

# States are obliged to protect Lebanon, militarily if necessary, lest international law become a travesty

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*Cairo, Sunday 23 July 2006*

**EMERGENCY ACTION: LEBANON**

**CALL FOR A GENERAL STRIKE**

<http://www.brusselstribunal.org/Lebanon.htm>

Public demonstrations are essential, but even more is demanded of us. The system has to be disrupted completely if there is to be any chance of minimizing the casualties of Israel's coming ground invasion and re-occupation of South Lebanon.

We call on all workers, all management, all professions, all unions and syndicates, and all Arabs to begin immediately a general strike.

We appeal especially to dockers, oil workers and airport workers. Anyone who has a position in the supply chain for Israel should act on their conscience.

This action is needed now. We believe the invasion will begin this week.

General strike, now!

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**Spread this call for action**

We call on people who endorse this call for action to diffuse it widely.

Below is the statement released by The BRussells Tribunal Committee:

## **Israel's wanton bombing of Lebanese civilians is an unequivocal war crime**

### **States are obliged to protect Lebanon, militarily if necessary, lest international law become a travesty**

### **If the Security Council won't act, the General Assembly can and must**

Over 250 Lebanese civilians dead within a week, all murdered by the State of Israel. If the elected leaders of the states we, the people, compose do nothing about this, international society is nothing but illusion — camouflage and safety valve for unbridled aggression.

- IsraellIsraelUSIsraellIsraelMiddle East. We do not believe.

### **The right to resist**

The resistance operation that was the alleged trigger for IsraellIsraelLebanonIsraellIsraellIsraelLebanonIsraelLebanonIsraelUnited StatesIraqUSIsraelGaza to the point of humanitarian disaster, denying entry for the most rudimentary components of human survival. Supported by Bush's AmericaIsraelMiddle East ceases to be the abyss around which the entire world revolves for the sake of the State of Israel. The attempts to justify Israel's state of exception — a racist conception of blood purity and regional supremacy — have poisoned not only the Middle East but world politics as a whole. Yet IsraellIsraelAction now!

We call for the following immediately:

#### **1) Action in the UN General Assembly.**

The UN General Assembly has created the State of Israel. It has the political and moral obligation to protect the Lebanese state and people. The UN Security Council is morally bankrupt and practically impotent. These core reasons concern the State of Israel, and blind US support for the racist policies thereof.

### **Conclusion**

The BRussells Tribunal, in solidarity with the people of LebanonUnited StatesLebanonIsraelAmerica<http://brusselstribunal.org>

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