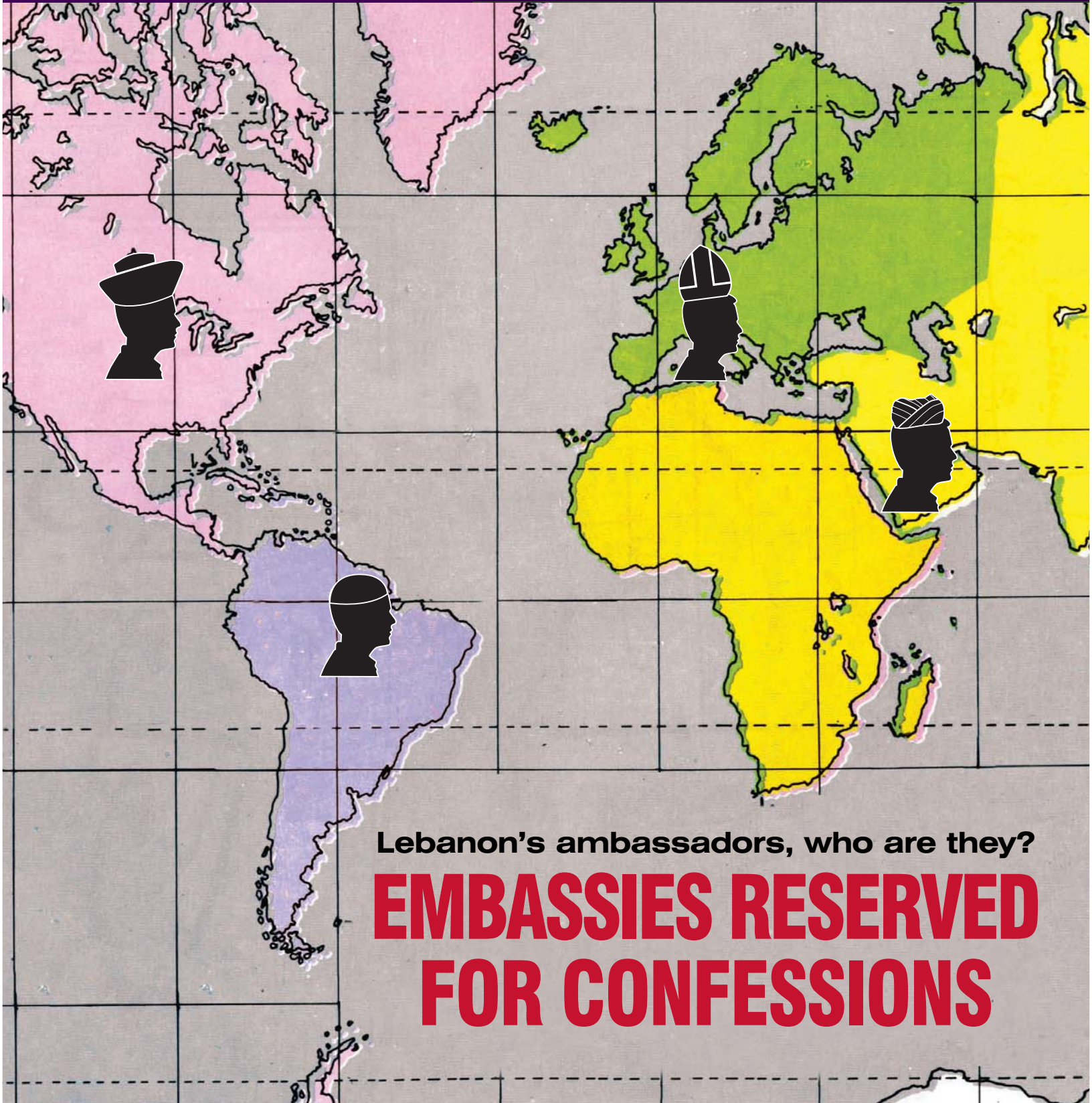


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AN EYEWITNESS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Son: Daddy, what is your job?
Father: Sniper
Son: Where?
Father: At the Matthaf
Son: How are you paid?
Father: The za'im of the militia pays per head
Son: And how does he know you tell him the right number?
Father: I do not lie!

Anonymous

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BANKING CONTROL COMMISSION (BCC) OF LEBANON IN 2010

It is proposed that an official merger of the BCC with the Association of Banks be finally declared.

BRIBERY IN A LAND REGISTRY DEPARTMENT IN NORTHERN LEBANON

"I normally take USD 300, but for you, I'll only take LBP 300,000."

THE IRAQ INQUIRY

Twenty seats for the families of dead British soldiers in Iraq, attending the inquiry with Tony Blair.

Is there a seat for Iraq's over a one million killed and injured, and its over 4 million refugees?

LEBANON'S PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES-BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Most private universities in Lebanon, more specifically the American University of Beirut, the Lebanese American University and the Saint Joseph University, do not have Arabic language as an obligatory course in their curriculums. The Ministry of Education and Higher Learning does not require these institutes to have minimum credit numbers for Arabic. Students, however, can take as an elective one Arabic language course, Arabic Appreciation or creative writing in Arabic.

This is what we call nation building!

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES-FLIGHT 409-DEPARTING FROM BEIRUT

Politicians everywhere, holding press conferences and flying in helicopters. Director generals, rescue workers, Civil Defense teams and hospital administrations are eclipsed by ministers who have taken center stage in the media which is the way it is in politics and disasters! Is it too much to ask for one spokesman? And By the way, where is Hamdi Shawq (D.G. Civil Aviation) and Walid Ammar (D.G. Ministry of Health)?