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UPDATE FROM A LEBANON UNDER UNJUSTIFIED ISRAELI WAR RAGE
Monday July 24th, 2006- 13th day of attack

Destruction of Lebanon continues:

13th day of Israeli attack on Lebanon---→ 400 is the death toll, 1,600 are the injuries, up to 1 million refugees now. Israel invaded the south of Lebanon attacking Southern villages, one after the other. Civilian targets are still being hit, including a hospital and ambulances.

Meeting with UN special envoy

Jan Egeland, the special envoy of the United Nations and assistant to the Secretary General, met today with various UN agencies, ministries of education and health, in addition to (few and randomly selected) representatives of Lebanese civil society organizations. The UN mission is trying to organize its work in Lebanon and establish its coordination with governmental institutions and relief NGOs. The UN committed \$150 million for relief work in Lebanon. HOWEVER, the program was already set even before consulting with the concerned parties, and Mr. Egeland explained to the meeting attendees that \$40 million of the total- i.e. more than 26%- will have to be given to logistical concerns including staff compensation, travel, and other bureaucratic needs. How efficient is that?

Crisis news from the South of Lebanon

A local TV station reported today that it received direct phone calls from citizens trapped in Southern cities informing them that dead people are still laying in the streets and the Red Cross nor other groups are able to remove them. Also, reports say some families are still not able to bury their dead due to the continuous heavy shelling of their towns, especially in Tyr and Nabatiyeh areas of South Lebanon. Special envoy of the United Nations, Mr. Jan Egeland, also reflected on this news. The People in the isolated Southern towns are also reporting severe lack of water which threatens their health.

News from the Rachidiyeh area (town next to Tyr), which is a community for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, reported that the only bakery in the area was destroyed by the bombing. Food supplies are also not reaching the area due to continuous shelling. No one knows what the situation will be for the people of that town.

Rice in town!

No surprise at all, we were expecting her. Standing next to the Lebanese Prime Minister, Ms. Rice stresses her "deep concern about the Lebanese people and what they are enduring". However this deep concern is definitely not the priority for her at this point, for a cease-fire that could save the lives and dignity of these Lebanese people is not an option for her administration. Cease fire is pre-conditioned by two Israeli soldiers, the withdrawal of Hezbollah forces from the border and sending a multinational force to south Lebanon in the borders with Israel. Rice met with the Lebanese Parliament Speaker as well. News agencies pointed out that no understanding on the next step was reached.

As Ms. Rice arrived to town, so did a group of civil activists who were protesting the policy of the US administration in addressing the Israeli attack on Lebanon.

"First Mass Demonstration against the War" in Israel

"No to the War," "We will not kill or die for the US," "Amir Peretz-They Wait for You in the Hague," "No to the Destructions in Gaza and Lebanon," "Children in Beirut and Haifa Deserve to Live"-these were the most popular slogans in the main street of Tel Aviv, shouted with full voice, in Hebrew as well as in Arabic. Around five thousands demonstrators, who came from all over the country, shouted loud and clear, their rage

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(Read the article on the Anti-war Demonstration in Tel Aviv, 22 July 2006

http://alternativenews.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=466&Itemid=1)

A Run through Various Activities in Protest of Israeli Aggression on Lebanon

(This is a quick run through and does not include except a few of the thousands of activities being organized worldwide)

1) A big demonstration in support to the Lebanese people will take place in Algeria on Wednesday July 26th at 4:00 o'clock

2) In Uruguay this week, several organizations are protesting against the Israeli attack and invasion of Lebanon. Tomorrow (25 July) there is a call to go to the university and the worker's union has called to go to the streets.

3) A solidarity message from Haifa stated that the Arab community and the democratic Jews are mobilizing protests activities against the Israeli aggression on Lebanon, asking the international community to lobby their governments to end their support to Israel.

4) Tomorrow a delegation of the European Left (the left group of European parliament) will arrive to Beirut to express their solidarity with the Lebanese people and to condemn Israeli aggression against Lebanon. It will be composed of 5 MPs from different groups. They will have meetings with officials and civil society groups.

5) The Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) is circulating a draft petition to be signed by the willing members to express their solidarity with the Lebanese people and to condemn any military action in solving conflicts. The Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), is an alliance formed by NGOs, international networks, social movements, trade unions, women's organizations, faith based groups and other civil society actors working at the international, regional and national levels to eradicate poverty. It is worth noting that in March 2006, GCAP met in Beirut and issued a declaration, which highlights the way war increases poverty: "Armed conflicts, wars and their consequences destroy livelihoods, undermine democratic processes and human rights-including the right to self-determination- and divert resources that should be directed to development and social equity. Investing in human security best prevents conflicts and builds peace. The protection of people is a universal obligation of all states and international democratic institutions. Growing militarism and rearmament reduces political space and public accountability of states, diverts development financing and ultimately, renders lasting peace elusive and unrealizable. War and conflict disproportionately affect the security, dignity and future of women and children".

