

Lebanese War Factions Summary

The Lebanese Front الجبهة اللبنانية (1977)

Phalanges الكتائب / Regulatory Forces النظامية, (Pierre Gemayel)

National Liberation Party حزب الوطنيين الأحرار, / Tigers النَمُور (Camil Chamoun)

Al - Tanzim التنظيم, formerly **Movement of the Cedars حركة الأرز** (Adwan / Mahfouz / Zoueïn)

Guardians of the Cedar حراس الأرز, (Etien Sakr, Said Akl)

Marada, (Sleiman Franjeh)

Maroun Khoury Group, (in Dekwaneh) (حركة الشبيبة اللبنانية)

Free Army of Lebanon, (Colonel Antoine Barakat)

South Lebanon Army, (Saad Haddad and Antoine Lahd)

Tyous (in Ashrafieh)

Zahliotes جماعة زحلة

Shuraya (Assyrians)

Lebanese Forces - Executive Command القيادة التنفيذية - القوات اللبنانية (LFEC) (1986 - 1991), (Elie Hobeika)

Free Tigers النَمُور الحر, Elias Hannache

Hizb al - Tanzim حزب التنظيم, Georges Adwan

N.B.: **The Vanguard of the Maani Army (Movement of the Druze Jihad) – VMA (MDJ) طليعة جيش المعاني - حركة الجهاد الدرزي** (Fardi Hamadeh), a movement from the split of the Lebanese army, allied to the Front.

LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT (LNM) الحركة الوطنية اللبنانية (1973)

Formerly the **Front of National and Progressive Parties and Forces (FNPPF)**

جبهة الأحزاب والقوى التقدمية والوطنية

or "**Front for Progressive Parties and National Forces**" (FPPNF)

And known in the 80s as **The Lebanese National Resistance Front (LNRF)**

جَمُول المقاومة الوطنية اللبنانية aka **Jammoul**

And it was known as the Lebanese National Salvation Front between 1982 - 1985

Its military wing in the 70's was known as "The Common Forces" or more, "Joint Forces" القوات المشتركة

Amal (أمل) (Shiite) أفواج المقاومة اللبنانية

Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) (Druze) الحزب التقدمي الاشتراكي

Hezbollah - The Islamic Resistance in Lebanon حزب الله - المقاومة الإسلامية في لبنان (Shiite)

Arab Democratic Party (Ali Eid), Alawite الحزب العربي الديمقراطي

Syrian Social Nationalist Party (SSNP) (Greek Christians) الحزب السوري القومي الإجتماعي

Ba`th Party - Syrian Faction حزب البعث - القطر السوري; controlled as - Sa`iqa, a Palestinian faction.

Socialist Arab Lebanon Vanguard Party حزب طليعة لبنان العربي الاشتراكي, Lebanese regional branch of the **Ba`th Party - Iraqi Faction** حزب البعث - القطر العراقي; controlled the "Arab Liberation Front", a Palestinian faction. See below.

Lebanese Communist Party (LCP) الحرس الشعبي / الحزب الشيوعي اللبناني

Communist Action Organization in Lebanon (OACL) (1970) منظمة العمل الشيوعي في لبنان

Merger of the Organization of Lebanese Socialists* and Socialist Lebanon.**

* *Organization of Lebanese Socialists (OLS) منظمة الاشتراكيين اللبنانيين (1968) (Nayef Hawatmeh, Muhsin Ibrahim) is the former Arab Socialist Action Party – Lebanon (ASAP–L) حزب العمل (1969), the Lebanese section of the Arab Socialist Action Party حزب العمل (1967), the right (?) wing faction of the Arab Nationalist Movement (ANM) حركة (1951 - 1967) after its disintegration, one of its founders being Georges Habash. Habash founded said right (?) wing, which had 6 sections for 6 countries, and founded said Lebanese section. But with Hawatmeh and Ibrahim, the Lebanese section rebelled and became the OLS.*

Of note, the Palestinian section was the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine الجبهة الشعبية also founded by Habash in 1967, see below.

Hawatmeh was the leader of Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (later renamed as the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine) in 1969, splintering off the PFLP, see below.

Ibrahim became the General Secretary of OACL, and General Secretary of the LNM.

*** Socialist Lebanon was a small group of Marxist intellectuals.*

Revolutionary Communist Group التجمع الشيوعي الثوري

Arab Communist Organization منظمة الشيوعي العربي (1974)

Islamic Unification Movement (IUM) حركة التوحيد الإسلامي, * known by **Islamic Unity Movement** and by **Tawheed**, (Sheikh Said Shaaban), a 1982 splinter of the Lebanese Islamic Group (Sheikh Fathi Yakan**)

* *Not to be confused with Arab Unification Party حزب التوحيد العربي founded in 2006 by Wiam Wahhab. Khalil Akkawi and Kanaan Naji left the IUM to set up their own groups, the Mosques' Committee and the Islamic Committee. These latter two groups formed together with the IUM an umbrella organization, Al-Liqa' al-Islami. Of note, Islamic Jihad Organization (IJO) حركة الجهاد الإسلامي, (Jihad Mughniyyeh) is a pseudonym for a Hezbollah military faction, and not a Sunni faction; Other Shia groups included Jundallah (Soldiers of God), the Husayn Suicide Commandos and the Da3wah (Call) Party. But relation between all these Sunni and Shiite factions were excellent.*

** *Yakan will found in 2006 the Islamic Labor Front; he was also the grandfather and main ideologue of The Islamic Group الجماعة الإسلامية, founded in 1964 as the Lebanese branch of the Muslim Brotherhood الإخوان المسلمون.*

The Popular Nasserist Organization (PNO) التنظيم الشعبي الناصري / National Liberation Army جيش التحرير الوطني (1973) (Maarouf Saad)

Mourabitouns المرابطون, a Lebanese Nasserist Faction.

