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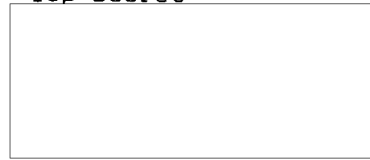
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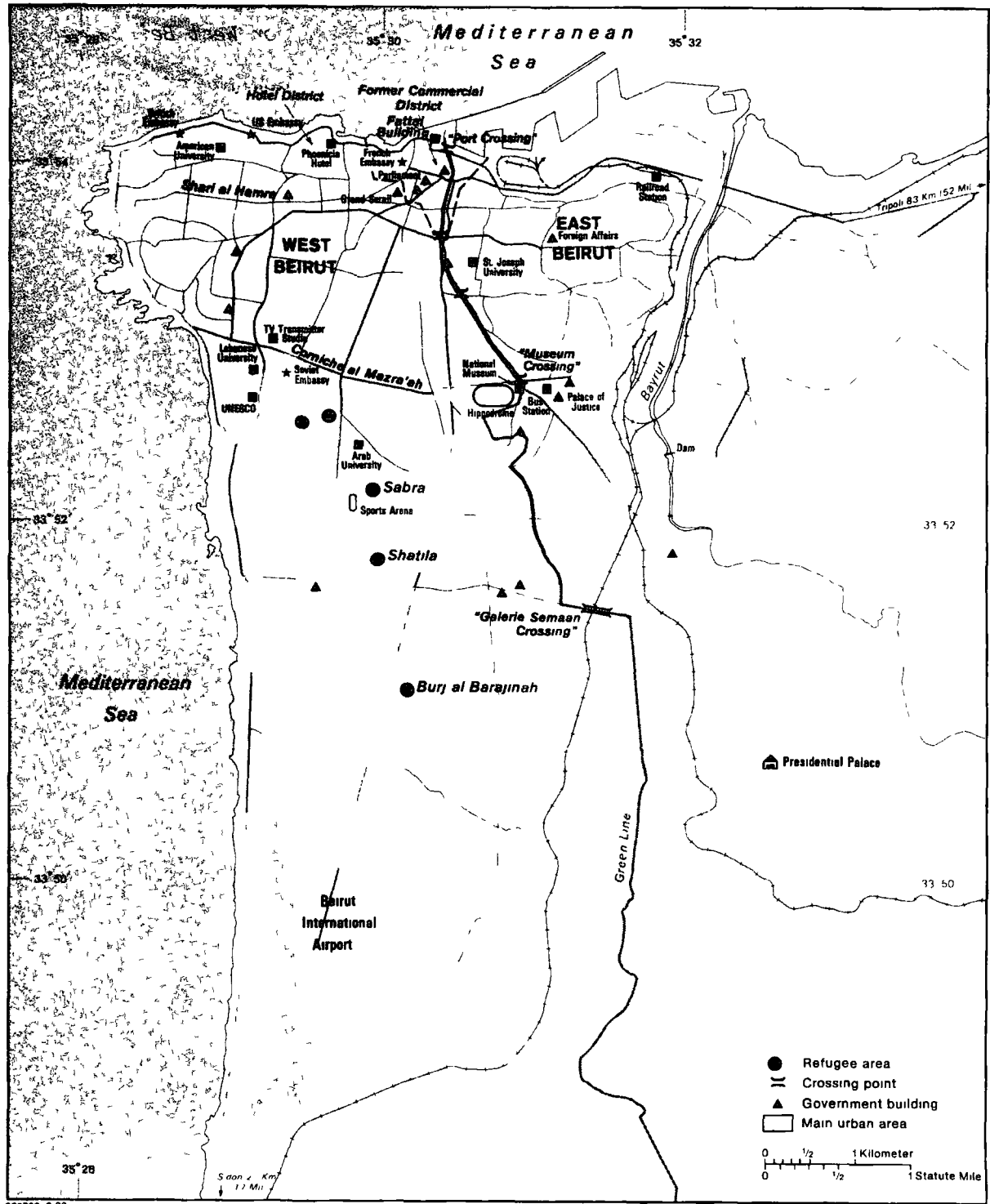
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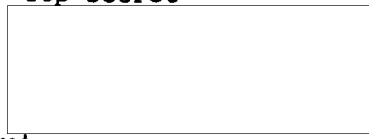
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① ISRAEL-LEBANON: Mopping Up in West Beirut

4 Israeli forces have consolidated their hold on West Beirut and are now rounding up suspected terrorists and conducting searches for weapons. Camille Shamun has announced his candidacy for president in opposition to Amin Jumayyil.

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6 Resistance to the Israeli advance into West Beirut had all but ceased by noon yesterday. Israeli forces had attacked and seized Murabitun headquarters, but sporadic firing was still occurring last night.

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4/5 Israeli forces have declared a curfew and are ordering residents of certain neighborhoods to leave their homes while troops conduct house-to-house searches. There are reports that Israel is detaining suspected Palestinian terrorists.

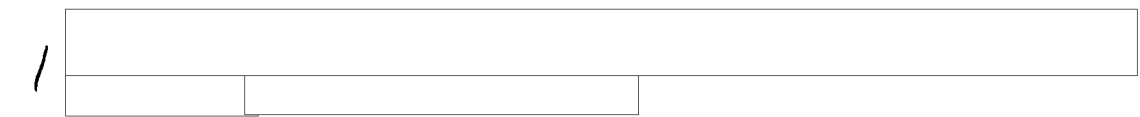
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3/2 Uniformed Phalangist militiamen entered the Shatila refugee camp yesterday and reportedly were taking away groups of young men. Israeli forces have surrounded the camps since Wednesday but have not entered them.

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8 Comment: Israeli troops have nearly completed disarming the leftist militias, but they probably will require several more days to find and remove the weapons caches throughout the city. In the meantime, they will continue to take casualties from sporadic sniper fire. Tel Aviv almost certainly will decide for itself at what point to implement its stated intention to turn control over to Lebanese forces.

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8 Phalange militiamen could not have entered the Shatila camp without Israeli concurrence. After having given assurances that its troops would not enter the camps, Tel Aviv probably wanted a Lebanese force that could be trusted to search them thoroughly for weapons and PLO members. [Redacted]

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Lebanese Presidency

The candidacy of former President Camille Shamun, announced by his National Liberal Party yesterday, will complicate the process of selecting a successor to President Sarkis. [Redacted]

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If no successor is selected before President Sarkis' term expires on Thursday, he is likely to dismiss the government and appoint a Christian prime minister who would act as head of state until a president is elected.

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