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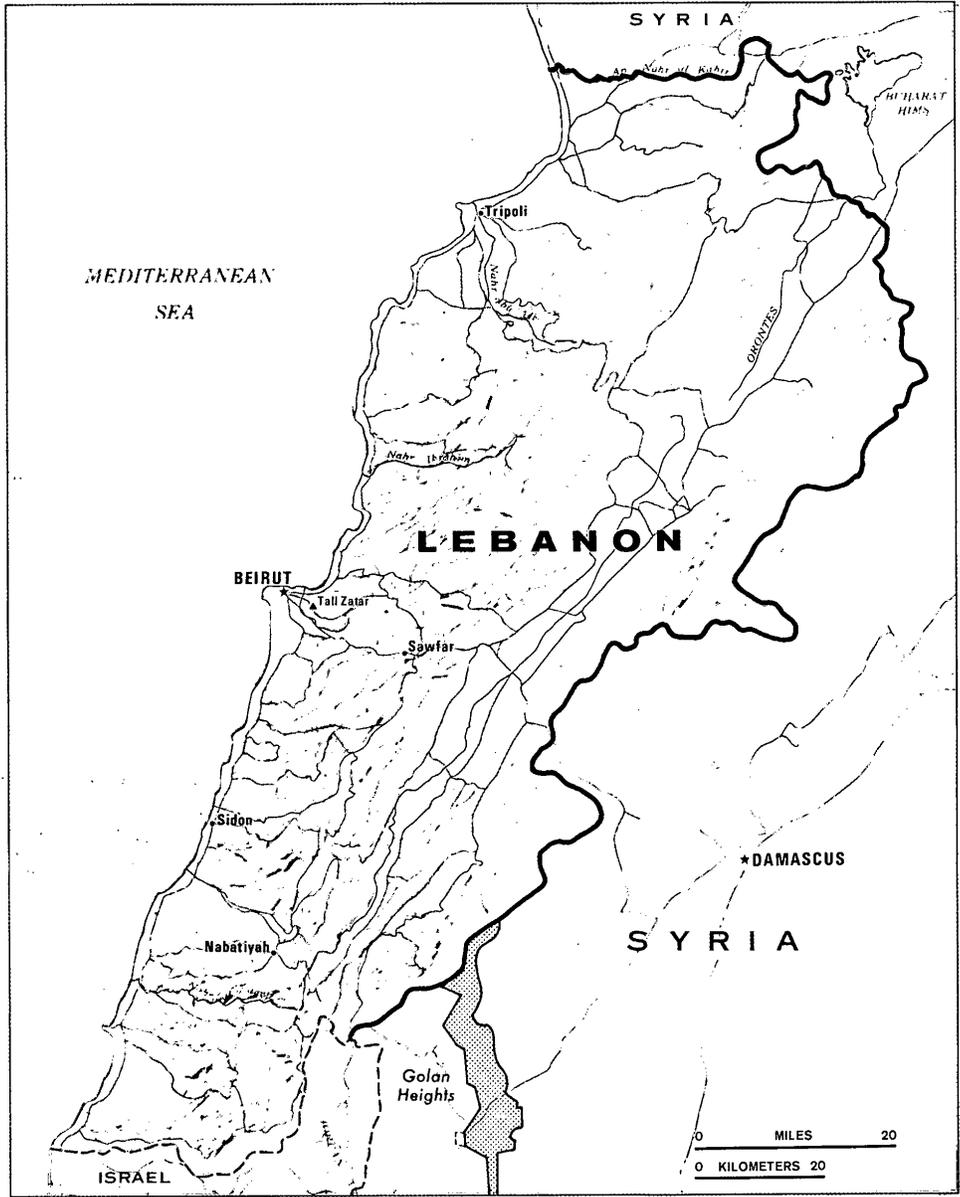
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LEBANON: Military activity throughout the country was generally low yesterday.

Fighting continued at Tall Zatar refugee camp in east Beirut. Syria yesterday repositioned and reinforced its troops near Sawfar.

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Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat did not spell out the nature of the problem that impelled him to warn US embassy officers that the proposed route for the evacuation convoy was unsafe.

