

# *Lebanese president leaves office amid mounting economic crisis*

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This comes as the country has been reeling from the deadly 2020 blast at the Beirut port and 2019's financial meltdown, which pushed over 80% of the population into poverty and prompted mass anti-government protests.

As one of his final acts as president last week, Michel Aoun signed a U.S.-brokered maritime border deal with Israel.

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