

American Jews Opposed to Israeli Aggression

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Dear Friend,

The statement below has been drafted as the text for an ad in the New York Times. We believe it is of the greatest importance for American Jews to express publicly their outrage at the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. We hope you will add your name in support of the statement and return your signature as quickly as possible together with a generous contribution to help pay for the ad. Any unused funds will be applied to relief for war victims. Make out check to American Jews Opposed to Israeli Aggression (AJOIA).

Noam Chomsky Barbara Epstein Bluma Goldstein Eli Katz Richard Lichtman

We are American Jews who are appalled by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and by the fact that the killing and destruction are being carried out with the political support and military aid provided by the United States. This massive armed aggression against an entire population will never bring peace to the Middle East. Peace can only be accomplished through negotiations among all parties involved and their mutual acknowledgment of the rights of all to exist as nations. We want to express our solidarity with the tens of thousands in Israel who have demonstrated their opposition to the inhuman and brutal policies of their government and have called for the withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from Lebanon and for negotiations with the Palestinians.

For a long time it has been assumed that American Jews support the actions of the Israeli government no matter what it does. That assumption is not a reality. We find the present course of the Israeli government intolerable. Over the past weeks Israeli soldiers have been responsible for the deaths of more than 14,000 Lebanese and Palestinians, for the horrible maiming of 20,000* (many of these by cluster and phosphorus bombs, the purpose of which is solely to cripple and kill individuals), for the decimation of Lebanese cities and villages, and for the uprooting of three quarters of a million people--largely women, children and the aged--who have been left to wander from place to place seeking shelter and food.

On the most elementary humanitarian grounds, we urge:

- 1) the immediate and complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.
- 2) that medical supplies and personnel which are urgently needed be permitted to reach their destination in Lebanon.
- 3) that the Red Cross be allowed to visit in Lebanon and Israel those prisoners of war taken by the Israeli forces.
- 4) that the United States halt sales and shipments of all arms to Israel and Lebanon.

*London Times, Monday, June 21, 1982, p. 5 ("Lebanon Toll" by Robert Fisk)

Signature

Printed Name

Affiliation
