

# History of Lebanese State Borders Changes

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# To provide information's about Lebanese borders changes during several ages.

- During ottoman age (636-1918)
- During mount Lebanon mutessarifats (1861-1918)
- During French mandate (1920-1946)
- After independence (1946-till now)



## Lebanese borders during ottoman age

In 1516 the ottoman empire defeated the Mamelukes and took control of the region.

The Greater Syria state was formed, which included the Lebanese coasts and the mountains of Lebanon it also included Kuwait and Iraq and the lands of Jordan and Palestine.

During these years mount Lebanon and Syria enjoyed a great deal of autonomy and they had feudal structure and the emirate of mount Lebanon was established.

## During mount Lebanon mutessarifats

The Mount Lebanon Mutessarifat was one of the Ottoman Empire's subdivisions following the organizations reform. After 1861 there existed an autonomous Mount Lebanon with a Christian disposable, which had been created as a homeland for the Maronites under European diplomatic pressure following the 1860 massacres.



## During French mandate

In 1920 the league of nations grant the mandate for Lebanon and Syria to France after the ottoman empire lost in the world war 1 and at the beginning of the mandate no changes occurred to the borders and the Lebanese continued to demand the expansion of the borders because the lands of the mutasarrifiya were not livable due to the lack of resources and the lack of arable lands.



## French mandate(declaration of the state of greater Lebanon)

On September 1, 1920, general Gourou declared the state of greater Lebanon after the redrawing of the borders between the countries that were subject to the ottoman rule, including Syria and the mutessarifiat of mount Lebanon, declaring Beirut as its capital. The flag of the country was the merging of the flags of France and Lebanon together. On may 1923, 1926, the council of Representatives approved the constitution and proclaimed the establishment of the Lebanese republic.



## Lebanese borders after independence

Lebanon's independence was declared on November 22, 1946 after several wars and struggles to take over projects and ministries that were still subjected to French tutelage, and from 1946 until today, the Lebanese borders remained intact despite the wars and invasions that occurred after independence, such as Israel invasion, and Syrian invasion to the Lebanese territories.



## conclusion

At last we can say that the Lebanese borders went thru many changes during different periods of time. And it remained the same since declaration of the state of great Lebanon till now.



# Development of the Lebanese flag(1920-1946).

