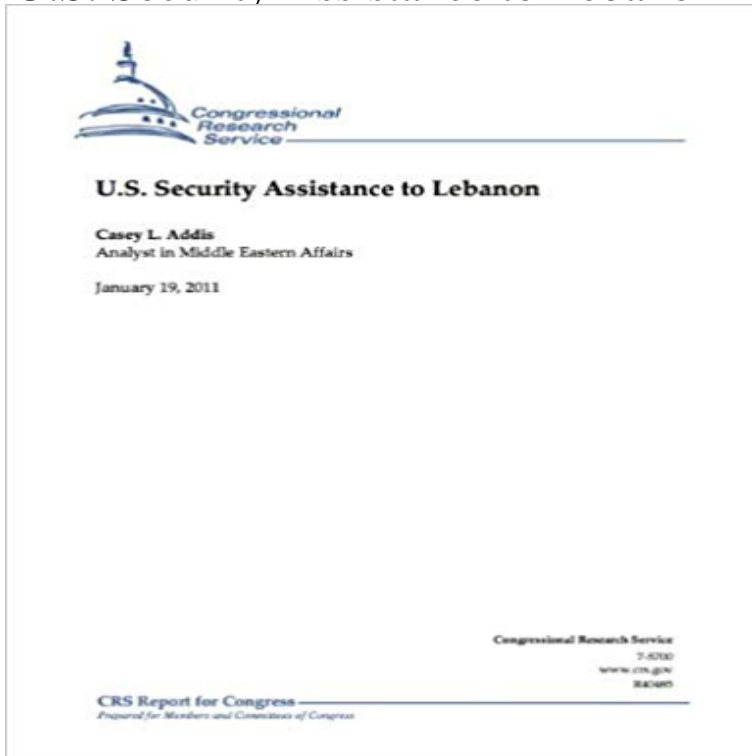


# U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon



The United States has provided security assistance to Lebanon in various forms since the 1980s, and the program has expanded considerably in recent years. Since fiscal year 2007, the United States has provided more than \$700 million in security assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and Internal Security Forces (ISF) to equip those forces to combat terrorism and secure Lebanon's borders against weapons smuggling to Hezbollah and other armed groups. U.S. security assistance is part of a broader assistance program designed to foster a stable, independent Lebanese government. Primary components of the assistance program include: More than \$490 million in Foreign Military Financing (FMF) designed to support the LAF's implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions. More than \$6 million in International Military and Education Training (IMET) training to reduce sectarianism in the LAF and develop the force as a unifying national institution. More than \$117 million in Section 1206 funds to move rapidly vehicle spare parts, ammunition, and other basic supplies to the LAF. More than \$100 million in support for the ISF for training, equipment and vehicles, community policing assistance, and communications. In 2005, after the Cedar Revolution in Lebanon prompted Syria to withdraw its occupation force and brought an anti-Syrian, pro-Western government to power, the United States increased its assistance to Lebanon. After the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah, the United States refocused its policy toward building state security forces to enable them to assert control over the entire territory of the country and implement U.N. Security Council resolutions. To that end, the Bush Administration requested and Congress appropriated an expanded program of security assistance. The Obama

Administration has maintained this commitment, requesting for FY2011 more than \$132 million for the LAF and ISF. For Congress, there are broader political questions about the purpose and potential limits of U.S. assistance to Lebanon. Some lawmakers are concerned that U.S.-provided equipment will be channeled to Hezbollah, while others suggest that it could be used by the LAF against Israel. At the same time, U.S. leaders and some members of Congress have questioned whether U.S. policy fully considers the political position of the Lebanese and their elected leaders on issues of national defense. On August 3, 2010, the LAF opened fire on an Israeli Defense Force (IDF) unit engaged in routine maintenance along the Blue Line, alleging that it had crossed into Lebanese territory. Two Lebanese soldiers, a journalist, and an Israeli officer were killed. In response, Representative Nita Lowey placed a hold on the FY2010 \$100 million FMF appropriation for Lebanon citing the need to determine whether equipment that the United States provided to the Lebanese Armed Forces was used against our ally, Israel. The hold was lifted in November after consultations with the State Department. On January 13, 2011, Hezbollah and its opposition allies withdrew from the Lebanese government, forcing its collapse. It is unclear how these developments will impact congressional consideration of the Administration's FY2011 request for Lebanon. See also CRS Report R40054, Lebanon: Background and U.S. Relations, by Casey L. Addis.

