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UPDATE FROM A LEBANON UNDER UNJUSTIFIED ISRAELI WAR RAGE
Monday July 17th 2006- 6th day of attack

There are an estimated 60,000 people seeking refuge in Beirut alone.

Around 60,000 refugees from the south of Lebanon and the southern suburbs of Beirut have arrived in the capital. Schools have been opened for them to shelter in and activists are organizing relief. Many schools are now full and refugees are gathering in parks and other open-air sites around Beirut. Some of their basic needs include mattresses, cleaning detergents, canned food, bottled water, basic medicines (Panadol, basic allergy medicine, cough medicine, anti diarrhea ...), candles and cooking gas lamps, cooking oil, bread, soap, clothes, pillows, blankets, cooking pans.

Many of these refugees have said that the villages in the south of Lebanon are full of people who are unable to leave as roads are being bombed and bus convoys attacked.

We have spent \$500 million since the fighting started to cover the needs of the Lebanese," Lebanese Finance Minister Azour said.

The Israeli Truth!

Doctors who are examining the burned dead bodies confirmed that Israel is using forbidden weapons such as chemical bombs which causes deadly burns

Israeli massacres in Lebanon (Commentary)

The continuous raids in South Lebanon and South Beirut on all levels of destruction did not permit any of the evacuating citizens from saving their lives, yet the Israeli aircraft is not differentiating between helpless people, civil defense or Red Cross volunteers. 20 citizens were killed in the city of Tyr (South of Lebanon) and they were all from the civil defense and other 10 civilians in the village of Kfarshima Mount Lebanon besides the massacres in the villages of Marwaheen, Srefa, Rmayli, Kheyam, which included almost 200 dead and around 400 injured

Some economic expectations for Lebanon after the Israeli attack (2006):

Israeli warplanes, warships and artillery have destroyed hundreds of properties across Lebanon since the fighting with Hizbullah started five days ago. Rafik Hariri International Airport, ports, bridges, highways, roads, hospitals and homes have come under direct Israeli fire. The southern suburb, a Shiite stronghold, was literally leveled to the ground following relentless Israeli bombardment.
<http://www.dailystar.com.lb>

Some economists fear that Lebanon may start rebuilding the entire infrastructure that was destroyed and may have to seek new loans from the donor states in the future. Lebanon have spent over \$5 billion since 1992 to rebuild the infrastructure such as the airport, ports, new bridges, highways, hospitals and schools

Article about displaced Lebanese due to Israeli attack on Lebanon
Beirut families with nowhere to go
July 16, 2006 (BBC)

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Abu Mohammed, 31, fled his home with his wife, six children, a budgie and the sound of Israeli shells ringing in their ears. Having packed blankets, cups, medicine and coffee, Mohammed's family are now sleeping in a small park located in Beirut's city centre along with about 100 other families.

"We are hoping that this is only temporary," says Mr Mohammed. "But it's okay for now." Since the beginning of the Israeli bombardment of Lebanon, thousands of Lebanese citizens and foreigners have left the country. Some residents are escaping to the mountains to escape the bombardment. But others like Mr Mohammed and his family have nowhere else to go.

Stranded families

They are from Beirut's southern suburbs, subject to fierce Israeli bombing after Hezbollah killed six Israeli soldiers and kidnapped two others on Wednesday. The suburbs of Beirut are a Hezbollah stronghold and the many of the inhabitants support the militant organization.

They are generally poor. Israel has dropped leaflets from their air telling residents to leave the area.

But the thunderous explosions that roll the part of the city meant many people need little excuse. "The children were crying and I wanted to get them out of there," says Mr Mohammed, sitting on a red rug in Saneya park with litter strewn round him.

"But I'm happy to be here. When it gets dark everybody falls asleep. It doesn't really matter where you sleep." Local Lebanese volunteers are providing rugs and food for the stranded families. Then a man arrives with a box of water and chocolate bars a scrum of children knock him to the ground.

Accommodation

The displaced families are being transported by khaki-colored military trucks. At a school in Beirut's prosperous Ashrafiyeh area, 20 families occupy a class room each.

Two women lie on mattresses sleeping in one classroom. A boy sits at a school desk smoking while his mother wearing a floral-patterned dressing gown stands in front of the blackboard.

Like Mr Mohammed and his family, they have fled their homes because of the bombing. "We have two of theirs (Israeli soldiers) but they have hundreds of ours in Israeli jails"

We have collected this information from various news agencies, but mostly from blogs created by civil society groups and individual activists that are doing their best to get the word out about the reality on the grounds in Lebanon under the Israeli attack. For more information, please visit:

<http://sanayehreliefcenter.blogspot.com>

<http://siegeoflebanon.blogspot.com>

<http://lebanonupdates.blogspot.com>

<http://waronlebanon.blogspot.com>

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