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Term	Definition
ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project
Blue Line	Demarcation line established by the United Nations in June 2000 to confirm Israel’s withdrawal from southern Lebanon. It extends approximately 120 kilometres from the Mediterranean Sea to the Shebaa Farms area and is used by UNIFIL as a reference for monitoring activities along the Lebanese and Israeli border.
Confessional system	Lebanon’s system of proportional power-sharing among religious communities, also called sectarian power-sharing, confessional democracy, or, in academic terms, consociational democracy
Domicide	Mass destruction of homes
DPAR	Directorate of Political Affairs and Refugees
HJC	High Judicial Council (Supreme Judicial Council)
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
ISF	Internal Security Forces (Lebanese National Police)
LAF	Lebanese Armed Forces
LF	Lebanese Forces: Christian political party in Lebanon that originated as a militia during the civil war (1975-1990) and is now a right-leaning party opposed to Syrian influence and Hezbollah
LGBTIQ	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer

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March 8 Alliance	Pro-Syrian/Iranian Lebanese political coalition led by Hezbollah
March 14 Alliance	Anti-Syrian Lebanese political coalition
Majlis al-nuwwab	Arabic term for the Lebanese parliament (Chamber of Deputies)
NACC	National Anti-Corruption Commission
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
PFLP GC	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command
PIJ	Palestinian Islamic Jihad
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
Shebaa Farms	Disputed territory at Lebanon–Syria–Israel border
Sabra	A neighbourhood in Beirut near the Shatila Palestinian refugee camp that became an informal extension of it after 1948 due to population displacement and informal housing.
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Taif Agreement	1989 accord that ended the Lebanese Civil War, revising the 1943 National Pact
UNIFIL	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

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