Lebanon's presidential timebomb

With pro-Syrian President Emile Lahoud's term due to expire Nov 23, the 60-day countdown to appointing a successor begins when Parliament reconvenes Tuesday. Failure to find a suitable candidate could lead to a power vacuum, with Lahoud threatening to appoint a rival government

Mainly Sunni Muslim party Druze

Christian

PRO-SYRIAN OPPOSITION 62 seats

GOVERNMENT COALITION 65 seats

Future Movement 36 Supports Prime Minister

Fouad Saniora. Wants to replace Lahoud with anti-Syrian candidate. Will assume executive powers if no candidate found _

Amal 15: Led by Speaker *Nabih Berri*. Has called for consensus candidate - giving opposition more leverage to win veto power in Cabinet



Tripoli bloc 3



Democratic Gathering 15. Led by Druze chief Walid Jumblatt

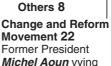
> Lebanese Forces 6 Led by former warlord Samir Geagea Kataeb 2: Antoine

> **Ghanem** murdered Others 3

Hezbollah 14 Led by fiery cleric Hassan Nasrallah



Baath Party 1 Syrian National Party 2



Michel Aoun vvina for second term



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: Requires two-thirds of vote in Parliament. However, Opposition insists at least two thirds of total MPs are required to vote while ruling coalition says only a simple majority must attend session