



# UPDATE FROM A LEBANON UNDER UNJUSTIFIED ISRAELI WAR RAGE Tuesday July18th 2006- 7<sup>th</sup> day of attack

HELP LEBANON BY DONATING NOW!!!! The Higher National Council of Relief: Bank of Lebanon- Account number 411150067

The Lebanese Ministry of Finance set up two accounts for money donation: Bank of Lebanon- account number 0/700362123 for Lebanese Pounds Bank of Lebanon- account number 02700362123 for US dollars.

## More and more destruction and displaced people

Today, the Israeli army destroyed the Lebanese Milk factory (the estimated losses overpass 10 million dollars- this factory was the main provider to the UNIFIL in South Lebanon since 2002; before that, Israeli factories used to provide UNIFIL with the same products) and the Grain Silos in the Bekaa area. Israel targeted the ambulances and trucks of aid products sent by the United Arab Emirates and Syria to Lebanon. Israel continued its use of phosphorous bombs whereby several villages and churches were reported hit in the South.

Beirut is dangerously low on vegetables, because they come from the Bekaa area, which like every other area in the country completely isolated and cut off.

The number of people displaced countrywide due to ongoing Israeli attacks has been reported by the government to rise to 65,000, with most seeking shelter in Beirut and in the north of the country. But thousands of people are on the move to other areas and it's difficult to track them. "It's now a more difficult situation because bombing has increased and there's little information available," said the spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Beirut. "People are stranded and villages in the south are isolated from one another and the rest of the country."

More Massacres..... 240 dead and 850 injured- the majority are civilians- since the beginning of the Israeli war on Lebanon (as reported by Al Jazeera net)

# The Massacre of Marwaheen

http://news.independent.co.uk/world/fisk/article1180160.ece

"It will be called the Massacre of Marwaheen. All the civilians killed by the Israelis had been ordered to abandon their homes in the border village by the Israelis themselves a few hours earlier. Leave, they were told by loudspeaker; and leave they did, 20 of them in a convoy of civilian cars. That's when the Israeli jets arrived to bomb them, killing 20 Lebanese, at least 9 of them children. The local fire brigade could not put out the fires as they all burned alive in the inferno. Another 'terrorist' target has been eliminated". (By Robert Fisk, The Independent, July 16, 2006)

Another massacre in the Southern village of Aytroun... a family of 13 dead, 9 of them children, they were sleeping in their house. They ended up charred and dismembered bodies, stiff from the fire, guts hanging out. There's at least one of these episodes every day now. Israel had perpetrated a massacre of children in the same village back in the 1970s

People are standing up for Lebanon, you can join them too!!! For a detailed list of protests around the world please check http://www.lebanonexpats.org/

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<u>In Lebanon: A group of civil society organizations "Lil Hayat" (For Life) invites all Lebanese to</u> <u>gather in front of the UN House in Riad El Solh Square in Beirut at 11am on Thursday July</u> <u>20, 2006 to march to the European Union Headquarters.</u>

## The sounds at night (Commentary from a citizen in West Beirut)

Last night we didn't have electricity. Sitting in the darkness, in safe West Beirut, this is what I heard:

First, there's the new voices in the neighborhood, the refugees that were lucky enough to escape from Southern Lebanon and Beirut's southern suburbs before Israel started bombing. Then, there's the whine of the generators – Israel's land and sea blockade of Lebanon means not enough fuel can get into the country, so the government is rationing hours of electricity across the country. Generators are surprisingly loud.

Then there's the semi-constant drone of an Israeli F-16 overhead. With the Beirut airport bombed, if you can hear a plane, that means it's Israeli and, thus, dangerous. Which means you have to wonder: scoping mission, on the way to an attack, or just back from one?

Then there are the bombs themselves. In West Beirut, the loudest, the ones that shake your windows and make the CDs topple over, are those from Israeli gunboats, shooting their shells over your head into the port or the southern suburbs. Less loud, but more frequent, are the bombs from the F-16s, which can happen at any time. Sometimes at 10.30am, when you're finishing a late breakfast. Sometimes at 4 pm, when you're driving back from visiting a friend, watching her try to help her parents, grandmother and sister leave a small village in Southern Lebanon. Often at night, waking you up at 1.30 am, and then again at 2.20am, and so on. And then a final shot at dawn, in case you had actually managed to sleep.

And then, of course, there's the crying. No constant, but devastating. Over 150 Lebanese civilians have been killed in the past 6 days, and thousands more are in immediate danger. Anywhere you go, someone's in tears. (By: Sonya Knox- West Beirut, Lebanon)

## NO COMMENT!!!!



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For more information on the current situation in Lebanon, you can visit: http://sanayehreliefcenter.blogspot.com, http://siegeoflebanon.blogspot.com, http://lebanonupdates.blogspot.com, http://waronlebanon.blogspot.com

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