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**US Security Assistance to Lebanon -** U.S. aid to Lebanon has always been a key component of U.S. strategy for the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), to concern for Israeli security, **U.S. Aid to Lebanon, a Delicate Balance - International Policy Digest** **U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon - Digital Library - UNT Digital** Security Assistance: Evaluations Needed to Determine Effectiveness of U.S. Aid to Lebanon's Security Forces. GAO-13-289: Published: Mar 19, **U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon - Google Books Result** U.S. support comprises approximately 75% of all international security assistance to Lebanon. Section 1206 Military Assistance: The United **Lebanon: Security Assistance - US Department of State Archive** Select U.S. Assistance Funding for Lebanon-Related Programs . . . thousands of rockets into Israel, killing 163 Israelis.<sup>6</sup> U.N. Security Council **US Military Assistance to Lebanon: Equipping LAF Not Transforming** The U.S. Army Security Assistance Command delivered more than \$50 million worth of weapons and military equipment to Lebanon to support **Lebanon** U.S. security assistance also supports the LAF's mission to implement UN Security Council Resolutions 15. U.S. support comprises **Lebanon Security Assistance Monitor** The United States recognizes the important role the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) play as Lebanon's sole legitimate defense force. We value **Security enterprise gives military aid to Lebanon Article** **The Keeping the Peace in Lebanon - Lawfare** The mood in Congress is definitely much more positive than years ago regarding the security assistance to Lebanon, said Joseph Gebeily, **U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon - Kindle edition by Casey L** U.S. CT security assistance should devote more programming, .. Needed to Determine Effectiveness of U.S. Aid to Lebanon's Security Forces, **The U.S. foreign-aid budget, visualized - The Washington Post** Johnson reaffirmed the United States' steadfast support of Lebanon and discussed the ongoing US\$60 million [Lebanese] Internal Security Forces (ISF) **Lebanon Again Top Recipient of U.S. Training in 2012** **Security** The United States has provided security assistance to Lebanon in various forms since the 1980s, and the program has expanded considerably in recent years. **US and Lebanon discuss security assistance - Middle East** The top recipients of U.S. training in 2012 Lebanon and the Gulf States: the U.S. to help it face the challenges posed by the Syrian civil war, **US Security Assistance to Lebanon - Defense Technical Information** U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon. -name redacted-. Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs. January 19, 2011. Congressional Research Service. 7-. . **US Security Assistance to Lebanon - Defense Technical Information** U.S. military personnel present 7 (2015). Lebanon at a glance. Military & Police Aid Humanitarian & Development Aid \$110,000,000 (2017). Arms Sales **GAO-13-289 Highlights, SECURITY ASSISTANCE: Evaluations** U.S. foreign assistance will build the capacity of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Internal Security Forces (ISF) to secure Lebanon's borders and **FACT SHEET: U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon** This report discusses key issues facing U.S. policy makers and Members of Congress when considering U.S. security assistance in the context of U.S. policy **US Security Assistance to Lebanon - Defense Technical Information** The US granted Lebanon limited economic assistance and military aid. . More broadly, the size and scope of US security assistance to Lebanon's military had **none** Political-Military-Administered Security Assistance Funds for Lebanon. **U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon - Lebanon** United States relations are bilateral relations between Lebanon and the United States Security assistance to both the LAF and the Internal Security Forces (ISF) increased significantly after the 2006 war, in order to support the **FACT SHEET: U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon** **The White House** SECURITY ASSISTANCE. Evaluations Needed to Determine Effectiveness of U.S. Aid to Lebanon's Security Forces. Why GAO Did This Study. **seeking \$234 million - Al-Monitor** U.S. Security Assistance to Lebanon. Casey L. Addis. Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs. September 1, 2010. Congressional Research Service. **Lebanon Reaps Windfall From Congress** **US News** Critics of U.S. security assistance to Lebanon have expressed concerns that the equipment provided could be mismanaged by the LAF or ISF or that it could fall **Remodeling Partner Capacity** **Center for a New American Security** This report discusses key issues facing U.S. policy makers and Members of Congress when considering U.S. security assistance in the context of U.S. policy