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Loaded Hummus

INGREDIENTS

METHOD

- 1kg Hummus spread
- 1 can cooked whole chickpeas
- 1/2 cup sliced pickle
- 1/2 cup red pickle turnips
- 1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- Lebanese bread

- 1. Spread the hummus on a platter
- 2. Scatter the 2 pickle types, tomatoes and parsley over the hummus.
- 3. Drain and wash the chickpeas and scatter over the platter.
- Finish off by drizzling the olive oil all over the platter and enjoy by scooping up with Lebanese bread.



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INGREDIENTS

- I kg chicken breast
- 1 cup basmati rice
- 2 onions
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tbsp Lebanese 7 spices
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- A few bay leaves
- A handful of sliced almonds



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METHOD

- 1.Soak the rice in water for an hour.
- 2.Sear the chicken by frying it in some ghee or oil then place in a 6lt pot of boiling water, add one whole peeled onion, bayleaves, cinnamon stick and salt&peper and let simmer gently for an hour.
- 3.In a deep pan place a spoonful of ghee, chop the onion and crush the garlic, add to pan and sauté, when softened add the 7 spices and toast.
- 4.Drain the rice, wash well then add to the sautéed spice mixture, add S&P mix well then add the stock from the chicken pot to the rice so that the rice is covered plus 1 inch more liquid. Bring to the boil and then let simmer until all the water is dissolved. Give the rice a gentle mix then leave lid on to further cook with the steam in it. After 20mins plate up the rice in serving ware.
- 5.Pull apart the the chicken flesh into chunks and scatter all over the rice.
- 6.Toast the almonds and then use them as garnish over the chicken. You can also use extra garnish like pomegranate pearls and chopped parsley.
- 7.Enjoy with a side of Laban or tabouli.



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