

EBANON



MAHA HARIRI

Title: Minister of education

Professional Achievements: After working as a public school teacher, the minister started founding the Hariri Foundation. Elected as MP in 1992, 1996, 2000, she has been appointed as the vice-president of the Commission for Women at the Inter-parliamentary Arab Union. Hariri was also appointed as goodwill ambassador by UNESCO. She heads the Islamic Organisation for Higher Education. In 2008, she was appointed the first education minister in Lebanon, working closely with schools and universities on improving teaching curricula in Lebanon.



LEILA SOLH HAMADÉ

Title: Vice President of Al Walid Bil Talal Foundation

Professional Achievements: Daughter of the former Prime Minister Riyad Al Solh and widow of former minister Sabri Hamadé, Leila Solh Hamadé is the vice president of Al Walid Bin Talal Foundation. The organisation cares for orphans and destitute people and works on rehabilitating schools, institutions and health centres all over Lebanon. She became the foundation's first female president in 2004.



RANDA BDEIR

Title: Head of Electronic Banking & Cards Services at Bank Audi

Professional Achievements: She was the first to introduce the Master Card and credit card concept to the Lebanese market. After this unrivalled success, she decided to issue new credit cards that target all classes as well as a special Internet credit card, the first in the world. She was honoured by Master Card International for her feat. When she decided to enter the Syrian market, 150,000 credit cards were distributed in Syria with the relevant ATM in 2003. Bdeir is the sole Arab female to be on the consultancy board of Visa International in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

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SHAMADI AL THANI

Title: CEO Amwal Company

Professional Achievements: Sheikha Al Thani was listed as one of the most 20 powerful women in the international financial and fiscal sectors by "The Financial Times" magazine.