

A Conversation with Samir Geagea:

How to End Lebanon's Cycle of War and Build a Sovereign State

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Brief Analysis

Join us for a special webcast on Lebanon; watch live starting at 12:00 p.m. EDT (1600 GMT) on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Three months after the signing of the Lebanon-Israel framework agreement, progress toward implementing that breakthrough deal has slowed. But hope remains that, with American support, the opportunity will not be lost to disarm and dismantle Hezbollah, extend Lebanese government sovereignty throughout the entire country,

and finally end decades of conflict between the two nations.

To discuss how to take advantage of the opportunity to secure a hopeful future for Lebanon, The Washington Institute is pleased to announce a virtual conversation with Samir Geagea. An outspoken critic of Hezbollah and Iran's interference in his country, he is the leader of the predominantly Christian "Lebanese Forces" party, which has the largest contingent in parliament.

Also participating in the conversation will be:

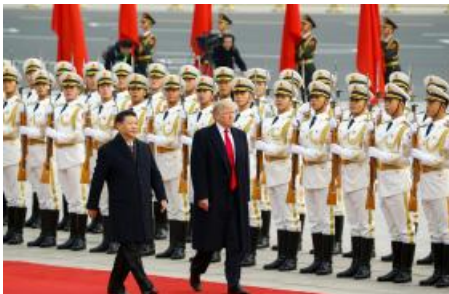
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