendations on them. Delegates debate, discuss and tackle some of the most pressing Human Rights concerns of this time. It is a council which is perfectly in line with this year's theme "reconstructing humanity" where delegates are encouraged to think and delve deeper on the issues pertaining to this committee, with hopes of reshaping our collective humanity to that of understanding and collaboration.

This committee is one of the larger ones in terms of delegates, therefore to gain further insight into the proceedings of this committee on the first day, we sat down with President of HRC, Bana Sakkijha and asked her some questions on her choice to join HRC. When asked "What made this committee appeal to you?", she underlined the special place HRC holds in her MUN journey as it was the committee where she had her first experience.

She added that this enriches her perspective as she can put herself in the delegates shoes and imagine what challenges they must be facing. "Personally I had my first experience as a delegate in this specific committee, and I really enjoyed it as a delegate so I can understand why it has a lot of first timers because HRC has many comprehensible topics that can be discussed among delegates with ease and convenience."

As for the obstacles she has been met with on the first day of the MUN, Bana emphasized the importance of teamwork and collaboration as she felt many of the delegates were struggling to work in harmony as for many it is their first exposure to MUN. However, she faced and overcame these obstacles with her team by guiding the delegates and monitoring their work. "I came to the MUN thinking that the delegates were going to be prepared. They were trained but did not fully grasp all of the MUN procedures. My team and I decided to split ourselves into different groups and explain to them the purpose of the MUN and their task at hand. The newly joined delegates were not aware of their allies, and their political state in general."

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## UNOOSA:

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) is a committee which works to promote international cooperation in the peaceful use and exploration of space, and in the utilization of space science and technology for sustainable economic and social development. Delegates of this committee are prompted to engage and consider ways to support developing countries in their space research and progress.

We looked into this further after sitting down with the chairing panel of UNOOSA. We first talked to Renad al Nedawi, President of the UNOOSA committee. We discussed her thoughts prior to the conference, what in particular she enjoyed about day 1 of NESMUN and her expectations for the delegates; to which she responded "So far yes the delegates are very interactive, they're willing to work, as for the ceremony it was amazing, the guest speaker truly influenced me." Further to that, when asked if UNOOSA was her initial choice and what hopes she has for the committee, she responded "Actually no, I applied to the Human Rights Council and General Assembly then eventually I got put here."

It is really interesting as I have never participated in this committee before and the fact that I'm really interested in astrophysics made this experience more enjoyable."

Afterwards we continued our questions with Nour Arnaout, Chair of UNOOSA. She shared with us her feelings and hopefulness on day 1 of the conference "Yeah it is very nice, honestly it is subtle and smooth up until now, I am liking it." Additionally, she added that although this was not her first choice for her committee, it has exceeded her expectations in terms of interest and hard work as she explained "Actually no, I applied to SC focuses on discussing war and its consequences, a topic I find very crucial and feel strongly about, but this committee is new and I'm finding it interesting." She added that "It's actually my second, but my first was a mock MUN." Finally, we inquired on her motivations behind becoming a part of NESMUN24 to which she iterated "I was just interested in the idea of MUNs and I really wanted to meet new people. And it was a really nice first experience as I won best delegate."

# NESMUN'24 Day 2

## Security Council

Security Council day 2 is on fire and the debates are just commencing!

This exceptional chairing panel is a model of teamwork and cooperation. Talking with Vice President Angelina Nocerino granted us the opportunity to look into what makes this committee so exciting.

When asked if the delegates performance has changed from the first day she shared: “The delegates in general were at first closed off and shy but today they have become more open and less nervous.”

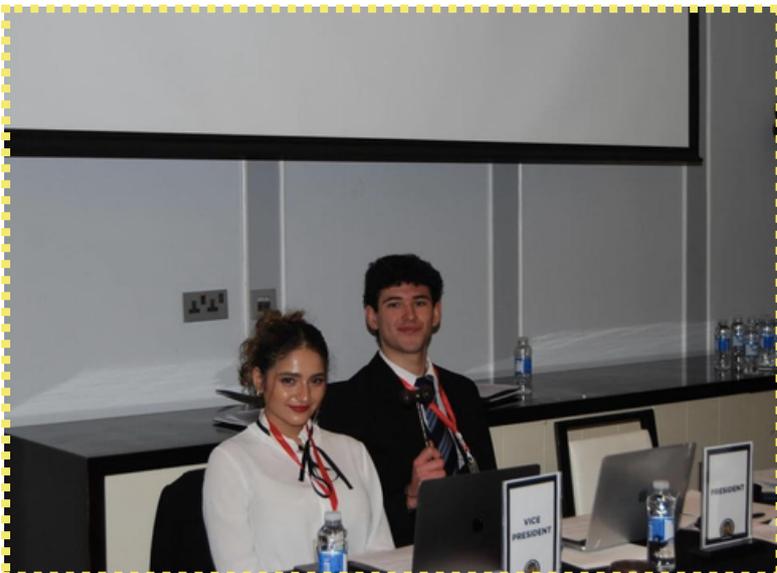
Furthermore, she explained that although she and her team have faced a number of obstacles, they were able to talk to each delegate separately and calmly to reach common ground and mutual agreement;

