

Elias Murr was born on 30 January 1962. He is a Lebanese politician who held a number of cabinet positions. From 2000 to 2005 he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior and the Municipalities. In 2009, he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister. From 2000 to 2004 he served as the President of the Arab Interior Minister Council, which coordinates internal security and crime fighting among Arab nations. In October 2013, Elias Murr was appointed as the President of the Board of the "Interpol Foundation for a safer world".

Education:

- 1982: Master degree in law.
- 1978 - 1981: Law degree
- 1970 - 1978: Collège du Léman – Geneva – Switzerland.

Appointments:

Chairman of the Board and President of the Interpol Foundation for a safer world (21 October 2013)

- Chairman of the National Committee On International Humanitarian Law According to the decree: No. 9 dated 27/04/2010.
- Member of the National Dialogue Committee dated 28/2/2010.
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense According to the decree: No. 3839 dated 09/10/2009 until 12/1/2011.
- Minister of National Defense According to the decree: No. 18 dated 11/07/2008, until 09/10/2009.
- Minister of the Interior and Municipalities (interim) According to the decree: No. 290 dated 13/09/2008.
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense According to the decrees: No. 14953 dated 19/07/2005, No. 14323 dated 19/04/2005, until 11/7/2008.
- Minister of the Interior and Municipalities (2000 - 2004). According to the decrees: No. 4336 dated 26/10/2000, No. 10057 dated 17/04/2003.until 26/10/2004.
- President of the Lebanese Interior Security Council (2000 - 2004).
- President of the Arab Interior Ministers Council (2002-2004).
- Minister of Foreign Affairs (interim) According to decree: No. 14361 dated 28/04/2005.

Minister of Defense (interim) (2000 - 2004).

- Attorney-at-Law – Beirut Bar (1982).
- Mayor of Btehrine – Mount Lebanon (1982 - 1996).
- Chairman of Group Murr, which deals in major activities through affiliate companies acting mainly into the financial field, real-estate, construction, properties development, tourism, public works, journalism and publishing.

Ministerial committees:

- Chairman of the ministerial committee to develop the educational sector on 22/04/2010.
- Vice President of the ministerial committee to study the draft law for petroleum resources in the water on 7/4/2010.
- Chairman of the committee to study the plans and tourism projects on 24/3/2010.
- Vice President of the ministerial committee in charge of setting up a mechanism for nomination in the administrative departments and public institutions on 11/03/2010.
- Vice President of the committee to develop and modernize the laws and regulations in force which would preserve the forest wealth on 13/01/2010.
- Chairman of the ministerial committee to study the Convention on judicial cooperation in criminal matters between Lebanon and France dated 23/06/2010.
- Vice President of the Committee to treat the spread of arms among citizens in all Lebanese regions, especially in the city of Beirut, and to find solution for this phenomena dated 25/08/2010.
- Chairman of the National Committee On International Humanitarian Law dated 21/06/2010.
- Chairman of the ministerial committee to study the draft structure of the Directorate General for Higher Education in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education dated 29/09/2010.
- Chairman of the ministerial committee to study the draft law to amend certain provisions for Legislative Decree No. 115 date 12/06/1959 (the establishment of the Central Inspection) dated 29/09/2010.
- Chairman of the ministerial committee to study the draft law aiming to regulate the Court of Accounts as of 29/09/2010.

Ministry of Interior and Municipalities:

- New Municipalities Act Project.
- New Administrative Decentralization Act Project.
- New Civil Defense Act Project.
- New Road Safety Act Project.

International cooperation:

- Cooperation convention on the security and civil defense levels with the states and international Organizations:
 - **Switzerland:**
 - Convention on the readmission of persons with unauthorized stays.
 - Convention on cooperation in the event of natural disaster, crisis or serious accident.
 - Cyprus:
 - Convention on the readmission of persons with unauthorized stays.
 - Convention on cooperation in combating organized crime and illicit use and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
 - **Austria:**
 - Cooperation in the police field.
 - Convention on the readmission of persons with unauthorized stays.
 - **Byelorussia:**
 - Cooperation Convention on crime prevention.
 - **Brazil:**
 - Convention on delinquent's extradition (preliminary phase).
 - Judicial Cooperation in repressive matters.
 - Judicial Cooperation in civil matters.
 - Cooperation in certain consular matters pertaining human aspects.
 - **Ukraine:**
 - Convention on the readmission of persons with unauthorized stays.
 - **Cuba:**

