

# Ms. Bahia Hariri Deputy in the Lebanese Parliament, 1992



**Bahia Hariri** is the President of the Hariri Foundation who is responsible for the education of at least 30,000 Lebanese students on educational grants in Lebanon and overseas. She is also President of the branches of the Hariri High School in Saida and Beirut, and attends to the educational and other needs of the people of the surrounding villages in southern Lebanon. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hariri foundation in Lebanon and in the United States of America and a member of the Board of Trustees of Beirut University College, and the remaining list of leadership tasks she performs goes on and on.

In our interview, she told us about her plans in Parliament. She insisted that the implementation of laws and reforms will have to be performed by parliamentary committees in which she intends to take an active part. She pointed out that up until now the war had reduced the state to an administrative unit but will now have to take matters into its own hands and attend to the many needs of the country. Therefore, the Parliament she has been elected to, will attend to the problems produced by the war and to structuring for a healthy post-war society. Hence, she noted the economic crisis which is the most urgent and imminent concern of the new state. She also noted her

dedication to working on resolving the problem of the displaced population in Lebanon which requires an immediate solution.

On the women's issues we asked her if she intended to push for reform and the emancipation of women. She explained that there are many laws that need to be reformed, whether we are talking about women or about the Lebanese people in general. She explained that Parliamentary committees will be responsible for protecting equal rights, human rights and the needs of the Lebanese people without discrimination of any kind •

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## Updating Information

In the last issue of *Al-Raida*, No 58, entitled *Women at the Earth Summit*, we reported that Ms. Nayla Moawad, appointed Deputy received the highest number of votes in the country totalling to 90,000. However, after the release of *Al-Raida*, the final and official count of votes revealed that Ms. Bahia Hariri received a higher number of votes totaling to 117,760. Therefore, we wish to bring note to the fact that it was Ms. Hariri that received the highest number of votes for the Parliamentary elections.