

Lebanon's president

General Michel Suleiman has been formally nominated for Lebanon's presidency with the backing of the majority coalition in parliament



MICHEL SULEIMAN

- ▶ **Born:** Nov 1, 1948, in Amchit, to Maronite Catholic family
- ▶ **1998:** Syrian-sponsored appointment as Army Commander
- ▶ **2005:** Refused to use military to end street demonstrations of **Cedar Revolution** – forcing Syria to withdraw its troops – following assassination of former Prime Minister **Rafik Hariri**
- ▶ **2006:** Distanced Army from **Hezbollah** during 34-day war with Israel – subsequently deployed military to re-establish Lebanese sovereignty in south of country
- ▶ **Jan 2007:** Imposed curfew to quell Sunni-Shiite clashes in Beirut
- ▶ **Jun-Sep:** Won widespread praise for tackling and eventually defeating **Fatah al-Islam** militants in siege of Nahr al-Bared refugee camp