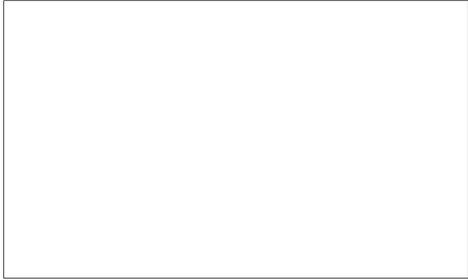




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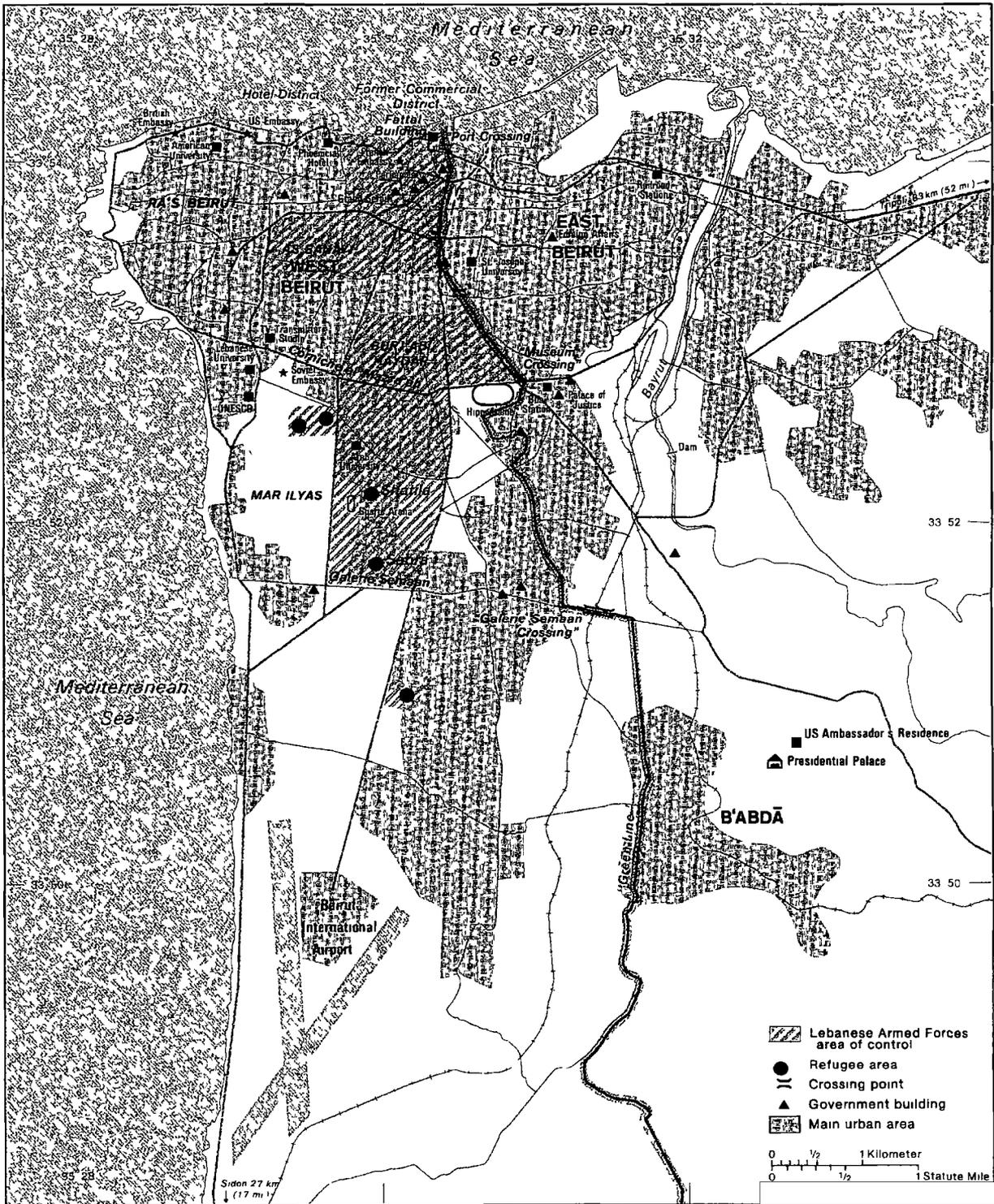


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① ISRAEL-LEBANON: Status of Withdrawal

Israel continued to withdraw its troops from West Beirut as the first elements of the French contingent of the multinational force took up positions in the stadium area. Unhappiness over recent events in Beirut has surfaced in the Israeli military.



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The Lebanese Army assumed control of the As Sanayi' area yesterday and is scheduled to enter Ra's Beirut today.



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the Israeli frontline around Beirut would run from south of the airport along the high ground surrounding the city.

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in addition to the resignation of the commanding general of the Army Command and Staff School, the commander of the parachute training school has asked to meet with Prime Minister Begin. The commander reportedly intends to register his dissatisfaction and that of 25 other senior officers with the government's handling of recent events in Beirut.

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Comment: Israeli forces probably will only withdraw from West Beirut by tomorrow. The withdrawal is likely to occur some time in the future.

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The government's agreement to convene a commission of inquiry may head off more resignations by senior officers. Sharon's credibility in the military, however, has been dealt a serious blow.



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The commanding general of the Army Command and Staff School was one of Israel's most brilliant young officers. His decision to resign indicates the shock and guilt felt by many officers is growing.



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