



The nomination of a new cabinet was announced today. The 30-members and their portfolios are:

Position	Name	Confession	Political Affiliation	Note
Prime Minister	Najib Mikati	Sunni	Independent	
Deputy Prime Minister	Samir Mokbel	GO	President of Republic	
Defense	Fayez Ghosn	GO	Change & Reform Marada	
Foreign Affairs	Adnan Mansour	Shia	Amal movement	
Interior	Marwan Charbel	Maronite	FPM & President of Republic	
Justice	Shakib Kortbawi	Maronite	Change & Reform FPM	
Telecoms	Nicolas Sehnaoui	Catholic	Change & Reform FPM	
Education	Hassan Diab	Sunni	Prime Minister	
Information	Waleed Daouk	Sunni	Prime Minister	
Economy	Nicolas Nahhas	GO	Prime Minister	
Finance	Mohammad Safadi	Sunni	Prime Minister	Moved from Economy
Public Works	Ghazi Aridi	Druze	National Struggle Front PSP	Reappointed
Health	Ali Hassan Khalil	Shia	Amal Movement	
Social Affairs	Wael Bou Faour	Druze	National Struggle Front PSP	Moved from State
Energy	Gebran Bassil	Maronite	Change & Reform FPM	Reappointed
Agriculture	Hussein Hassan	Shia	Hezbollah	Reappointed
Labor	Charbel Nahhas	GC	Change & Reform FPM	Moved from Telecoms
Tourism	Fadi Abboud	Maronite	Change & Reform FPM	Reappointed
Environment	Nazem Khoury	Maronite	President of Republic	
Industry	Freij Sabounjian	AO	Change & Reform Tachnak	
Culture	Gaby Layoun	GO	Change and Reform FPM	
Youth & Sports	Faisal Karami	Sunni	Sunni opposition	
Displaced	Ali Terro	Sunni	National Struggle Front PSP	
OMSAR	Mohammad Fneich	Shia	Hezb	Reappointed
Parliamentary Affairs	Nicolas Fatouch	Catholic	Independent	
State	Ali Kanso	Shia	SSNP	
State	Talal Arslan	Druze	Democratic Party	
State	Salim Karam	Maronite	Change & Reform Marada	
State	Ahmad Karame	Sunni	Prime Minister	
State	Panos Manajian	AO	Change & Reform Tachnak	

Composition

It is noteworthy that there are no women in the proposed cabinet.

Five Ministers are reappointed to their previous positions. Two Ministers have moved portfolios. While a number of the new members of the cabinet have held ministerial positions in previous cabinets, this cabinet includes a high proportion of new members.

Media reports indicate that Talal Arslan has already declined his participation in the Cabinet.

Next Steps

In line with the Constitution, (Article 64.2), the proposed Cabinet now has 30 days to prepare and present its proposed Policy Statement to the Chamber of Deputies. If the Policy Statement gains the approval of a majority of the 128 Deputies, the Government will be formed. If not, then the Prime Minister may choose to resign, or may seek to nominate a new Cabinet, or may seek to nominate the same Cabinet but propose a new Policy Statement.