

LEBANON

Capital: Beirut

GEODATA

Area

10,452 km²

Population

4.2 million (1999)

Population growth rate

0.6% (1999)

Major languages

Arabic (official), French, English

Major religious groups

Shiite Muslim (32%), Maronite Christian (24%),
Sunni Muslim (21%), Druze Muslim (7%), other (16%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Democratic institutions

Unicameral national assembly

Leaders

President Emile Lahoud

Prime Minister Salim Hoss

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Salim Hoss

UN Human Development Index (1999)

Lebanon ranks 69th among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$16.2 billion US (1999 est.)

GDP growth rate

3.5% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita

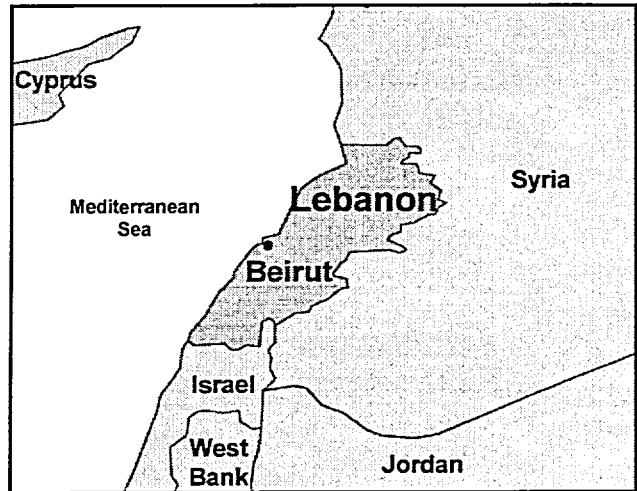
\$5,148 US (1999 est.)

Inflation rate

9% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate

4.8% (1999 est.)



Main exports

Agricultural products, chemicals, textiles, metal and metal products, electrical equipment, jewelry, paper and paper products

Main imports

Consumer goods, machinery, transport equipment, petroleum products, textiles

Main exports to Canada

\$15.3 million (1999), including cement, nuts, seeds, olive oil, cotton, vegetables and other food products

Main imports from Canada

\$46.2 million (1999), including wheat, motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, seeds, wood products

Canadian official development assistance

\$2.2 million (1998-99)

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