
Major Leftist Militias in West Beirut

Group	Numbers	Heavy Weapons	Comments
Lebanese Arab Army	500	Artillery, rocket launchers	Muslims who broke from Christian-dominated Army during civil war . . . cooperated closely with Fatah . . . Israelis claim departing PLO handed over rocket launchers to them.
Communist Groups	1,000	Tanks, artillery, rocket launchers	Well organized . . . led by officers trained in USSR and East Europe . . . probably major threat to central government's authority.
Murabitun	1,000-2,000	Artillery, antiaircraft guns, rocket launchers	Sunni group . . . denies Israeli claim that departing PLO handed over some heavy equipment to them.
Progressive Socialist Party	250	Most weapons removed from Beirut in late 1981	Militia of Druze chief Walid Junblat . . . headquarters and most personnel in Shuf region south of Beirut.
Syrian Affiliated			
Syrian National Socialist Party	150-200	Probably artillery, antiaircraft guns, rocket launchers	Largely Greek Orthodox . . . strongly anti-Phalange.
Arab Democratic Party	150	Probably artillery, antiaircraft guns, rocket launchers	First appeared in mid-1981 . . . most are Syrian troops . . . many may have left with Syrian contingent in Beirut.
Syrian Ba'ath Party	400	Probably artillery, antiaircraft guns, rocket launchers	About 100 left with Syrian troops.
Other	1,000-2,000	Light artillery and mortars	Various smaller factions supported mostly by Libya, Iraq, Syria, and Palestinian factions.

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