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1. Introduction

Based on rankings obtained from World Audit, Lebanon's ranking as a democratic country has deteriorating significantly in the past year. Lebanon dropped from 89 to 119 in a range of 1 to 149. By comparison, Canada rates 9, which is considered a very high result. While Lebanon's 2001 ranking was similar to more progressive systems in the Middle East, including Kuwait at 74, Morocco at 85 and Jordan at 81, it has now joined the ranks of more authoritarian regimes, including Egypt at 115, United Arab Emirates at 119 and Syria at 130.

In the past year, political rights and civil liberties remained low at 6 and 5, respectively, out of a range of 1 to 7. However, the press freedom index deteriorated heavily, dropping from 61 to 119, in a range of 0 to 149. Lebanon, once considered the freest press in the Middle East, is now below Kuwait at 74, Morocco at 88 and Jordan at 91. Lebanon's press freedom index now resembles Egypt (124) and Syria (128).

As for economic freedom, Lebanon prouds itself for being a free capitalistic system. It ranks 88 in a range of 1 to 155. It is ahead of regional countries such as Syria (145) and Egypt (121), however it is significantly below United Arab Emirates at 23, Kuwait at 53 and Jordan at 45.

Overall, Lebanon's situation has deteriorated significantly and it ranks behind moderate countries in the region including Jordan and Morocco.

Topics	Range	Lebanon 2001	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Turkey	Morocco	Kuweit	UAE
<u>World Democracy Audit overall ranking</u>	1 - 149	89	119	9	130	81	115	95	85	74	119
<u>Political Rights</u>	1 - 7	6	6	1	7	5	6	4	5	4	6
<u>Civil Liberties</u>	1 - 7	5	5	1	7	5	6	5	5	5	5
<u>Press Freedom</u>	0 – 100	61	119	12	128	91	124	88	88	74	119
<u>Economic freedom</u>	1 – 155		88	15	145	45	121	105	76	53	23

2. Lebanon's health ranking compared to peer countries is fair

2.1. Basic Indicators

	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
Total Population	3496	30757	16189	4913	67884	62908	12627	(thousands)
Population under 5	335	1794	2239	761	8011	11195	2051	(thousands)
Population under 18	1295	7117	7845	2297	28663	32456	6645	(thousands)
Annual no. of births	68	344	484	166	1683	2788	456	(thousands)
GNI per Capita	3750	21050	990	1680	1490	100	480	(US\$)

Lebanon has a much higher GDP per capita than peer countries.

2.2. Mortality

	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
Infant mortality rate	28	6	24	28	37	117	73	(per 1,000 live births)
Under 5 mortality rate	32	6	29	34	43	174	117	(per 1,000 live births)
Annual no. of under 5 deaths	2	2	14	6	72	485	53	(thousands)

Lebanon's mortality rate for less than 5 years old is 6%, which is significantly higher than Canada.

2.3. Immunization

<i>% fully immunized (1-year-old children)</i>	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
DPT3	94	97	94	97	94	21	81	
Polio3	94	76	94	97	95	35	81	
Measles	88	96	97	94	95	27	79	
% of routine EPI vaccines financed by government	50	-	100	100	100	18	100	

Lebanon has a high rate of immunization, however only 50% is financed by the government.

2.4. Water & Sanitation

<i>% of population with access to safe water</i>	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
Water - total	100	100	80	96	97	24	83	
Water - Urban	100	100	94	100	99	81	100	
Water - Rural	100	99	64	84	96	12	73	
<i>% of population with adequate sanitation</i>	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
Sanitation - Total	99	100	90	99	98	12	62	
Sanitation - Urban	100	100	98	100	100	33	71	
Sanitation - Rural	87	99	81	98	96	7	57	

Lebanon has satisfactory rates of access to sanitary water.

2.5. Nutrition

	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
Infants with low birth weight (%):	6	6	6	10	10	12	10	

Lebanese infants are born with healthy weights.

2.6. Reproductive Health

	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
Total Fertility Rate	2.3	1.6	3.9	4.5	3.2	6.8	4.8	
Contraceptive Prevalence	63	75	46	57	56	8	54	

Lebanon has a healthy fertility rate, and reasonable access to contraceptive.

2.7. Education

	Lebanon	Canada	Syria	Jordan	Egypt	Ethiopia	Zimbabwe	
<i>Adult Literacy Rate</i>								
Male	92	-	88	95	67	44	96	
Female	80	-	60	84	44	33	90	
<i>Primary School Enrolment Ratio (Gross)</i>								
Male	113	103	98	93	103	52	111	
Female	113	103	98	93	103	52	111	
<i>Primary School Enrolment Ratio (Net)</i>								
Male	-	96	96	86	94	43	87	
Female	-	94	92	86	89	28	87	
<i>Primary School Enrolment Ratio (Gross)</i>								
Male	78	105	45	52	80	14	52	
Female	85	105	40	54	70	10	44	

Lebanon has a strong literacy rate, however it is lower for women. Also, it has an elevated high school drop out rate.

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