Subject: Re: Israel, Lebanon, and of course... Hezbollah Posted by MexPirate on Fri, 04 Aug 2006 09:02:20 GMT

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I think Israel is getting so much grief purely because of the figures, there are a lot more lebanese dying than Isralies from the missle attacks. But as pointed out they didn't fire first although there is a long standing history of conflict in the area, it seems to me like East meets West all in one area (Isreal representing the West-surrounded by countries with different views)

Repression and Violence are just part of life in that part of the world, I just cannot understand what motivates these people on a personal level other than the obvious, he hurt me so I will hurt him mentality that has been cycling for a long long time - I don't see anything being resolved any time soon - the Lebanese will now resent Isreal more because of the huge casualties, displacement of population and civilian targets hit. Israel's citizens will in turn show their opinions following missles landing in their country. Violence breeds violence and the causes soon seem to become irrelevant (look at Northern Ireland) - what is really needed is for people to stay in their own countries, be happy with what they have and quit pissing off neighbouring countries and bringing their own alliances to the table before we see Iraq Part 2 against Syria and Iran.