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UPDATE FROM A LEBANON UNDER UNJUSTIFIED ISRAELI WAR RAGE  
Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006- 10<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.](#)

**10 days of attack-----→ more than 330 Lebanese dead in addition to more than 1200 casualties, the big majority of them are civilians.**

Economic analysts estimate that the economic losses will exceed those resulting from the 1982 Israeli invasion, which lasted for four months. The reconstruction of the demolished infrastructure needs at least two years.

**Nearly one third of all casualties due to Israel's attack on Lebanon have been children**, according to the United Nations' emergency relief coordinator, Jan Egeland. From *Irish Examiner*, 20 July 2007

**HALF A MILLION LEBANESE ARE DISPALCED!**

The regional capital of south Lebanon, Sidon, says that about 28,000 internally displaced people have already crammed into the small sea port and that it is now becoming dangerously overcrowded.

The coordinator of the UN office for Humanitarian Affairs said "humanitarian conditions are worsening, number of displaced in increasing, a crisis will unleash soon if relief aid does not reach the South of Lebanon...one of the toughest problems we are facing is transporting medical supplies". (An-Nahar newspaper [www.annaharonline.com/](http://www.annaharonline.com/))

**Actions in Lebanon on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2006- INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION**

The group of Lebanese civil society organizations "Lil Hayat" (For Life) called for a gathering in front of the Martyr's Square. Participants will wear black in honor of the martyrs that fell due to Israeli aggressions on Lebanon since 10 days.

A group of women called all Lebanese women for a sit is in front of the UN house to protest against the ongoing war on Lebanon; they asked all the women participants to wear white as a sign of peaceful act.

**Donate to NGOs working on relief efforts in Lebanon**

In the upcoming days we are expecting escalation in attacks. Displaced people will increase in numbers, needs will grow more, and resources will be more and more limited. Support relief efforts in Lebanon. Donate directly to:

▪ ***Civil Campaign for Relief***

A group of civil society organizations and individual activists

**Nizar Rammal**, Tel: 961-3-908307, email: [nizarrammal@yahoo.com](mailto:nizarrammal@yahoo.com)

▪ ***The Social Movement Group***

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■ **The Lebanese Red Cross and Red Crescent**

Bank details: account number 09365 – 128012 – 00185

Banque Nationale de Paris Intercontinentale

Agence Centrale – Beirut (BNPI)

Phone number 961 1 372802/ 3/ 4/ 5

Get info from <http://www.saveleb.org/Donate/donations.html>

**Expectations for the upcoming days**

BBC reports: Israel has called up thousands of reserve troops and told civilians to quit southern Lebanon immediately, amid threats of a large-scale incursion. Israeli troops are already fighting Hezbollah inside Lebanon and have been heavily shelling the border area. The move has widened speculation that Israel is preparing for a large ground offensive. Israeli Defence Minister Amir Peretz has warned that Israel is prepared to launch a full-scale ground operation if necessary. The call-up came as Israel dropped leaflets on southern Lebanon warning residents to immediately evacuate an area approximately 32km (20 miles) wide.

We are currently waiting until all foreigners and Lebanese with a second passport evacuate and leave the country. At this point it is already noxious enough that "All-Americans" went first, followed by single-citizenship Americans, and followed up third by dual-citizenship Americans. The British likewise are separating families, and forcing decisions of who stays and who leaves when they are not abandoning people on the piers. (Observation available at <http://inquisitor.com/pcgi-bin/NYD.cgi?NA=NYD&AC=File&DA=20060721ZBE&TO=DI>)

So as we wait, we see the evacuation ships by the shores of Beirut. The UN evacuated all its staffs and their families except for a few of their main representatives in Lebanon. It becomes so ironic when one thinks about it... evacuation takes place while the rest of the people with no second passport or those who took the decision to stay for the sake of the country know that the worst of the attacks are coming after the evacuation ships are no more in sight at sea.

**Demonstrations around the world, countries and photos**

"We the peoples" is the opening of the UN Charter. It is a system that claims to represent the voice of people of world; well these are the peoples of the world, on the streets, saying no to war, but where are you UN?

Some of the demonstrations around the world:

In **Germany**, more than 1,000 Lebanese and Palestinians staged an anti-Israeli protest.

Demonstrations were staged in **Venezuela, Spain, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bahrain, Syria, and Yemen.**

At least 2,000 people marched in the **West Bank** city of Ramallah.

1500 **New Yorkers** went to the streets in protest!!!

A protest statement was signed by over 100 **Iraqi civil society organizations** in addition to several of the UN agencies in Iraq against the Israeli attack on Lebanon.



Demonstration in Beirut

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In Montreal



In France



In Israel



In London



(Signs saying "There is no military solution")

**The majority of the US Congress voted in support of Israel's war on Lebanon. US citizens, email your representative in protest, click here:**

<http://capwiz.com/arab/issues/alert/?alertid=8907671>

(Arab American institute)

**Some offers to help from individual activists:**

- Riwa Shatila is a Lebanese citizen who is offering to help in putting people who want to donate support goods like food, blankets, medicine, hygiene products and people who want to volunteer in contact with the groups working on the grounds. You can contact her at: 961-3 – 709388
- A Jordanian activist has set up a contact point [helpinglubnan@yahoo.com](mailto:helpinglubnan@yahoo.com) for anyone who has *an empty apartment for rent OR who is willing to host people for a few days in Jordan*. She is receiving requests from displaced Lebanese and collecting addresses of potential hosting/renting places. Jordan and Syria are full of Lebanese families fleeing the Israeli bombs on their homes in Lebanon

**For more on the kind of media coverage taking place, please check:**

'Because This Is the Middle East'; CBS' Schieffer ignores context in Mideast crisis at: [www.fair.org/index.php?page=2921](http://www.fair.org/index.php?page=2921)

Western Media Fails to Tell the Story at: [www.electronicintifada.net/lebanon/](http://www.electronicintifada.net/lebanon/)