6) The Arab Press Freedom Watch issued a statement in solidarity with the Lebanese media and to condemn targeting press and media by Israeli army in Lebanon. It condemns the Israeli air raid against LBCI which resulted of the dead of the director of the station and many injuries among the workers and the complete destruction of the transmission station. Yesterday, Loyal Najib, a 23 year old free lance photographer, was killed by Israeli attacks on the car that was transporting her in the South, east of the Lebanese port city of Tyre. Loyal used to supply photographs to several international agencies.

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7) The Lebanese women council called for a sit-in in front of the UN building today Tuesday 25th July at 12 to condemn the Israeli aggression against the Lebanese people.

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: BKAULBBE (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:

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

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 or contact relief@pcm.gov.lb

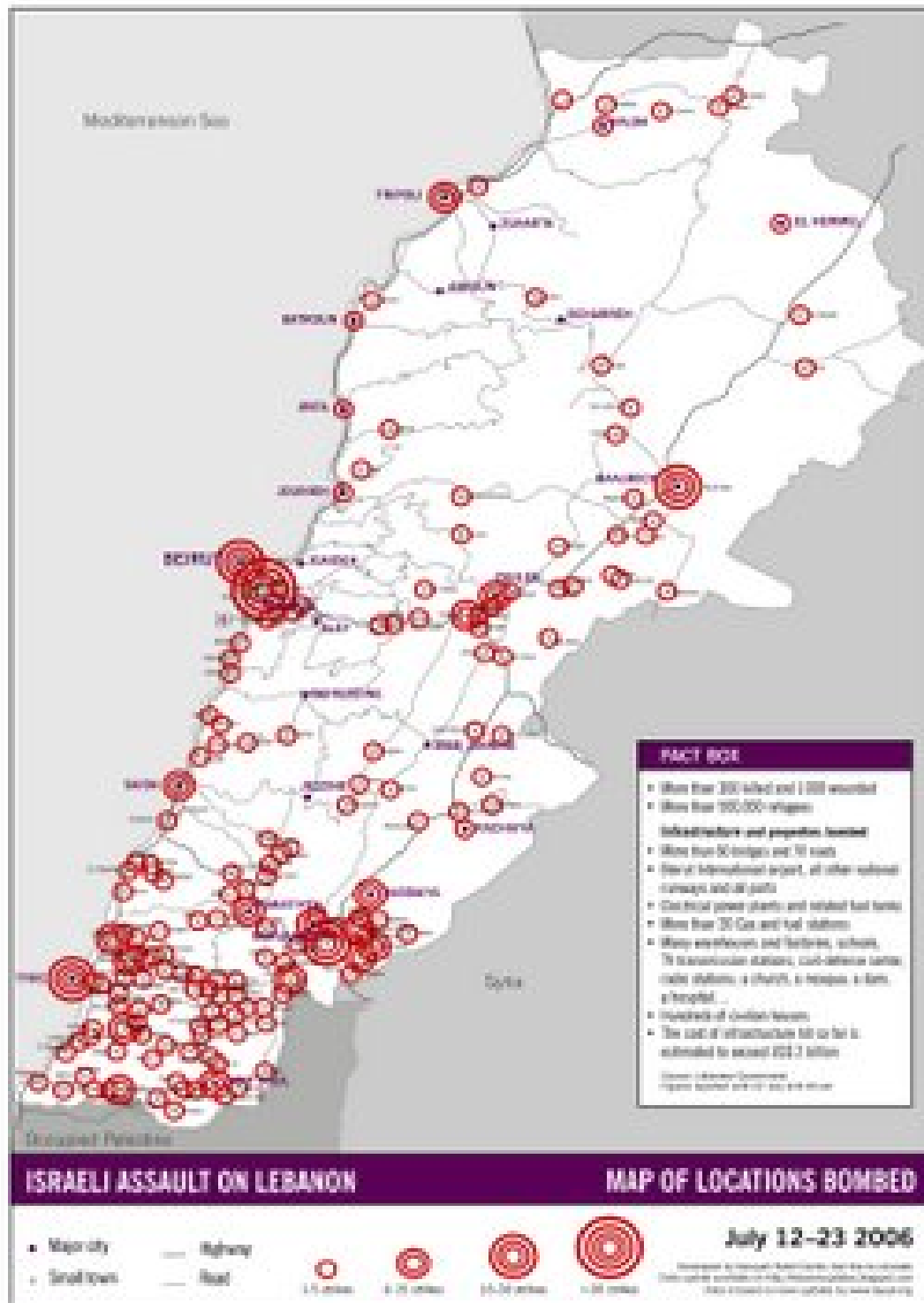
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MAPPING OF ISRAELI ASSAULT ON LEBANON JULY 12-23

(Check the map on <http://lebanonupdates.blogspot.com/> for higher resolution)



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