

# Chaker Khazaal Gives the World's First Silent Keynote Speech

*Author Gives Keynote Speech Without Speaking*

CAIRO, CAIRO, EGYPT, November 12, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Award winning author and public speaker Chaker Khazaal delivered what could be the world's first silent keynote speech during the Startups Without Borders summit at the American University of Cairo on Friday.

Khazaal surprised the summit's guests by appearing on stage with duct tape covering his mouth. He proceeded to wordlessly communicate with the room on a big-screen projection of his iPhone using the communication apps WhatsApp and Facebook, while the audience was invited to interact with Khazaal through photo comments on his official facebook page.



Chaker Khazaal, by CairoScene

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Hundreds of questions poured in, with silence filling in the room where almost a thousand people were in attendance. The biggest question of the night, however, was why the keynote speaker had opted to give his presentation using texts and emojis rather than voice and expression. Khazaal waited until the speech's conclusion to rip the duct tape off and provide clarity.

“While we are a lucky generation to have access to all this cool stuff and communication gadgets, human interaction remains to be a vital element of communication,” Khazaal said. “And while our generation embraces the technology

we are creating and using, we should not forget the human element needed for any entrepreneur, artist, etcetera. To talk, to feel, to be present.”

He also spoke about his journey from growing up in a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, to becoming a Canadian citizen and an award-winning author. Other questions asked during the presentation were focused on advice for prospective writers hoping to get their own writing published.

Khazaal has published four books, including the Confessions of a War Child trilogy and best-selling novel Tale of Tala, the latter of which is about a Palestinian prostitute in Slovenia. He's currently authoring his fifth novel, Life Dice, which will be an interactive book with various endings based on the reader's roll of the dice. The interactive story-app is being developed by

the Numbase Group, and is set to be released in the Summer of 2020.

Although Khazaal has been an active public figure for years, this is the first time he's given a presentation of this variety. He's appeared worldwide to speak at various esteemed venues, including the United Nations. His talks are often focused on issues related to youth empowerment, refugees, and entrepreneurship.

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