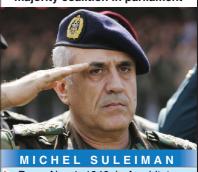
Lebanon's president

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



- ► 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

end street demonstrations of *Ceda Revolution* – forcing Syria to

withdraw its troops – following

Minister *Rafik Hariri*> 2006: Distanced Army from *Hezbollah* during 34-day war with

assassination of former Prime

- Hezbollah during 34-day war wit 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

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Nahr al-Bared refugee camp