

# Lebanon election amid national crisis

Voters go to the polls at a time of economic crisis, political stagnation and disaffection among Lebanon's one-third Sunni population



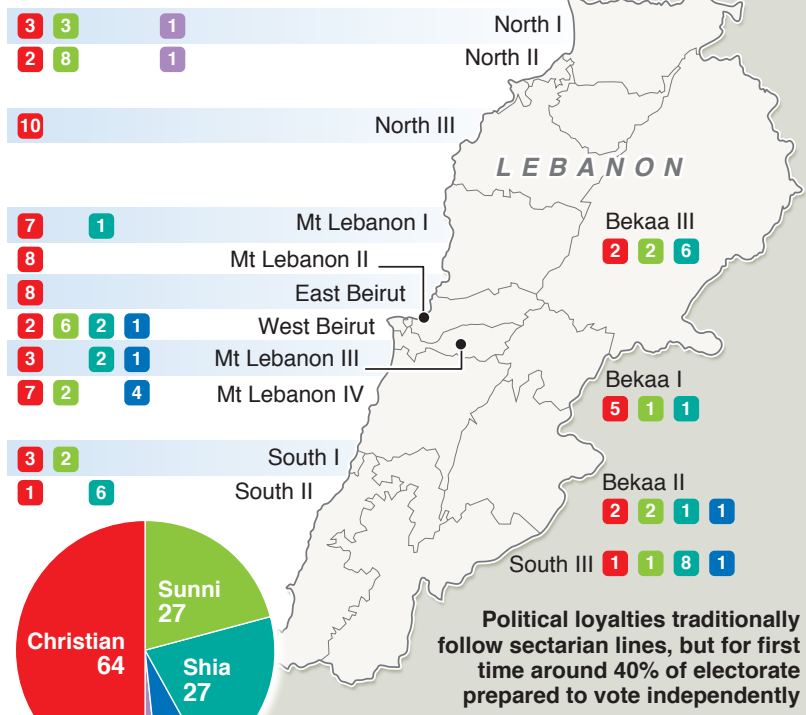
## ◀ Saad Hariri (*Future Movement*)

Former prime minister has withdrawn from election, along with his Sunni party candidates

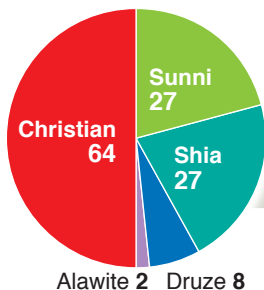


**Hassan Nasrallah (*Hezbollah*)** ▶  
Iran-backed Shia group and allies most likely to gain – could secure two-thirds majority of 128 seat parliament

## Distribution of seats in each constituency



Political loyalties traditionally follow sectarian lines, but for first time around 40% of electorate prepared to vote independently



Major offices of government allocated by religion

**President**

Maronite Christian

**Prime Minister**

Sunni

**Speaker**

Shia