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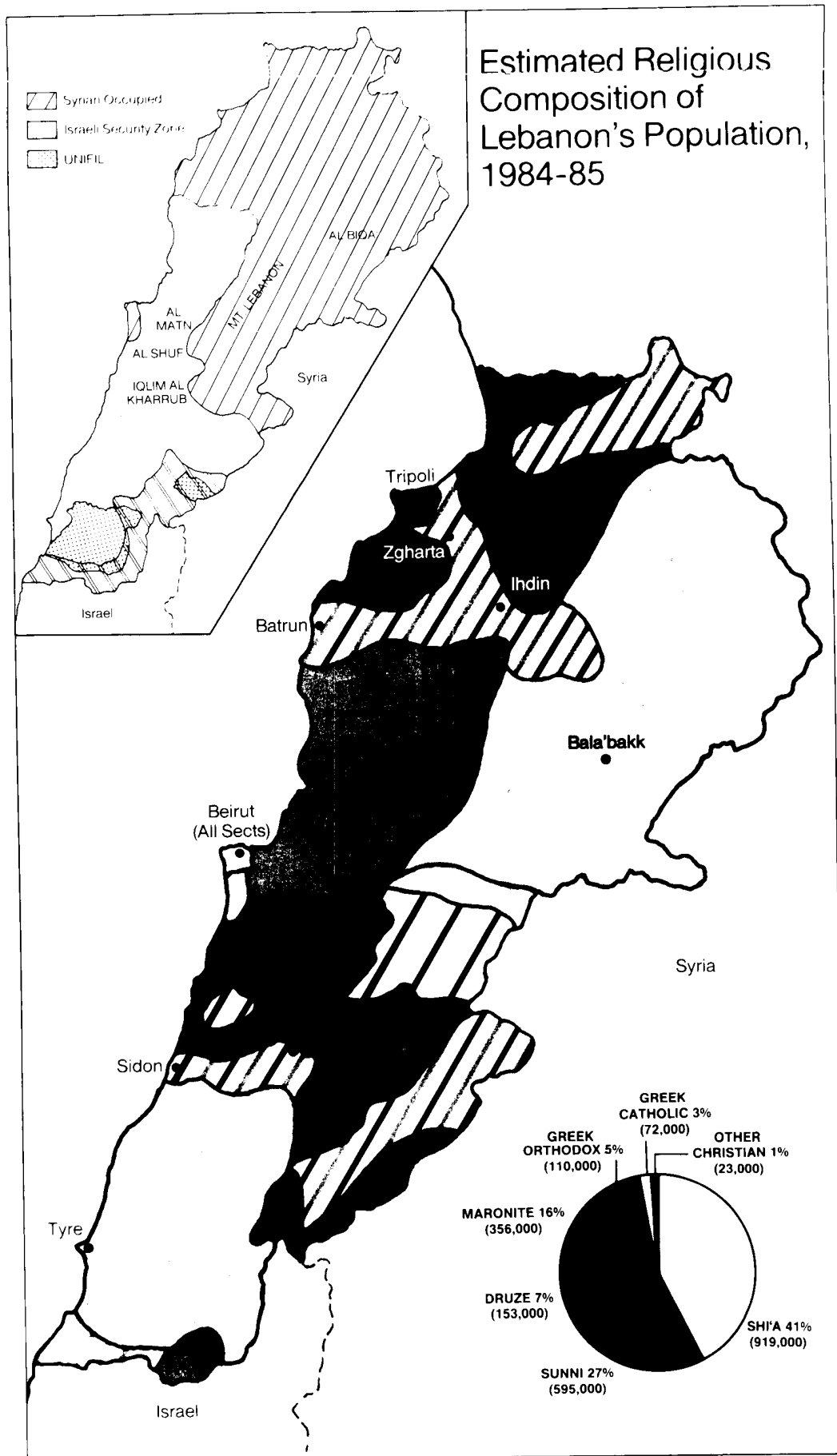


