

Hezbollah man named new Lebanese leader

The chosen candidate of Shia group Hezbollah and its allies, Najib Mikati, has been named as the new Prime Minister of Lebanon. Harvard-educated Mikati is known to have close ties to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad



Saad Hariri, 40: Prime Minister since 2009. Hariri's government toppled by Hezbollah-led **March 8 Alliance** in bid to block UN investigation into assassination of former Prime Minister **Rafik Hariri**

Najib Mikati, 55: Billionaire telecoms tycoon and former PM. Was staunch ally of Hariri during 2009 elections



Saad Hariri supporters
March 14 Alliance, including Sunni **Future Movement** and remnants of Druze-dominated **Progressive Socialist Party**
60

65 votes
needed to form
government

Najib Mikati supporters:
Shia **Hezbollah**, **March 8**, Maronite Christian **Michel Aoun's Free Patriotic Movement** and Druze leader **Walid Jumblatt's** newly-formed **National Struggle Front**
68

128-seat
Chamber of
Deputies