

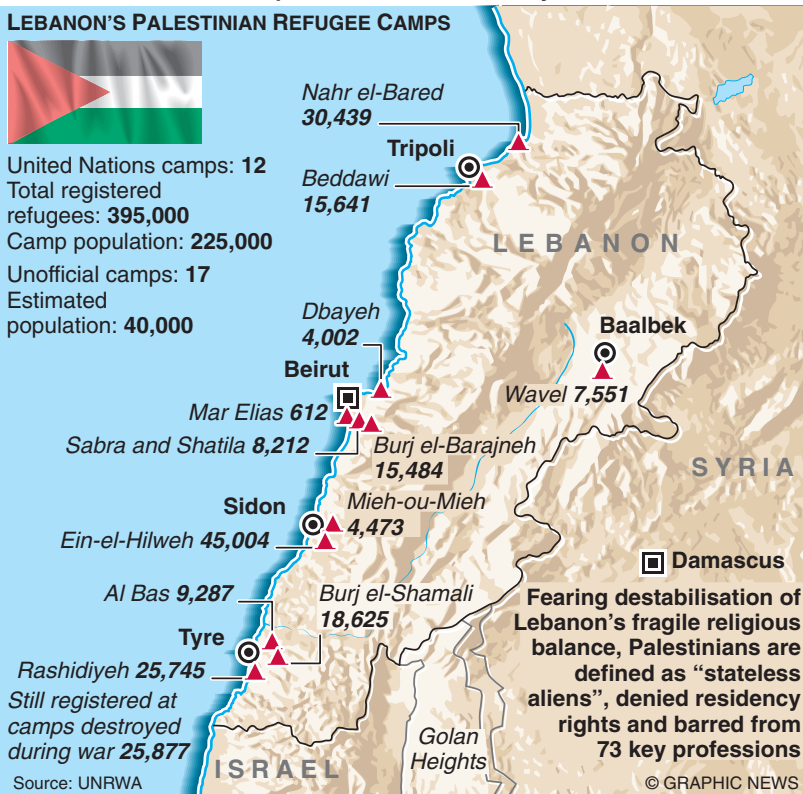
Refugee camps breeding extremism

Outside the control of the Lebanese military, mired in poverty and with unemployment rates of 40-60%, Palestinian refugee camps have become a breeding ground for extremist groups who have found them easy to infiltrate, despite the nominal authority of the PLO

LEBANON'S PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS



United Nations camps: 12
Total registered refugees: **395,000**
Camp population: **225,000**
Unofficial camps: 17
Estimated population: **40,000**



Fearing destabilisation of Lebanon's fragile religious balance, Palestinians are defined as "stateless aliens", denied residency rights and barred from 73 key professions