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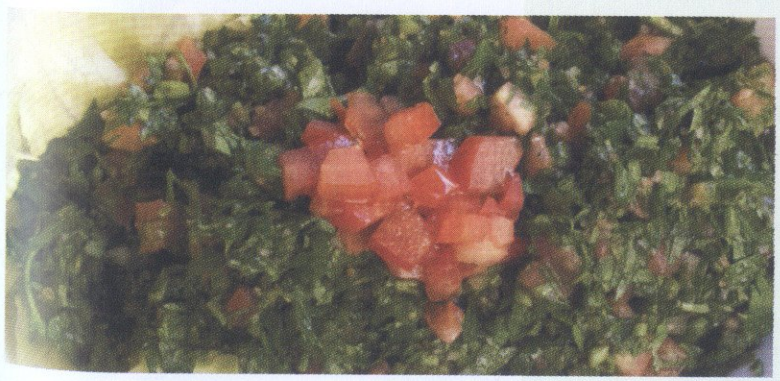
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> National Tabbouleh Day

There is probably no better symbol for Lebanon and its religious diversity than the tabbouleh salad. Reflecting the colors of the Lebanese flag: green, red and white, it only works if all the ingredients are there. Once completed, it is also impossible to take any ingredient out of the mix. Started in 2001, by two Lebanese expatriates, artist Ricardo Mbarkho and computer programmer Allam Sleiman, the National Tabbouleh Day was created to celebrate national unity in the aftermath of Lebanon's long civil war. Since history did not unite the Lebanese, perhaps food would!

Launched as a grass roots initiative, the celebration seemed to strike a chord with the people. Since then, National Tabbouleh Day is celebrated on the first Saturday of July. Lebanese around the world, unite around this mezze dish, to show their attachment to their country and its core values of conviviality and tolerance.

In 2007, the celebration was made official by the Ministry of Tourism.