

Hezbollah's bid for power in Lebanon

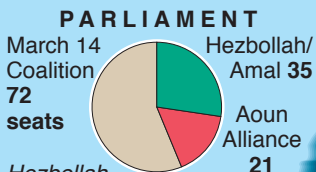
The stability of Lebanon's government is under threat as Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah attempts to cash in on his "divine victory" in the war with Israel. Hezbollah is demanding eight seats in a national unity Cabinet – enough to veto any decisions or bring down the government



Future Movement
Saad Hariri, above
Sunni/Christian
11 seats

Gornet Shawan / Phalange
Christian
2 seats

National unity Cabinet:
Likely to include pro-Syrian
Free Patriotic Movement of
General Michel Aoun (Christian) –
but anti-Syrian bloc insist not at
their expense



Hezbollah
has called for
new elections



Israel: Influence of
Hezbollah expected
to lead to further
conflict in 2007

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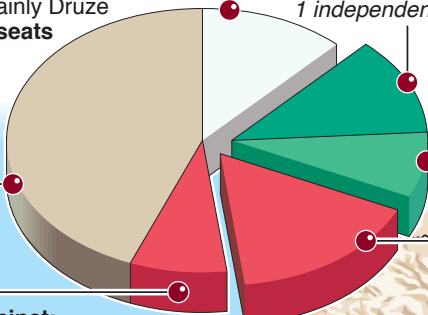
ANTI-SYRIAN
"MARCH 14 COALITION"
Progressive Socialist
Mainly Druze
3 seats

PRO-SYRIAN
Hezbollah
Shia 3 seats
1 independent



Amal
Shia 2 seats

Pro-Lahoud
Christian
4 seats



Syria: Likely to use
Hezbollah to block
Lebanese co-operation
with tribunal on murder
of former PM Rafik Hariri