reiterating the theme of NESMUN24’ ‘Reconstructing Humanity’. She also expressed her enthusiasm about all the heated debates that have already taken place, exclaiming “ So many heated debates, there have already been 3 P5 meetings and there might be a war soon...” Well, her

expectations of a war taking place were surely fulfilled after a war broke out upon the vetoing of a resolution submitted by the delegate of Russia from the delegate of the United Kingdom. Much back and forth followed, with no side giving up on retaliation. The result of the

war is to be announced in the Closing Ceremony. We are on the edge of our seats!

Written and conducted by: Dahlia Al-Basheer Yr 13



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## HRC

On the second day of the conference, we eagerly commenced with our second interview session with HRC. Starting off with checking in with our President; we asked: “How is it going so far? Have you faced any challenges?”

Bana’s response elaborated on the pressure of time constraints. Since this is a fairly large committee with a great number of beginners, it has taken both time and effort to prepare them with the needed skills to proceed with their opening speeches and resolutions. We also inquired about the activities conducted, to which they have engaged in both an entertaining gossip box, as well as a marriage between a delegate and a staff member.

Moving on to our chair and vice, he additionally agreed with the issue of time constraints, as he stated, “the delegates are all beginners, they’re still getting used to the environment of debate, when to approach the chairing panel, and when to ask for follow-ups.” Despite this, their delegates are well-behaved, open to learn from their mistakes, and remain consistently inquisitive.

Written and conducted by: Natalie Nassar Yr 13

## Arab League

المُحاور: ما هو الجزء الأصعب خلال تحضيراتك لهذا المؤتمر؟

أمير البستانجي: بصراحة لم أجد صعوبة في التحضير لأن لدي نائب رئيس ورئيساً رائعين. ولكن الشيء الوحيد الذي وجدته صعباً هو أنني لم أتمكن من الوصول إلى المندوبين إلا بعد فترة قصيرة جداً من المؤتمر

المذيع: كيف تسير الأمور حتى الآن؟

أمير البستانجي: الأمور تسير بسلاسة. بالنسبة لمعظم المندوبين، هذه هي المرة الأولى التي يشاركون فيها في مثل هذا المؤتمر ولذلك كنا نوجههم و نرشدهم، فيبدو أنهم مستمتعون

المذيع: هل قمت بأي أنشطة؟

أمير البستانجي: نعم، أنجزنا في الكثير من الأمور، لذا جاء فريق الترفيه وقاموا برقص الدبكة الأردنية

Written and conducted by: Shareef Al-Shurafa Yr 13



# NESMUN'24 Day 2

## GA & UNOOSA

Following the debate sessions as the rest of the day commences, the chairing panel of UNOOSA and GA shared the challenges they faced, the events and activities that took place as well as why they think they are best fit for their role. The vice president of GA, Natalia Shatar, stated that they had faced no problems of great substance, but “First time delegates can be a bit challenging, though it is no problem to help them out with whatever they need, it can be quite demanding.” The chair, Farouk Abu Jaber agreed that there were no huge problems other than lobbying and merging during the first date, “the delegates were talking and walking around a lot, but in the end it was no problem, we got them to sit down and got everything under control.” Finally, following the words of the vice president and the chair, the president Mariam Zubaidi, agreed that the only issue she faced was that “The delegates were really loud, they didn’t listen to instructions from the very beginning and they repeated their points a few times but in the end they all seem to be really excited to be here and were trying their hardest and that is all that mattered.” UNOOSA’s chairing panel on the other hand had a different experience to share with. The chair, Nour Arnaout stated that “There are no challenges at all, the debates are starting to get heated which I find very thrilling.” The president Renad Nedawi agreed that there are no issues, in fact “Things are going very smoothly, all the delegates were working really hard and were doing an amazing job at debating.” All members of the UNOOSA chairing panel agreed that the delegates were perfectly agreeable and all the topics discussed were very thrilling.

