

## PLANS TO IMPROVE BEIRUT PORT QUAYS

Discussions have begun among Beirut Port officials on plans to improve quays 12 and 13 in Basin Three. The LL 14 million (\$ 3.4 million) scheme is designed to improve the turnaround time for container traffic and to reduce loss through damage. Work is expected to start in the summer and will take four months. The administration is also considering bids for container handling equipment to be installed in Basin Four.

## ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA SIGNED

An economic agreement has been signed in Beirut, providing for an increase of the commercial and agricultural exchanges between Lebanon and Romania. The latter will be buying Lebanese agricultural products in exchange for the import by Lebanon of Romanian industrial products.

The agreement was signed for the Lebanese side, by Mr Sami Maroun, Chairman of the Council for External Economic Relations, and for Romania, by Mr Kazan, Minister of State for Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation.

Lebanese exports to Romania will amount to 7 million US dollars, under the terms of this agreement.

## EEC DONATION FOR BEIRUT WATER NETWORK

The Lebanese Embassy in Brussels has informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC), meeting in Brussels, has decided to put at the disposal of Lebanon a donation of 20 million Ecus (the European accounting unit), equivalent to 18.8 million US dollars.

This donation is intended to be EEC contribution towards the execution of the water network of Beirut City, estimated to cost 35 million Ecus.

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