Nasserist Correctionist Movement (NCM) الحركة التصحيحية الناصرية

Sixth of February Movement (6th FM) حركة السادس من فبراير: minor Nasserist Movement

Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) (1975)

Kurdistan Workers' Party حزب العمال الكردستاني

Kurdish Democratic Party in Lebanon الحزب الديمقراطي الكردي في لبنان (1960)

Lebanese Movement in Support of Fatah الحركة اللبنانية لدعم فتح (1968)

Fatah فتح,* formerly the **Palestinian National Liberation Movement (1959) (Arafat).**

* *Do not confuse with Fatah – The Revolutionary Council aka Abu Nidal Organization (ANO) فتح see below. فتح الانتفاضة, Fatah Uprising (no major role in Lebanon), and (1974) - المجلس الثوري*

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) الجبهة الشعبية لتحرير فلسطين (1967) George Habash. It formed by a merger of the Arab Nationalist Movement - affiliated "Heroes of the Return" (أبطال العودة), the Young Avengers (المنتمون الشبان), and Palestinian Liberation Front (PLF) *جبهة التحرير الفلسطينية (1961 - 1967) (Ahmad Jibril). It will yield in 1967 - 1968 the PFLP - GC, DFLP (formerly PDFLP) and PPSF (PPSO), and in 1972 the PFLP - EO. PLF will be re-established in 1977 but by Abu Abbas who will splinter from Jibril's PFLP - GC. In 1983, PLF was divided into three: one group led by Abu Abbas supported Yasser Arafat, one group led by Abd ul-Fattah Ghanim supported Abu Musa (of Fatah uprising) and the third group led by Talat Yaqub sought to remain neutral in this conflict. The "PLF / Abu Nidal Ashqar wing" emerged in Lebanon from the latter group.

* *Not PLF as in Popular Liberation Forces (alias al Yarmouk), see below.*

Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions (LARF) الفصائل المسلحة الثورية اللبنانية (1979) (Georges Abdallah), from the break - up of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - External Operations (PFLP - EO).*

** Joint Lebanese / Palestinian radical guerrilla faction, upon the death of its leader and founder Wadie Haddad - also a founder of ANM, see above -, in March 1978 (the break-up also gave the PFLP - SC (Special Command)).*

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP - GC) الجبهة الشعبية لتحرير فلسطين - القيادة العامة (1968) (Ahmad Jibril), splintering off the PFLP.

Palestinian Popular Struggle Front (PPSF) جبهة النضال الشعبي الفلسطيني (1967), formerly **Palestinian Popular Struggle Organization (PPSO)**, splintering off the PFLP.

Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) الجبهة الديمقراطية لتحرير فلسطين, formerly **Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PDFLP) الجبهة الشعبية** (1968 - 1969) (Hawatmeh). In May-June 1969, the Palestinian Revolutionary Left League and the Palestine Popular Liberation Organization (قوات الدفاع الشعبي؟) merged into PDFLP. It will split in 91 and clash in Damascus well it will win, and in Left Bank where it will lose to its splinter, FIDA.

Palestinian Liberation Army جيش التحرير الفلسطيني (1968)

Included Ain Jalut عين جالوت (Egypt), Qadisiyyah القادسيّة (Iraq, transferred to Jordan where it will be controlled by Syria) and Hattin حطين (Syria) brigades, then there was the Yarmouk brigade for Syria as well, see below.

Popular Liberation Forces (PLF) لواء اليرموك قوات التحرير الشعبية aka **the Yarmouk brigade** were established by Syria within the framework of the PLA.

** Not PLF as in Palestinian Liberation Front, see above.*

Vanguard for the Popular Liberation War - Lightning Forces طلائع حرب التحرير الشعبية - قوات الصاعقة aka **Sa'iqā (Thunderbolt)** (1966) was a Palestinian faction controlled by Syrian Baath.

Arab Liberation Front (ALF) جبهة التحرير العربية (1969), was a Palestinian faction controlled by Iraqi Baath. A split in the organization, with a pro-Arafat / Oslo faction based inside the Occupied Palestinian Territories leaving the group to found the Palestinian Arab Front.

Fatah Uprising فتح الانتفاضة, also called 'Abu Musa Faction' (Abu Musa is Col. Said al - Muragha), officially referring to itself as the Palestinian National Liberation Movement - "Fatah" (حركة "فتح" (1983) التحرير الوطني الفلسطيني - "فتح")

Revolutionary Palestinian Communist Party الحزب الشيوعي الفلسطيني الثوري (1982)

Pasdarān (Iranian Revolutionary Guard) الحرس الثوري الإيراني