Written and conducted by: Jenna Hammouri Yr12



# NESMUN'24 Day 2

## ECOSOC

Economic and Social Council Day 2 has kicked off. The chairing panel is full of enthusiasm and hope for what is to come. We sat down with Chair Dana Choudry to gain an insight into what day 2 has been like as well as all the exciting activities prepared. When asked about her expectations for the delegates and if they have been met or even exceeded her expectations, she explained “Fortunately, my committee has been really great. All the delegates have been exceptional; they have great opinions and ask great questions. She also added that despite some obstacles on the way, she was able to overcome them with the President and fellow chair through establishing a strong cooperative, collaborative atmosphere between team members. Of course, we could not end our interview without getting all the information on the discussions and debates where Dana shared: “there has not been many yet as the delegates are still easing into the committee procedure, but I am hopeful and looking forward to what is to come.”

Written and conducted by: Dahlia Al-Basheer Yr 13



# NESMUN'24 Day 2

## CAFGI

The ball is rolling and Day 2 at CAFGI is in motion! We passed by the chairing panel once again

to discuss what obstacles they have faced so far. We also asked them if they had made any memorable moments on day 2. President Mohammad Al Lozi remarked “Delegates were a little bit anxious as it is their first day they weren’t aware of the procedures at first and they were afraid but then they showed more improvement and enthusiasm.” We wanted to gain insight into what makes him feel best fit to be part of the chairing panel to which he explained “I believe the chairing panel complete each other in a way through our different skills which makes our committee thrive. Aside from the fact that we have to be great presidents, the main goal of MUN is to benefit the delegates as well.” Sitting down with Zaid Qadi, Vice President of CAFGI heightened our excitement upon hearing the details of the staged crisis, he explained: “The crisis includes reporters who are being forced to take vaccines that makes them change and falsify the truth. The vaccine also erases any memory they have about genocides taking place around the world. For example, like the one in Palestine and the one in Congo. It brainwashes them, and turns them into heartless humans.” Without a doubt, we cannot forget about the activities that took place in between breaks in the committee. The Vice President shared amusingly “ We have done three marriages in 5 minutes, and we have done a gossip box that was beyond spectacular!”

Written and conducted by: Layla Al-Bukhari Yr 12



# NESMUN'24 Day 2

## ICC

Court is in session at ICC! President of ICC Abdallah Jalal talked to us about all the details of Day 2. When asked about any obstacles he has faced thus far, he remarked “No not at all, the delegates are really great, the staff and security are also awesome, so no challenges.” Further, when we asked Chair Salma Othman the same question, she explained “Challenges I’ve faced were mainly due to the advocates’ lack of experience and knowledge concerning the MUN, other than that it’s really interesting.” Additionally, she shared with us the exciting crisis set to take place “Yes we’re going to have a crisis where we bring Saddam Hussein, and start shooting.”

To get to know the chairs of ICC more closely we asked Chair Yasmine Tarazi why she feels fit for this position to which she shared; “Because I am dedicated to helping the delegates and advocates, and I want to ensure that they’re all putting their best efforts, and reaching their full potential.” Chair Salma Othman explained that her interest in this position stems from her personal passion, explaining “Because I have a extensive court experience, I’m really into court hearing, not to mention that I want to be a lawyer.”

Written and conducted by: Layla Al-Bukhari Yr 12



# Day 3: ECOSOC & HRC

The third and final day of NESMUN has arrived, we could not say goodbye without talking to our excellent chairing panels of ECOSOC and HRC.

When asked 'Which MUN day was your favorite and why?' Julie Zaidan, the president of ECOSOC stated: "the second day is by far my favourite because there were a lot of open and unmoderated debates which was incredibly fun" while Bisher Halawani, the chair, claimed that the second day was his favourite because: "there was plenty of amazing entertainment brought by wonderful sponsors and we had a lot of successful, informative and fruitful debate sessions. The delegates were all incredibly hard working."

Next, the president and chair were asked if they would participate in NESMUN again, they both very eagerly said yes. Julie stated: "I loved the organisation so much, the delegates have been so sweet and the chairs were beyond helpful."

