



UMAM Documentation & Research was founded as an NGO in Beirut, Lebanon in 2004. UMAM believes that dealing with Lebanon’s violent past, crystallized in the 1975-1990 civil war, is fundamental to eliminating the spectre of renewed conflict that continues to haunt the country today. To this end, the organization has dedicated considerable resources to archiving Lebanon’s past—collecting, preserving, and publicly promoting a diverse range of historical evidence and artefacts. By creating and continually enriching a citizen resource center focused on Lebanon’s conflict-laden and war-loaded past and by utilizing a variety of tools (including cultural activities, technical workshops and targeted research), UMAM D&R helps boost collective reflection on the many different instances of conflict and violence that have plagued Lebanon’s past, weigh heavily on its present and have the potential to influence its future.