

Emile Lahoud

President of Lebanon

Born in Beirut on Jan. 12, 1936, Emile Lahoud joined the Military Academy in 1956. He continued his education at the Naval Engineering Academy in the United Kingdom from 1958 to 1960.

A career officer, Mr. Lahoud rose through the ranks and served as commander of the armed forces from 1989 to 1998. During that period, Mr. Lahoud rebuilt the Lebanese army which had been decimated by the civil war of 1975–1990.

Mr. Lahoud was elected President of Lebanon in 1998.

Mr. Lahoud is married and has three children.