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Ziyad Baroud is the former Minister of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM) of the Republic of Lebanon between 2008 and 2011. Under his leadership, the MoIM was awarded the 2010 United Nations Public Service Award First Prize.

Prior to his appointment as Minister, Me. Baroud held a number of leading positions. He was the Chairperson, Special (governmental) Commission on Decentralization in 2013. In 2014, he was elected Secretary General of the Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections. In 2005, he was a Member of the Lebanese National Commission on Electoral Law. He has served as a Board Member of the Lebanese Chapter of Transparency International. He also sits on the Board of the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies and Notre-Dame University (NDU).

Me. Baroud has received several awards, including the "Grand Officier de l'Ordre National du Cèdre", "Grand Officier de L'Ordre National du Mérite de la République Française", the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) 2010 Manatt Democracy Award for his commitment to freedom and democracy, the "Officier de la Légion d'Honneur" by the French President Nicolas Sarkozy, the "Commandeur de Numéro de l'Ordre Civil du Mérite" by the King of Spain Juan Carlos I, and the "Order of the Star of Italy in the rank of Commander".

A court lawyer by practice, Managing Partner at HBD-T Law Firm and arbitrator, Me. Baroud held a number of academic posts as lecturer at Université Saint-Joseph and has a number of publications on subjects related to local governance, decentralization, human rights, and other political and legal issues. He also worked as Senior Advisor with Booz and Co. and is the consultant to various UN Agencies in Lebanon.

Born in 1970, Me. Baroud has a law degree from Université Saint-Joseph and pursued his doctoral studies in Paris.