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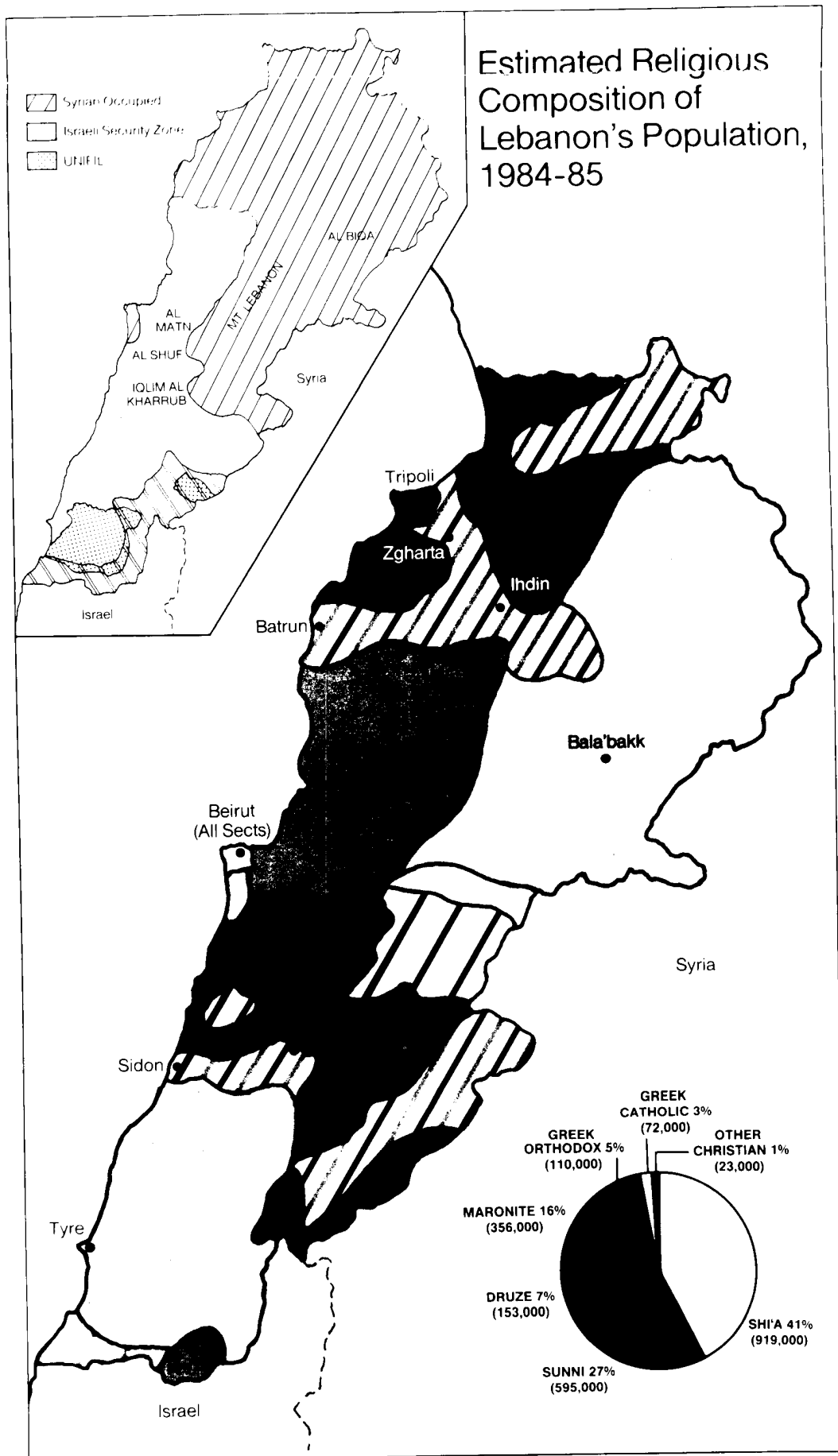
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Political History

More than most Middle East nations, Lebanon is a complex of religious and ethnic groups. Its modern political system has a unique history. Before 1960, Lebanon was the Ottoman province of Mount Lebanon...