He did refer to the presence of a contingent of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-- a radical fedayeen group--in one of the villages along the route and to the killing of three Libyans in the Arab League peacekeeping force.

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Egypt, Libya, and Iraq are continuing their efforts to transship arms and Palestinian volunteers to Lebanon.

Another Iraqi AN-12 that may be carrying arms for transshipment to Lebanon is due to arrive in Cairo today.

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The Soviet aircraft carrier Kiev has joined the main body of Soviet surface warships at an anchorage south of Crete.

These ships include the helicopter carrier Leningrad, two Kara-class cruisers, a destroyer, and a frigate. They have been joined by the command cruiser of the Mediterranean Squadron.

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SYRIA-IRAQ: [redacted]

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Iraqi forces in western Iraq were to conduct military exercises between July 17 and 20, and that all but one of the Iraqi divisions were rumored to return afterward to their normal home garrisons.

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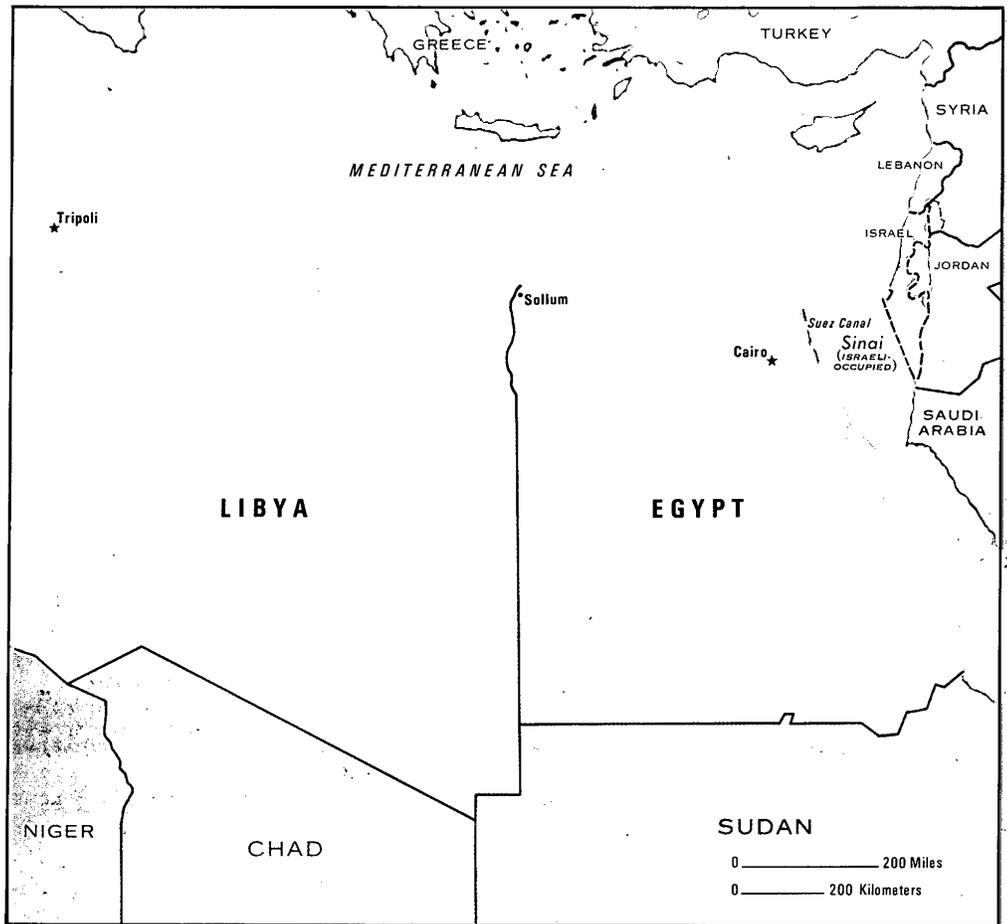
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an SA-6 surface-to-air missile brigade deployed from the Suez Canal area to the Libyan border area over the weekend. In addition, overhead photography and

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at least a battalion-sized infantry unit has left the Suez Canal for Sollum, on the Mediterranean coast near the border. Before this move, Egyptian ground forces opposite Libya probably consisted of two lightly armed regiments of frontier troops.

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