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Subject: Israel, Lebanon, and of course... Hezbollah  
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After a brief search on these forums, I've come to the conclusion that there's not a thread on this topic (there is one, but it was actually off-topic). So, I'd like to (re)ignite this topic. I find it relatively coincidental (let alone ironic) that people on this forums were discussing Israel, Lebanon, and Hezbollah (although it was off-topic) just weeks before this recent war started on July 12.

Please keep it civil with no derogatory remarks: I'm sure there's fanatics on both sides (my own fanaticism being that of favoring Israel, which I hope you'll understand after reading the rest of this post), but that's not a reason to insult each other or their beliefs.

I would also love to have FMhalo join in on this, since he himself is apparently from Lebanon and could probably clear up some misconceptions regarding Lebanon and Hezbollah.

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What I don't understand is why the rest of the world can't see the fact that Hezbollah is using civilians as pawns in a political jihad. Sure, Hezbollah might have financed civilian schools, libraries, markets, whatever... but was it really Hezbollah that had financed that, or was it Iran through that terrorist organization (if you think Hezbollah is not a terrorist organization, please do tell why)? While you think about that, remember that ultimately Hezbollah is using Lebanese public opinion to leverage acts of terrorism against Israel as "legitimate".

No matter what the news says, I'm also frankly surprised at the wording of what immediately sparked this conflict: Quote:...the capture of two Israeli soldiers...Why haven't they labelled that as an abduction? It is much more appropriate! In fact a lot of news agencies had already gone from calling the "suicide bombers" a much more insulting name of "suicide murderers" and the like. So why not do the same for the spark of this now-three-weeks-long war?

The international community is retarded. Israel has, during the past years, been repeatedly told to back off and Israel repeatedly did so. Israel was not the aggressor in this war, and you can't expect an "immediate" ceasefire for tensions that have been building for years, literally. During the beginning of this war, Israel had dropped leaflets telling all civilians to flee for their lives. I believe that anyone left in the region is one of three things: A Hezbollah fighter

Forced to stay against their will by Hezbollah

Or lastly: stupid, retarded, or similar.

If you're neither fighting the Israelis nor helping those that do, then there's really no reason to be there until the fighting is over. If you are fighting the Israelis (or more to the point) or supporting those that do, then you could get killed, and it will only not be your fault if Hezbollah has forced you to stay there or kill you yourselves. I don't understand why international communities cannot seem to see this. And to touch on what I said at the beginning of this paragraph ("the international community is retarded"): if the same thing had happened to any of the nations that are unsupportive (to say the least) of Israel, I would wholeheartedly support them to take the exact same action that Israel is taking against Hezbollah, and I would in fact be confused if they didn't. As a matter of fact, I had been halfheartedly watching the Israeli news during the past six months

or so, and had been perplexed as to why Israel hadn't taken any action.

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FMhalo wrote on Sun, 30 April 2006 20:27: Israel is still occupying the "Shebaa Farms border area". They did not completely withdraw and if it wasn't for Hezbollah Lebanon would be part of Israel. Please, do tell me where Israel has started the fight (any fight). To the best of my knowledge, Israel has started none.

I don't know whether or not Israel would have annexed Lebanon if it was given the chance, but to the best of my knowledge, Israel has always been the defender. Sure, they've occupied Lebanese lands, but if you are attacked by someone, you have every right to call the police to have them go to their house. If there's no police, then what would you do when they hide in their home? With regards to that, when Hezbollah was created, it was to fight the Israeli occupation of Lebanon (which, I'll point out, was a response to a 1982 assassination attempt on an Israeli ambassador and artillery attacks on Israelis). While (to the best of my knowledge) that occupation has never totally ended, neither has the Hezbollah (is that the correct spelling of Hezbollah as an adjective?) activities against Israel when Israel did back off as required by a U.N. mandate.

Obviously, if Israel was cooperating with the U.N. as far as pulling out of Lebanon before this recent conflict, then that would have been the proper way of getting Israel out of your Shebaa Farms border (and thus, completely out of Lebanon)... not continuing to fight. And what's more is that if this was truly a fight about the Shebaa Farms, then Hezbollah should have chosen that place to conduct their raid against Israel, not within the internationally-recognized Israeli border.

Israel has repeatedly shown cooperation with the U.N., whereas Hezbollah has not. The U.N. had told Hezbollah to disarm, and yet Hezbollah still has not after a year.