The 1943 National Pact In 1943, the French transferred sovereignty to the Lebanese, who that same year established the National Pact to distribute political power...

Political Reform

The National Pact does not allow for changes in the confessional system in the country. No official census has been taken since 1932...

Constitution and Political Parties

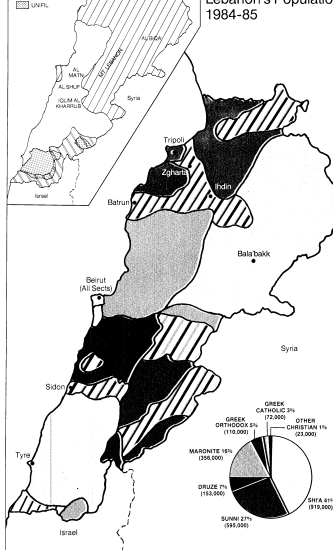
Under the 1960 Constitution (which has been amended several times), executive power lies with the president, who is elected by the National Assembly...

The Current Scene

The religious sects and political parties operate in a complex environment shaped not only by history and demography but also by Lebanon's strategic location...

During the early 1970s, the issues raised by the Palestinian presence and Israeli retaliation exacerbated the minority question of political reforms...

Continuing civil unrest culminated in the Israeli invasion and occupation of Lebanon in June 1982, changing the Syrian presence and causing the withdrawal of the PLO fighters...



The Maronite Christians

The Maronite Christians in Lebanon date from the Byzantine era and are divided into two main groups: the Maronites and the Melchites...

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Karim Paboudi, Vice President, Lebanese Forces Executive Committee

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Huhaybi, Former LF Executive Committee Chairman

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National Liberal Party (NLP) Founded by Gemayel in 1958...

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Cemil Chamma, Former President of Lebanon (1952-66)

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Dany Chamoun, President, National Liberal Party

Dany Chamoun, President, National Liberal Party Born 1934... inherited leadership after father, Camille Chamoun...

Marada Brigade

Marada Brigade Formed in 1980... militia led by clan of Sulayman Frangieh...

Sulayman Frangieh, Former President of Lebanon (1970-76)

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The Sunni

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Popular Nasrerie Organization Based in Sidon...

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Muhsin Sa'ad, Leader, Popular Nasrerie Organization

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Islamic Unification Movement (IUM) Fundamentalist movement...

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Salih Shaban, Head, Islamic Unification Movement

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Chronology

- 1920 League of Nations San Remo Conference establishes boundaries of Greater Lebanon... 1936 Lebanese National Pact... 1943 French mandate... 1946 French mandate... 1958... 1960... 1961... 1962... 1963... 1964... 1965... 1966... 1967... 1968... 1969... 1970... 1971... 1972... 1973... 1974... 1975... 1976... 1977... 1978... 1979... 1980... 1981...

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Musa Sadeh, Founder, Amal Movement

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Habib Bey, President, Amal Movement

Habib Bey, President, Amal Movement Born 1928... Minister of Justice and of Hydroelectric Resources and Minister of State for South and Aquatic Affairs 1981...

Agil Harshig, Military Leader, Amal Movement

Agil Harshig, Military Leader, Amal Movement Born mid-1950s... military leader for Beirut and southern suburbs...

Da'ud al-Da'ud, Amal Representative in South Lebanon

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Rouhollah Abi-Amin, Chief, Hezbollah, Hizballah

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Mohammad Faysal Farahji, Spiritual Guide, Hizballah

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Husayn Mawada (aka Abu-Husayn), Leader, Islamic Amal

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Wali Jumblatt, Leader, Progressive Socialist Party

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