- Convention on cooperation in combating organized crime and illicit use and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- **Saudi Arabia:**
 - Convention on delinquent's extradition.
- **France:**
 - Convention pertaining the financing of the military trainees.
 - Cooperation in the Field of Defense.
 - The conditions of the French participation in the direction of Senior Trainers in the Humanitarian Demining for the Lebanese Armed Forces.
 - Launching positions and Milan Anti Tanks Missiles.
- **Bulgaria:**
 - Judicial Cooperation in repressive matters.
 - Cooperation in police matters.
 - Convention of delinquent's extradition (preliminary phase).
 - Convention to retrieve sentenced persons.
 - Convention on the readmission of persons with unauthorized stays.
- **Greece:**
 - Cooperation Convention on fight against crime, particularly terrorism, illicit drug trafficking and organized crime.
 - Convention on the readmission of persons residing illegally on the territory of their states.
 - Convention of delinquent's extradition (preliminary phase).
- **People's Republic of China:**
 - Cooperation in repressive matters.
 - Cooperation in fighting crime.
- **Romania:**
 - Convention on the readmission of their own national and aliens.
 - Convention on cooperation in combating organized crime and illicit use and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
 - Convention for the mutual recognition of driving licenses.
- **Italy:**
 - Cooperation in family matters. (Preliminary phase).
 - Convention on cooperation in combating organized crime.
- **Morocco:**

- Convention for the mutual recognition of driving licenses.
- **Jordan:**
 - A bilateral cooperation agreement in the field of civil protection and rescue.
 - Convention on cooperation in combating illicit use and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- **Russia:**
 - Agreement to avoid the occurrence of crime and to protect the public system order.
 - Convention to combat Financial Crimes.
- **United States Of America:**
 - Memorandum of understanding on the status of the UNTSO.
 - An Agreement between the Lebanese Republic and the United States of America on the elimination of weapons of mass destruction over sea.
 - Convention related to the acquisition and exchange of gear, equipment and services, with the Ministry of Defense of the United States of America, for the implementation of logistic cooperation between the two countries.
 - Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LAO) LE – B – WAD
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 - Office of Defense Cooperation Beirut - Lebanon
- **United Nations:**
 - Join the UN Agreement on fighting corruption.
 - Memorandum of understanding on relocation of UNIFIL'S international civilian personnel.
 - Memorandum of understanding on the status of the UNTSO.
 - Memorandum of understanding for the processing of cases of asylum seekers applying for refugee status with UNHCR office in Lebanon.
- **Cooperation Conventions on administrative development and human support:**
 - Memorandum of understanding signed on 28/8/2001 with the United States Agency for International development and the Center for Legislative Development at the State University of New-York – Albany. Within the frame of this convention the following concrete achievements have been performed:
 - The municipal guide.

- The citizen local guide.
- The rules of establishment and implementation of the municipal budget.
- The municipal budget plan.
- The computerization of the municipalities (internet and intranet).
- Convention signed on 30/4/2002 with the International Labor Organization represented by the ILO Regional office for Arab States Beirut-Lebanon, executing the International Program to protect working children and to combat and eliminate child labor.
- Memorandum of understanding signed on 20/3/2002 with the foreign and commonwealth office represented by the British Embassy in Beirut and the ILO to Train ISF and civil defense troops to battle against child labor and abuse in public places.
- Loan conventions between the Lebanese Republic and the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD):
 - Loan of 80 millions \$ for the first Municipal Infrastructure project.
 - Loan of 65 millions \$ for the Urban Transport Development project.
 - Loan of 93.5 millions \$ from the French Agency for Development, the French Cultural Ministry and the Italian Government (62 millions \$) and from the World Bank (31.5 millions \$), for cultural heritage and urban development project, in order to promote the economical development of 5 old cities: Tripoli, Byblos, Sidon, Tyr and Baalbeck, and to protect archeological sites in Lebanon.

The main achievements:

- **Ministry of National Defense:**
 - Cooperation Convention signed on 02/03/2005, with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the establishment of “Simulation Groups” in order to develop the higher military education in Lebanon.
 - Convention related to the acquisition and exchange of gear, equipment and services, with the Ministry of Defense of the United States of America, for the implementation of logistic cooperation between the two countries.

- Cooperation Convention with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs related to the terms and conditions governing the French participation in the development of self habilitation of military ranger's troops.
- Cooperation Convention with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the establishment of "JANUS SIMULATION" in order to develop the higher military education in Lebanon.
- Convention related to the technical arrangements between the United Nations temporary Forces in Lebanon and the Lebanese Army.
- Convention related to the Water Borders Surveillance made with the United Nations temporary Forces in Lebanon.
- Cooperation Convention between the French Army Force and the Lebanese Ministry of Defense.
- Military Technical Cooperation agreement between the Russian Federation and the Lebanese Republic.

The most important operational achievements carried out under the Ministry of Defense:

- Implementation of the UN resolution No /1701/ in all military, security and Logistic aspects.
- Deployment of 15000 soldiers from the Lebanese Army in South Lebanon (1701)
- Deployment of 10000 soldiers from the Lebanese Army along the Northern and Eastern Borders to prevent all kinds of illegal matters (1701)
- Participate and Help in the issuance of UN resolution No /1701/
- Fight against terrorism and annihilate the terrorist organization "Fatah Al-Islam" in "Nahr al-Bared Camp" in 2007
- **Honor Distinction:**
 - Officer of the National Cedar Legion.
- **Activities**
 - License of private Helicopter pilot.
 - License of private Airplane pilot.
 - License of seas navigation – yacht master.
 - License of scuba diving.
 - Alpine Skiing.