Finally, when asked which part of the MUN was their favourite, Julie answered: "I really liked the entertainment part because we got to bond with the delegates which strengthened their relationships and allowed them to have better debates." while Bisher replied "Honestly, I loved the entertainment so much, all the staff, the security, the entire team had such a nice energy which made the delegates incredibly so therefore I was beyond happy and satisfied as well"

When also asked which day was her favourite, the president of HRC Bana Sakijhq replied: "The third day of course, it was very calm, productive and the delegates got everything they needed to do done." while Naya Karadsheh, the vice president answered: "Today, the delegates are understanding the topics more and are learning how to debate in a more precise way so they are doing way better than they were the first day."

When asked which part of NESMUN was her favourite, Bana stated: "Probably just seeing my delegates learning how to speak and debate well. They went from not even knowing what MUN was like, what it consisted of, and asking me if they should talk about human rights even though we're in the human rights council, to being able to stand up at the podium and deliver their points well."

To the same question, Naya replied: "The entertainment was incredibly amazing and very nicely organised so I loved that a lot."

When asked what they would do differently if they could repeat the experience again, both Bana and Naya answered that they would ask for a smaller room with less delegates or simply apply to a smaller committee as it is very hard to control a big crowd of delegates and even harder to get them to listen, but in the end, they both did so exceptionally and achieved their committee's goals.

Written and conducted by: Jenna Hammouri Yr 12

## Day 3:

# ICC

Case closed at ICC and the court was stronger than ever! As it is the final day, we wanted to know what made this year's ICC special; to which Chair Yasmine Tarazi shared: "I feel the way the committee was able to come together in such a short amount of time, the advocates were hesitant on the first day and we were unsure how to approach it but over the course of the last 3 days, we have developed a much closer relationship in the committee."

ICC featured 2 cases: firstly "Saddam Hussien v.s State" and secondly "Tom Duddley v.s State". Being cases surrounded with much controversy and debate, it is hard to choose which one was more enthralling so we had our Chair tell us which one she prefers, she shared: "we just started with the first case with thomas duddely but I think this case is going smoother because the advocates have learned how to navigate the case better."

With every success comes challenges and retrospections. Inquiring on what our chair believes she would change if she could do it all over again she explained: "I would change the way we selected the cases as the first case with Saddam Hussien was a very tough and realistic one. We could have helped the delegates ease into it better so that they could then tackle cases such as the first one."

She enthusiastically shared that NESMUN24' has been an unforgettable experience and she would definitely participate next NESMUN.

Written and conducted by: Dahlia Al-Basheer Yr 13



Day 3:

# SECURITY COUNCIL

Marking the last and final day of NESMUN24 we have interviewed our security council's chair panel in order to receive feedback on their experience.

Starting with the chair Karam Abu Saif, we asked him what MUN day was his favorite and why, to which he replied:

"Honestly, my favourite day was the first day because we were all starting to get to know each other, and it was nice meeting new people."

Which was a really thoughtful comment as well as his eagerness to join the next NESMUN. As for his favorite part of the MUN, he said:

"This was my first experience as a chair so I found it really empowering to give orders and commands."



His only regret was the fact that he "did not engage with other committees enough" Similarly, the president of SC Rushdi Shawwa, expressed to us his excitement to participate in next year's NESMUN. In addition to his favorite moment of the MUN, which was:

"The war and the heated debates"

Rushdi only wished to meet up with his team before commencing, in order to understand each other better and communicate easier."

Thus, ending this day with great feedback from the security council's chairing panel.



## Day 3:

# UNOOSA

With the final debate session at UNOOSA, we had the chance for one last interview with our president, we first asked her: Which day was your favorite and why?" To which she replied with: "I think the second day, the delegates actually began to showcase their personalities and skills which was really admirable to see."

Our second question inquired on whether the president would do anything differently if she were to repeat the experience. She responded after a moment of thought: "Nothing major, I think I should've pushed the delegates more than I already do. However, I don't see them really holding back so it's very minor." Her most preferable moment was the open debate she conducted since everyone was "incredible," it was refreshing to see "everyone passionately debating and expressing."

As for our vice president, her favorite moment was the entertainment, from karaoke to dancing, she immensely enjoyed the environment. She additionally agreed with the president in terms of the open debate being her most amusing moment since it was extremely "tense and heated."

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## ARAB LEAGUE

ذهبت لإنهاء المقابلات مع لجنة الجامعة العربية وطرحنا الأسئلة التالية

المذيع: أي يوم كان المفضل بالنسبة لك؟

أمير البستاني: اليوم الثاني كان رائعًا حيث أن جميع المشاركين اعتادوا على إجراءات المؤتمر بالإضافة إلى أن الأنشطة كانت ممتعة للغاية في ذلك اليوم بفضل فريق الترفيه.

