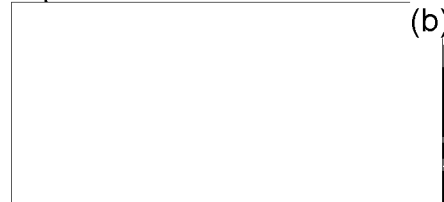
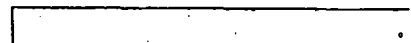




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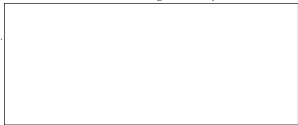


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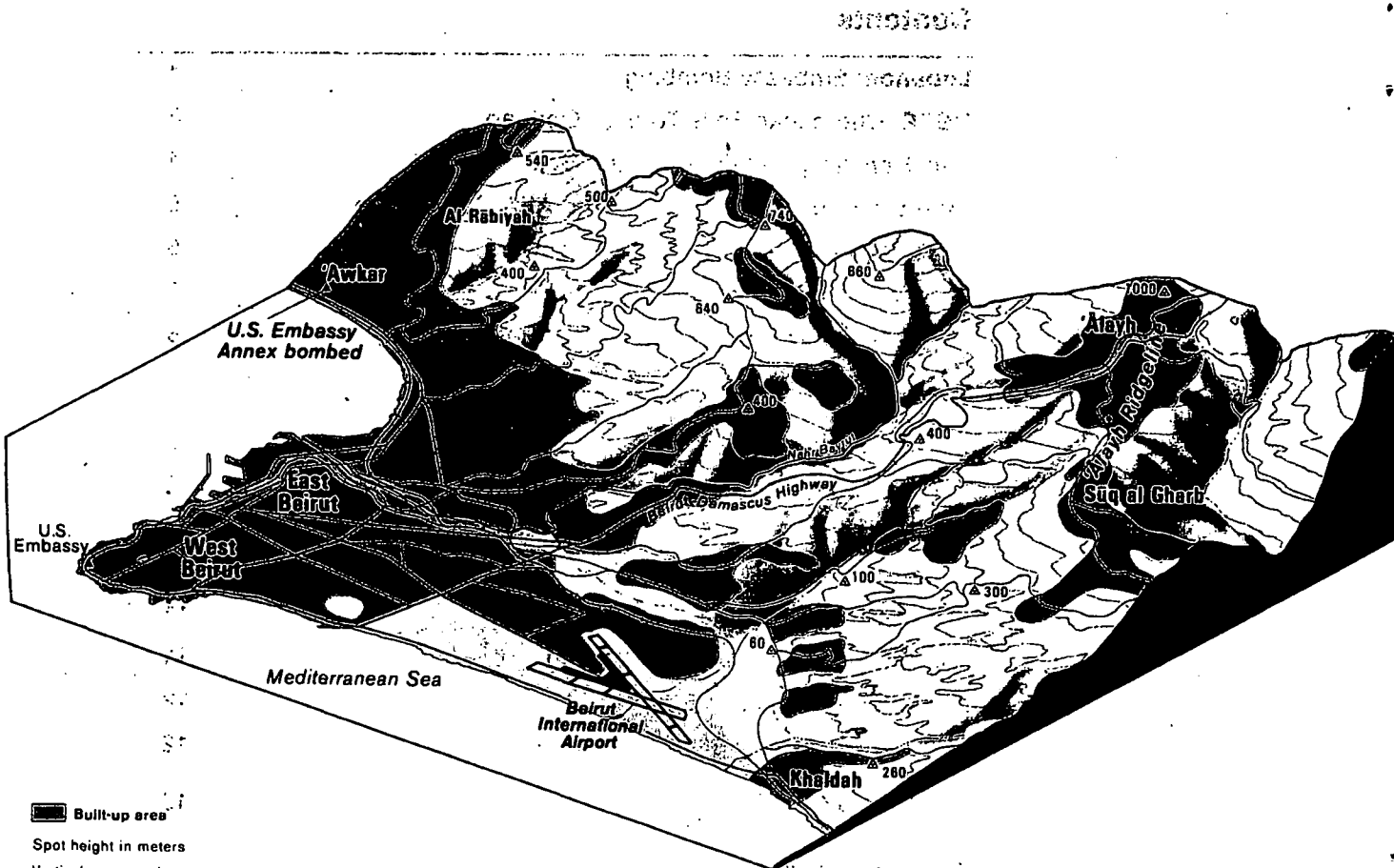
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Built-up area

Spot height in meters

Vertical exaggeration 2:1

Distance between central Beirut and 'Alayh is 13 kilometers.

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LEBANON:

Embassy Bombing

The bombing of the US Embassy in East Beirut yesterday by the Islamic Jihad will not be the last attack on US targets in Lebanon.

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Islamic Jihad is believed to be a cover name used by radical Shia groups in Lebanon supported and directed by elements in the Iranian Government. The Shia terrorists seek to drive US personnel from Lebanon and to establish a fundamentalist Islamic state there.

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The Islamic Jihad threatened to attack US interests in East Beirut shortly after the Embassy Annex opened in Awkar. Two additional threats have been made against US interests in Lebanon since the US vetoed the UN Security Council resolution criticizing Israeli practices in southern Lebanon.

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[Redacted] Iran has extensive ties with radical Shias in Lebanon as well as with Amal, the mainline Shia organization. Several reports indicate Tehran has provided military training and money to the extremist Shias through Iranian Revolutionary Guards based in the Bekaa Valley.

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The activities of radical Lebanese Shias are coordinated through the Iranian Embassy in Damascus.

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[Redacted] Syria, however, is angered by Iranian-inspired activities in Lebanon that undermine Syrian efforts to stabilize the situation.

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Comment: The fact that the attack occurred in Christian-held territory—where terrorist incidents have been infrequent—demonstrates that anti-US groups can strike anywhere in Lebanon. Stringent physical security will not deter future attempts or guarantee that targets will escape damage from a suicide bombing. Yesterday's attack reportedly caused extensive damage to buildings up to 400 meters from the explosion.

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Ayatollah Khomeini's regime is trying to mobilize international support against Israel and its allies and sees Lebanon as a primary battlefield.

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The bombing will place even more strains on the reconciliation effort Syria is sponsoring in Lebanon. As a result Syria may decide to crack down even more on radical Shias in areas under its control.

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