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## **Criminal U.S./Zionist Aggression Continues**

# **Steadfast Resistance to Israeli Terrorism and Genocide**

More than 1,000 Israeli airstrikes were reported on Monday September 23, targeting the Lebanese villages and towns of Qana, Ain Baal, al-Aqbiya, al-Sultaniyya, Sidiqin, Jabal al-Batm, Dabial, Markaba, Arabsalim, Aytit, Maaraka, and Nabatieh al-Fawqa, as well as the bridge between Jezzine and Marjayoun, in southernmost Lebanon.

On September 24 the Lebanese Health Ministry reported that Israeli aggression in Lebanon had to date killed 569 people, including 50 children and wounded 1,835 others.

Overnight from September 25 to September 26 Israel launched over 60 airstrikes on the Bekaa region, *Al Mayadeen* reported. One, which targeted a building housing Syrian workers and their families, killed 23, including children, in the town of Younine in northern Bekaa. Another airstrike in the town of Karak killed 11 people. Israeli airstrikes also targeted multiple towns in southern Lebanon, including Tebnine, Nabatieh, Kfar Tibnit, Bazouriyeh, al-Baysarieh, Zefta, Aitit, and Anqoun.

Former Prime Minister Saad Hariri stressed that "national unity and solidarity was a political moral duty at this stage of Lebanese history. Our people in the South, Bekaa, and Dahiya are a responsibility to all the Lebanese people, and their victory precedes any other consideration."

The Syrian Social Nationalist Party said that the ongoing escalations are a concerted war aimed at subjugating the entire Axis of Resistance and that such an outcome would never be recognized.

Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid called on the "international community to take a stand to stop the aggressive actions against Lebanon, which could lead to dangerous consequences."

Arab foreign ministers condemned the "escalating Israeli aggression against Lebanon, particularly since Monday morning."



The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine urged "the continuation of popular movements and protests in the streets to express anger against the ongoing war of destruction and genocide, which has extended to beloved Lebanon and its brotherly people, aiming to weaken the support front for the Palestinian resistance." The statement praised the "valiant Islamic Resistance and the spirits of the hundreds of martyrs who have risen in their steadfastness and strong stance, and in the courageous and painful response to the enemy, defending

Lebanon, its people, and its land, while continuing to support the Palestinian people and their Resistance against the ongoing genocide, amid the international community's and Security Council's inability to stop it."



Montreal demonstration in support of Lebanon, September 24, 2024

In Palestine, September 26 marks 356 days of the U.S.-backed genocidal war on Gaza. Israel continues its aerial and artillery strikes, continuing to massacre and injure civilians. Media report on September 26 that Israeli military bulldozers have caused extensive damage to roads, sewage systems, and businesses in the occupied West Bank, in what residents describe as an unprecedented level of devastation.

On September 25, Senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan stressed the need for an end to Israel's aggression against the Gaza Strip and Lebanon in order for the resistance in Palestine and Lebanon to stop their operations. "The resistance does not want to see the aggression against Gaza or our people in Lebanon linger on for a long time, but the occupation regime and its supporters must realize that no matter how long it takes, the resistance will never surrender," the Hamas official underlined.

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## Lebanese Resistance Takes on Zionist Crimes

The Lebanese Resistance organization Hezbollah announced on September 25 that its fighters launched a Qader-1 ballistic missile targeting the Mossad headquarters in the suburbs of Tel Aviv. The attack is unprecedented, as it marked the first time the Lebanese Resistance group targeted Tel Aviv with a missile, cementing "the strike for strike" and "Tel Aviv for Beirut" equation, the organization said in a statement.

According to the statement, Mossad's headquarters are responsible for the assassination of Resistance leaders and the waves of explosions of pagers and

walkie-talkies which killed dozens and injured thousands of people across Lebanon. "A ballistic missile was launched at the centre, [Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan] Nasrallah is making history this morning," Israeli media said of the attack. "We are face-to-face with an event that may turn the tables after the Resistance targeted the Mossad headquarters in the suburbs of Tel Aviv with a ballistic missile," said *Al Mayadeen's* correspondent in south Lebanon, adding that signs of the displacement of settlers from central Israel have begun.



Photo from Hezbollah military media of type of missile used against Mossad headquarters.

The previous day, September 24, Hezbollah announced that it had launched Fadi-3 rockets at the Israeli military's Samson base. In a statement, Hezbollah explained that the Samson base serves as a command and regional equipment centre. This marked the first deployment of the Fadi-3 rocket in the ongoing war, striking the Samson Remote Controlled Weapon Station (RCWS) near the Golani Junction, west of occupied Lake Tabarayya, the organization explained. The Samson base is located approximately 35 kilometres from the Lebanese border.

