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**UPDATE FROM A LEBANON UNDER UNJUSTIFIED ISRAELI WAR RAGE**  
**Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006- 14<sup>th</sup> day of attack**

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**Talk on Depleted Uranium Warheads used in Lebanon**

On July 24, 2006, Dr. Doug Rokke, former Director of the U.S. Army Depleted Uranium project wrote in an article that the delivery of at least 100 GBU 28 bunker busters bombs containing depleted uranium warheads by the United States to Israel for use against targets in Lebanon will result in additional radioactive and chemical toxic contamination with consequent adverse health and environmental effects throughout the middle east. He added that US and British officials have arrogantly refused to comply with their own regulations, orders, and directives that require United States Department of Defense officials to provide prompt and effective medical care to "all" exposed individuals. The use of uranium weapons is absolutely unacceptable, and a crime against humanity.

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**Is Israel Using Internationally Forbidden Weapons in its Aggression on Lebanon?**

Significant information and witnesses by doctors in various hospitals receiving the Lebanese dead due to Israeli bombing indicate that Israel is using internationally forbidden weapons in Lebanon. The director of Nabatiyeh National Hospital in the South of Lebanon talked about "vacuum bombs, it vacuums the air out of the body and stops the breathing and thus the heart stops operating" (Suspected weapons are vacuum or thermobaric bombs. He also noted one death case whose cause of death is still unknown (medically). A spokesman for the army said on record that the Israelis are using "bombs with special fillings" that could include internationally forbidden material. The director of Marjeyoun national hospital in the south spoke about abnormal cases they treated: weird burns that make the skin glued and almost impossible to treat. These are people whose either arms or legs were hurt. Several hospitals in the south speak about similar cases: burnt\ not burnt corpses, swallowed, no bleeding, and the unbearable smell (Suspected weapon: White Phosphorus shell / incendiary agent). The director of Najm hospital says he saw similar cases in previous Israeli aggressions. Dr. Bashir Sham, member of "French Association of Cardiovascular Surgeons", explains that the way the corps look when they reach the hospital, especially those of the air strikes in Doueir and Rmayleih, is very abnormal." One might think they were burnt, but their color is dark, they're inflated, and they have a terrible smell". All this, and the hair is not burnt nor do the bodies bleed. Sham says that only chemical poisonous substances "lead to instant death without bleeding". Sham thinks that whatever "abnormal " substance causing these features might penetrate through the skin, or another explanation would be that the missiles contained toxic gas that stopped the proper functioning of the nervous system (Suspected weapon is "directed energy weapons" or electromagnetic (microwave) weapon called Death ray weapon / (see Bret Wagner report in [www.thecaliforniacenter.org](http://www.thecaliforniacenter.org)), and led to blood clotting. However, these doubts can't be proven, not even by an autopsy.

Currently there is no time that allows doing test on the remains. Moreover, hospitals are forced to burn corpses due to lack of space in the morgues, so maybe proves are being lost. A WHO representative is supposed to be handed remains of corpses and tests results. Hospitals also wrote to both the commissioner of the European Union for Foreign Affairs Javier Solana, and the United Nations Secretary general Kofi Anan. (This information is taken from As-Safir daily Lebanese newspaper. You can help them investigate the kinds of bombs being used by Israel. Please visit <http://www.assafir.com/iso/israeli-aggression/>)

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**Call from Southern Town of Tyre**

To whom it may concern all over the world,

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In the name of self defense, in the name of democracy, in the name of the new Middle East, Israel is committing massacres. Children, women and men were killed and their bodies are still in the streets and under their home because the Israeli army didn't allow the Red Cross to save them. Even the ambulances were targeted by Israeli bombing.

In the name of defending the Israeli people, Israel is bombing all over Lebanon, destroying its infrastructure.

It is a human call to all humanity to translate words into fact.

It time to stand up and defend the international human right declaration.

*Abdel Mohsen Al-Husseini*

Head of the Municipality of Tyre, South Lebanon

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**Oil slick on Beirut public beach;** destruction we can rebuild but this is outright environmental terrorism. (<http://beirutupdate.blogspot.com/> )



Oil spill due to Israeli bombing of the oil stations in Jiyeh area and due to the Israeli war ships in Lebanese waters

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### **Tomorrow the International Conference in Rome for Middle East Crisis**

The conference in Rome will bring together key players from the Middle East and the international community that have been involved in rebuilding Lebanon after its long civil war. It's unrealistic to reach a cease-fire simply though calls for a cease-fire; the necessary tools in order to get the parties to reach a cessation of hostilities should be produced.

The UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, urged Israel to work with the international community to reach a cease-fire, and said Syria and Iran, which both support Hezbollah, also "have to be part of the solution." But he admitted a quick end to the conflict will be difficult because Israel wants "to weaken or degrade or disarm Hezbollah" and the group has said it is "prepared to continue its actions indefinitely.

Talks and preparations for the cease fire include the handover of two Israeli soldiers captured by Hezbollah on July 12 which triggered the fighting, an expanded peacekeeping force on the Lebanese side of the U.N.-drawn boundary with Israel known as the Blue Line to stabilize the situation, and Lebanese and Israeli respect for the line. The Lebanese government must also extend its control over southern Lebanon, which is now largely in the hands of Hezbollah, and disarm the group, as called for in U.N. Security Council Resolution 1559, Annan said. (AP)

Meanwhile, international relief organizations are waiting for the outcomes of the meeting in Rome to move on their support campaigns in Lebanon. Public concern is very high and a big demonstration in London last week. A key issue so far for these organizations is the lack of access and lack of strong ground presence in Lebanon. Main expectations out of Rome are deploying a multinational force and assuring access for humanitarian support.

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Several agencies have launched their own appeals for funding. Meanwhile, the major agencies have written to the British Prime Minister and put out statements formally condemning the Israeli action and tomorrow's newspapers will carry a letter from several of them restating their condemnation.

**Activities by Lebanese Civil Society Groups against the Israeli Aggression:**

Three main activities are planned by Lebanese civil society and foreign activists in Lebanon (11 am on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 2006)

- The Lebanese Women's Council is calling for a sit-in in front of the United Nations headquarters.
- A coalition of civil society organizations will meet at the Martyr's Square in a staging entitled "American Tax Dollars at Work" whereby the protestors will lay on the ground signifying death and will be surrounded by Israeli and American missiles showing that the aggression is signed by both Israel and the USA.
- Foreigners living in Lebanon, and refusing to leave the country due to the Israeli attacks on it, are calling for a demonstration in front of UN house.

**Links to some of the Lebanese activists blogs:**

<http://anaminbeirut.blogspot.com/>  
<http://beirutupdate.blogspot.com/>  
<http://caritaslebanon.blogspot.com/>  
<http://frombeirutwithlove.blogspot.com/>  
<http://sanayehreliefcenter.blogspot.com/>  
<http://samidoun.blogspot.com/>  
<http://siegeoflebanon.blogspot.com/>  
<http://lebanonupdates.blogspot.com/>  
<http://waronlebanon.blogspot.com/>

**URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF RELIEF WORK IN LEBANON**

**To donate to NGOs serving 15,000 displaced Lebanese in the area of Beirut, please send your donations to:**

**In all transfers, the following applies:**

Account with institution: BKAWLBBE (this is the SWIFT code)  
Bank of Kuwait and the Arab World s.a.l.  
Beirut - Lebanon

Beneficiary Name: Green Line Association  
Beneficiary Account: 10USD4612006189003

**For USD transfers:** The correspondents in USA with their SWIFT BIC codes are:

1. Bank of New York New York USA SWIFT code: IRVTUS3N	2. HSBC Bank New York USA SWIFT code: MRMDUS33	3. American Express Bank Ltd. New York USA SWIFT code: AEIBUS33
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**For Euro transfers:** The correspondents in France and Germany with their SWIFT codes respectively are:

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1. Societe Generale Paris - France SWIFT code: SOGEFRPP	2. Dresdner Bank AG Frankfurt - Germany SWIFT code: DRESDEFF
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Even a limited amount will make a big difference under the current very complicated circumstances. All donations will be channeled to relief efforts on the grounds and a full report will be prepared by the spending procedures.

For more information or to help please call Mr Nizar Rammal at 961-3-908-307 or email: [nizarrammal@yahoo.com](mailto:nizarrammal@yahoo.com)

**To donate to the Lebanese government, please use the following accounts:**

***US\$:***

Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York  
Bic code FRNYUS33 Routing Number **021084694**  
Favor Banque du Liban account number **021084694**

***Euros:***

Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt  
Bic code DEUTDEFF  
Favor Banque du Liban account number **021084694**

***Lebanese Lira:***

Banque du Liban Account Number **01700362123**

**Donations to the Higher Council of Relief:**

Bank of Lebanon- Account number **411150067**

For more information, visit [www.lebanonundersiege.gov.lb](http://www.lebanonundersiege.gov.lb) or contact [relief@pcm.gov.lb](mailto:relief@pcm.gov.lb)