المذيع: لو كررت هذه التجربة مرة أخرى، ما الذي ستفعله بشكل مختلف؟

أمير البستاني: لم تكن هذه التجربة سهلة بالتأكيد ولكنني كنت أتمنى لو تمكنت من الاتصال بالمندوبين مسبقًا لإعدادهم للمؤتمر.

المذيع: ما هو الجزء المفضل لديك من هذا النموذج للأمم المتحدة؟

أمير البستاني: في اليوم الثاني، خاض المندوبون نقاشًا حادًا وبدأوا يعرفون ما يجب عليهم فعله، لذا مراقبة تحسنهم كان الجزء المفضل لدي.

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CAFGI at NESMUN24' is coming to a close and what an exciting experience it has been! On the final day, we talked to our exceptional chairing panel one last time to discuss their final thoughts on all the moments that made CAFGI unique for this MUN. We first sat down with President Mohammad Al Lozi, where he shared his thoughts on the reason behind this year's committee being so special, he explained: "The delegates, of course, were so amazing. The chairing panel was outstanding. I had so much fun with everyone; from both the learning and the social aspect." The most memorable moment for him was: "When we taught the silent librarian how to write amendments, although she still made mistakes, she eventually learned how to execute it." Finally, we wanted to know what he believes he would do differently if given the opportunity again, to which he responded: "My committee was phenomenal but if I could, I would try going to Security Council or ICC, their debates always get heated."

As for Vice President Zaid Qadi, he concurs that what truly made this year's committee special is without a doubt the delegates: "they are so smart, so funny and I felt them become more confident as the sessions progressed." For him, he explained he would not change his assigned committee rather he wished it were larger in the number of delegates.

Without a doubt, we could not go without hearing the thoughts of Chair Zeena Sonokrot who had this to say about what made her committee one-of-a-kind: "My President and Vice President are very cooperative and kind. I never felt left out as a chair, so this made the experience for me and everyone else extremely smooth and comfortable." Additionally, she shared she would not change a thing about her experience as she thoroughly enjoyed being the Chair of CAFGI this year.

Day 3:

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY



As we approach the final day of NESMUN, we conducted our last interview on one of our largest committees; General Assembly. Starting off with our first question with our chair: “Which day was your favorite and why?” He responded with: “The first day was by far my favorite because during the second day we struggled quite a bit with the delegates, they weren’t really cooperating with us.” Our second question was: “Would you participate in NESMUN again?” Our chair answered with a yes, however he would rather chair for a smaller committee since he found it quite overwhelming with guiding and leading such a large number of delegates.

Moving on to our committee advisor, she claimed that her first day was her most favorite, due to the amount of “fun and bonding” they had with their committee, and the number of people she got to know. Additionally, she mentioned the fact that she has immensely enjoyed every part of the MUN, and that she would definitely participate in this conference again.

As for our president, she mentioned that similar to the first day she faced a couple of obstacles within the debate sessions. Yet, they all enjoyed and learned a lot from this experience.

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FIRST UP:

## ◆ SG: Zaid Khawaj

As we mark the beginning of NESMUN'24, we decided to interview the very pulse of this conference; our SG, Zaid Khawaj.

*With playing such a vital role within this MUN, we began with asking him the central question everyone remains curious about: "What motivated you to choose this role? Do you regret it?"*

**Zaid thought to himself for a moment and responded with: "I think what motivated me to choose this role would be the idea of leading a team, to recreate the conferences that I have been going to. With nearly 11 experiences, I have attained multiple and different perspectives of what an MUN should look like. Therefore, I wanted to uphold the NESMUN standard from last year, and lead an even better NESMUN."**

*With leading such a demanding event, of course an SG would face a myriad of barriers and hurdles, which led us to proceed with asking: "What inspired you to keep going through difficult obstacles?" he stated:*

**"I like to think that I am able to persevere through difficult times, I also wanted to ensure that the school doesn't regret choosing me as SG because I wanted to exceed their expectations and even the participants who visited the conference. Also, the fact that having such a huge team would help build such a conference, would make my friends and family proud."**

*Moving on to the next question: "How will you ensure that NESMUN'24 will be successful?"*

**"I will ensure that this MUN is successful by communicating with my team, this would prepare us for the many scenarios we can and will face. We trained our teams well, and additionally chose the correct people for the positions. This goes to the delegate and chairs as well by thoroughly interviewing them. We also implemented a communication system to secure seamless communication between team members of heads, deputies, and staff."**