Hezbollah also launched rocket salvos at the settlement of Rosh Pina and bombarded the main warehouses of the northern region in the Nimra base with dozens of rockets. In its statements, Hezbollah emphasized that these operations are in support of the resilient Palestinian people in Gaza and their brave resistance, as well as in defence of Lebanon and its people.

*(Al Mayadeen)*

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## Israel Faces Economic Consequences of Its Wars

Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) reported that the Israeli regime's strikes on Lebanon on Monday, September 23 cost the Zionist state some 650 million shekels (U.S.\$173 million). Officials underlined that if the airstrike campaign on Lebanon

exceeds 10 days, it would require approval for a budgetary expansion.

Israeli media also quoted a former official from the Shin Bet security service as saying, "The capability of Hezbollah to launch rockets towards central Israel should not be underestimated." The former official added, "What [Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan] Nasrallah did today is just a small preview of what he has in store. [...] The moment these interceptors are deployed, the costs skyrocket."

The magazine *The Economist* highlighted that a full-scale war would severely damage Israeli economic growth, possibly even more than the impact of the Palestinian Resistance's October 7, 2023 operation. According to the magazine, the most alarming scenario today facing Israel is that the war would extend into its key commercial centres, including Tel Aviv. Even a more limited military escalation in the northern regions could push the Israeli economy to the brink, it warned. Military expenditures are expected to rise significantly, placing further strain on the Zionist state's financial resources. Adding to these challenges, Israeli banks are facing a substantial outflow of capital, as investors seek to move their funds abroad, the magazine said.

*(Al Mayadeen)*

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## **Hamas' Vision for Affirmation of Palestinian Rights**

The Resistance Movement Hamas has, since the beginning of the U.S./Israeli Zionist aggression, presented its vision to achieve the affirmation of Palestinian rights. This vision calls for a ceasefire, prisoner exchange and lifting the siege, achieving Palestinian reconciliation, forming a comprehensive national unity government, and engaging in a comprehensive political process based on relevant international resolutions to end the occupation, establishing an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, and the return of refugees.

Hamas holds the Israeli government and its allies fully responsible for the failure of the ceasefire negotiations, stressing it stands firm in its "position against entering new negotiations that would provide [Israel] with cover to continue its aggression."

*(Palestinian Information Center)*

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## **Hamas Appeals to UN Secretary General**

The Hamas Movement said in a September 24 statement addressed to UN Secretary-General António Guterres that it expects "immediate action" to end the Gaza war. "We demand immediate action to stop the Israeli aggression and the war

in the Gaza Strip and the flagrant violations in the West Bank and Jerusalem," Hamas said, adding, "The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip has exceeded the level of a catastrophe due to the barbaric Zionist aggression. [...] We urge you to step up efforts to provide immediate food, medicine, clothing, and shelter supplies to our steadfast people in the Gaza Strip by opening the crossings and directing relief efforts. [...] Do not abandon the Palestinian people; instead, do everything within your power to maintain security and stability in Palestine and the surrounding area. You should also take the necessary steps to protect Palestinian rights in line with the principles and values outlined in the United Nations Charter and earlier UN resolutions, setting an example for future advancements toward international peace."

The Movement also appreciated the role that "the UN has played in helping to put an end to decades of persecution, massacres, and occupation of our Palestinian people, as well as the creation of an independent Palestinian state, the return of refugees, and the role that the UN has played in helping to stop injustice and aggression against them."

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## Level of Impunity in the World -- Politically Indefensible and Morally Intolerable



Ottawa action against terror attacks on Lebanon, September 24, 2024

In his speech to the opening session of the 79th General Assembly of the United Nations, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said: "The level of impunity in the world is politically indefensible and morally intolerable." He lamented that many governments feel entitled to disregard international laws, human rights conventions and UN resolutions.

"They can invade another country, lay waste to whole societies, or utterly disregard the welfare of their own people. And nothing will happen," he said, noting that the "impunity" can be seen in the Middle East, Europe, Africa and beyond.

Saying all states should be "alarmed by the escalation" between Lebanon and

Israel, he said, "Lebanon is at the brink." "The people of Lebanon, the people of Israel, and the people of the world cannot afford Lebanon to become another Gaza," he said. He denounced the collective punishment of Palestinians, reiterating his demand for an immediate ceasefire and the start of a two-state solution.

"The speed and scale of the killing and destruction in Gaza are unlike anything in my years as secretary-general. More than 200 of our own staff have been killed, many with their families," he said.

*(Palestinian Information Center)*

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## **Egypt, Jordan and Iraq Issue Joint Statement**

Egypt, Jordan and Iraq warned in a joint statement on September 25 that "Israel is pushing the region into a comprehensive war." The foreign ministers of the three Arab states who are attending the current session of the UN General Assembly condemned the ongoing Israeli attacks across Lebanon and called on "the international community and the Security Council to assume their relevant responsibilities to stop the war." Stopping this "dangerous escalation underway in the region" must begin "by halting Israel's aggression in Gaza," they said.

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