

Lebanon accuses Israel of using “internationally prohibited weapons against civilians”

Phosphorus incendiary bombs and vacuum bombs

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Lebanon claims Israel using banned weapons against civilians

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[JURIST] Israel is using “internationally prohibited weapons against civilians” in Lebanon as the country faces “real annihilation,” according to a statement from Lebanon Information Minister Ghazi Aridi Sunday after an emergency cabinet meeting. Lebanese media reports state that Israel used [phosphorus incendiary bombs](#) and [vacuum bombs](#) [GlobalSecurity backgrounders] that suck up air and facilitate building collapses. The use of incendiary weapons against civilians has been banned by [Protocol III to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons](#) [text] since 1980. Lebanon’s accusations come amid [increasing violence](#) [Bloomberg report; BBC [Q&A](#)] between Israel over the weekend and [Hezbollah militants](#) [BBC backgrounder] based in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, [Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora](#) [BBC profile] said in a separate [address to the Lebanese people](#) [text] Sunday that Israel’s actions “violated Lebanon’s sovereignty and its citizens’ rights and dignity.” Siniora also said that “Israel is imposing a collective punishment that does not have any moral or legal legitimacy.” AP has [more](#).

These bombs have been used against civilians in Iraq.

[A Note on White Phosphorous bombs \(Wikipedia\)](#)

“**White phosphorus** is a common [allotrope](#) of the [chemical element phosphorus](#) which has found extensive [military](#) application as an [incendiary agent \[1\]](#), [smoke-screening](#) agent, and as an antipersonnel flame compound capable of causing serious burns[2]. It is used in [bombs](#) called **phosphorus bombs**, which burst into flames upon impact. White phosphorus has been called a [chemical weapon](#) by many people and organizations, including members of the [United Nations](#). It is commonly referred to in military [jargon](#) as “WP”. The [Vietnam War](#) era slang “Willy(ie) Pete” or “Willy(ie) Peter” is still occasionally heard.

Phosphorus bombs are [incendiary bombs](#) and have been likened to [napalm](#), although there are key differences.”

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