*Lastly, we asked: "What advice would you give to someone who is aiming to reach your position?"*

**Zaid answered with: "Work hard for the position, it is not just about the number of experiences you have, it is about your leadership traits, your confidence, how you present yourself, your ideas, relations. In the end, experiences are just a number, you can have two people, one with ten experiences and the other with thirty, both know the basics of MUN, the difference is how each one of them would execute and guide a team throughout a conference"**



SECOND:

## ✦ DSG: MUHSEN WATHAIFI

As part of our newsletter, we decided to interview our deputy secretary general for this year's NESMUN, we were honored to be able to get a chance to ask him a couple of questions, pertaining to the reasons behind why he chose this role, and his plan for a successful MUN.

*First of all, we wanted to know what motivated our incredible DSG, in which he proudly answered:*

**“Mainly due to the fact that I have attended 18 MUNs, I think I deserve it”**

*Muhsen also provided us with the reason why he is still motivated, despite having faced many obstacles throughout his journey, confidently reporting that:*

**“I have worked too hard to let any obstacle stop me from achieving my goal, no matter how hard or serious it was”**

*Another glimpse of Muhsen's confidence and trust in the MUN that he had planned was evident in his response when asked how he will ensure the success of this MUN, he replied:*

**“It's already successful, we have put so much into this conference, from training, to balance between entertainment and debate, I think that we have ensured a well set MUN”**

*Finally, he gave us advice on how to reach our goals in general, in a similar manner as how he achieved his, by saying:*

**“It's very easy if you put your mind to it, as well as integrating your skills all the time, from leadership, patience, communication, make use of what you're good at.”**



THIRD:

## ◆ Head of conference: Majed Al Awwad

*With a private and exclusive interview with NESMUN's head of conference Majed Al Awwad, we have asked him a couple of questions concerning his role, and how he has achieved it.*

*Starting with the question we would all like to know: "What motivated you to become head of conference? Any regrets?" to which he replied enthusiastically:*

**"I guess it is because when I joined my first MUN I was introduced to this role and I really liked it, so I kept on going to more MUNs so I can be fit for this role, and of course I do not regret it."**

*Moving on we questioned him on the obstacles he faced, and what inspired him to keep on going, he stated that:*

**"It's because I love participating in MUNs and debating, the atmosphere always pushed me to be better and reach my potential, so any obstacle that happened with me I overcame it, because I love all of its aspects, and I was determined to be better."**

*He believes that the reason this MUN will be successful due to:*

**"The certain balance between the strictness and the entertainment which ensures a well organized yet amusing MUN"**

*Finally, his advice to the next head of conference is:*

**"Don't be afraid to speak up, be interactive in your debates, and hopefully you will be able to reach and fulfill this position."**



FOURTH:

## ✦ Deputy Head of Conference: Ghaith Khawaj

As the second day of NESMUN dawned upon us, the Deputy Head of Conference Ghaith Khawaj highlighted the experience that got him to the impressive position he is in now and the different committee chairing panels underscored their experience with their team and the exciting events that occurred through out the debate sessions.

*Ghaith Khawaj, when asked about what motivated him to choose the role of Deputy Head of Conference and if he regretted it, answered :*

***I have a passion for MUN and my brother, the SG is responsible for this conference. I wanted to show up and be there with him."***

*When faced with issues while preparing for the MUN, the Deputy Head elaborated that:*

***"I just kept remembering that in the end, it will inevitably be solved. We are all one team. We collaborate well with each other and are therefore able to face any problem that comes our way with ease"***

*With the remainder of this second day left, along with the finally day tomorrow, many things still needed to be done to ensure the full success of NESMUN, to enforce this, the deputy head stated:*

***"It depends on the problem that comes up but either way, I would try my hardest to remain calm and not get stressed and the solution will come to us as we go. In the end, this MUN is made to be a fruitful and enjoyable experience for all delegates involved and we, the secretariat team, would do anything needed to ensure that everyone leaves with a positive experience."***

*Finally, for those that wish to reach a similar position, the deputy head advises you to:*

***"Work hard, stay focused, always stay calm, discuss anything and everything with others while maintaining an open mind. Don't be afraid to ask questions and get the assistance you need, in the end it will all pay off."***



**“You made my last experience one of, if not the most, memorable and thrilling conferences I have attended. I hope you will leave this conference with something new, whether it was a skill you learned or a friend you made. Without further ado, I now announce NESMUN’24 closed!”**

**– Zaid Khawaj, SG**

