

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2025

Statement on the Election of Joseph Aoun as President of Lebanon
January 9, 2025

Today the Speaker of Lebanon's Parliament convened a session of Parliament to elect Lebanon's next President, and an overwhelming majority of Lebanon's Parliament voted in favor of Joseph Aoun. I congratulate him on his election as President of Lebanon.

President Aoun's election comes just 6 weeks after the United States secured an end to the hostilities between Hezbollah and Israel. Now, President Aoun will provide critical leadership as Lebanon and Israel fully implement that cessation of hostilities and as hundreds of thousands of people return to their homes and Lebanon recovers and rebuilds. President Aoun has my confidence. I believe strongly he is the right leader for this time.

For more than 2 years, the Lebanese people have suffered, not only from a devastating war and continuing financial crisis, but also from the absence of national leadership. Now, through their elected parliamentarians, the people of Lebanon have exercised their democratic right to choose their own future. They have chosen a path aligned with peace, security, sovereignty, and reconstruction, in partnership with the international community. And the United States will support them as they walk that path.

NOTE: The statement referred to Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri of Lebanon.

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