museums of the Ma'ns after 1697 with demographic instability as Maronites overtook Shia as the largest group, expanding into Druze districts. By the 1840s many Maronites conceived the common arena as their patrimony. Maronite/Druze conflict...
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