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Standing with the people of Lebanon against the illegal invasion, war crimes,
and ethnic cleansing perpetrated by the State of Israel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TLAIB submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Standing with the people of Lebanon against the illegal invasion,
war crimes, and ethnic cleansing perpetrated by
the State of Israel.

Whereas Lebanon is a sovereign nation and a founding Member State of the United Nations entitled to self-determination, territorial integrity, political independence, and freedom from the threat or use of force, as guaranteed by the Charter of the United Nations;

Whereas the United States is home to over 1,000,000 Lebanese Americans with deep ties and close family connections in Lebanon;

Whereas, for decades, Lebanon's sovereignty has been grossly violated by repeated attacks, bombings, assassinations,

invasions, and military occupations by the State of Israel, including major invasions in 1978 and 1982, the illegal 18-year military occupation of southern Lebanon from 1982 through 2000, and major invasions in 2006 and 2024;

Whereas Israel's recent 2024 invasion of Lebanon killed 3,402 people and wounded 14,655 people, with an additional 645 killed and 1,983 wounded by Israeli attacks in the months leading up to that invasion;

Whereas, despite a November 2024 ceasefire agreement, Israel committed over 15,000 documented ceasefire violations over the course of 15 months, including near-daily attacks on Lebanese soil killing over 370 people, the destruction of civilian infrastructure, blocking the return of displaced people from their homes, firing at United Nations peacekeepers, and continuing to illegally militarily occupy parts of Lebanese territory;

Whereas, in early March 2026, amid the United States and Israel's illegal war on Iran, the Israeli Government launched a new large-scale devastating bombing campaign and illegal ground invasion of Lebanon, which continues to cause immense death and suffering to this day;

Whereas this invasion has already killed over 1,116 people, including over 121 children, and wounded over 3,229 people, as of March 26, 2026;

Whereas this invasion has already forcibly displaced over 1,200,000 people, around one-fifth of Lebanon's entire population, from their homes, as of March 26, 2026, with the Israeli military telling them that they will not be allowed to return home;

Whereas the Israeli military has committed war crimes in Lebanon, including the crimes of wanton destruction, forcible displacement, and the deliberate targeting of civilians;

Whereas the Israeli military has targeted at least 132 medical facilities and ambulances and killed at least 42 medical workers and wounded another 119, reportedly using the “double-tap” tactic it used in Gaza, where an initial strike is followed by a pause allowing medical teams to reach a site, followed by a second strike;

Whereas the Israeli military has issued orders demanding the forced displacement of the entire Lebanese population south of the Litani and Zahrani rivers as well as the entirety of Beirut’s southern neighborhoods, around 15 percent of Lebanon’s entire territory, under threat of indiscriminate violence;

Whereas the Israeli military has deliberately destroyed critical civilian infrastructure, including homes, apartment buildings, churches, mosques, electricity networks, and key bridges that connect the south of Lebanon with the rest of the country;

Whereas Oxfam International reports that Israeli forces are decimating water and sanitation infrastructure across parts of Lebanon, a violation of the Geneva conventions;

Whereas Israeli strikes have wiped out entire families and have emptied and destroyed entire towns and villages;

Whereas the Israeli military has fired white phosphorous, an incendiary chemical that can cause death, cruel injuries, and severe chemical burns that result in lifelong suffering, on residential neighborhoods in southern Lebanon, a blatant violation of international law;

Whereas the United States is coauthoring this destruction through the weapons, intelligence, logistics, and diplomatic cover it provides the Israeli Government;

Whereas Israeli government and military officials have openly announced plans for Lebanon that involve a repeat of the crimes against humanity and genocide committed by Israel in Gaza and an intent to occupy, ethnically cleanse, and annex Lebanese territory;

Whereas Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz announced that he and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had ordered the Israeli military to destroy vital bridge crossings across Lebanon's Litani River and accelerate the demolition of Lebanese houses in border villages "in accordance with the Beit Hanoun and Rafah models in Gaza";

Whereas Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich threatened that "very soon, Dahiyeh will resemble Khan Younis", referring to a densely populated neighborhood of Lebanon's capital and a city in Gaza that was near completely destroyed by the Israeli military;

Whereas the Israeli military dropped leaflets over Beirut threatening Lebanon with a repeat of the "remarkable success in Gaza";

Whereas Israeli military officials have told the press that the aim of this campaign is to implement "the Gaza model, but in Lebanon";

Whereas Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich stated that "the new Israeli border must be the Litani", calling for the Israeli takeover and annexation of a significant amount of Lebanese territory up to Lebanon's Litani river;

Whereas Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz stated that Israel plans to “control the remaining bridges and the security zone up to the Litani”, openly announcing an illegal land grab and an indefinite military occupation of southern Lebanon, around 10 percent of the country’s territory;

Whereas Israeli Knesset Member Amit Halevi from Netanyahu’s Likud Party urged that Lebanon’s Litani River, “must become the north’s new Yellow Line”, referencing the ever-expanding line of direct Israeli military occupation that currently splits Gaza in two;

Whereas Israeli Knesset Member Zvi Sikkot from Smotrich’s Religious Zionism party urged that “We must conquer territory in southern Lebanon, destroy the villages there and annex the territory to the State of Israel”;

Whereas former Israeli Defense Minister and indicted war criminal Yoav Gallant urged the Israeli military “to strike and eliminate everything that’s in Dahiyeh, Baalbek, Tyre, Sidon, Nabatieh, everywhere”;

Whereas Israeli officials have warned that their invasion of Lebanon will “expand significantly” with the mobilization of hundreds of thousands of additional reservists; and

Whereas the world failed to prevent genocide in Gaza and must act immediately to prevent it in Lebanon: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that it is the policy of the United States to—
- 3 (1) use the immense leverage of the United
- 4 States with the Government of Israel to force an im-
- 5 mediate and total withdrawal of Israeli forces from

1 Lebanese territory and an end to all Israeli air-
2 strikes and violations of Lebanese sovereignty;

3 (2) immediately end all unauthorized United
4 States participation in hostilities in Lebanon;

5 (3) denounce and reject efforts at territorial ex-
6 pansion and the illegal military occupation or annex-
7 ation of Lebanese territory;

8 (4) investigate and prosecute suspected war
9 crimes and crimes against humanity committed in
10 Lebanon in accordance with the War Crimes Act of
11 1996, the Genocide Convention Implementation Act
12 of 1987, and any other relevant sections of the
13 United States Code;

14 (5) cease the transfer of arms, equipment, and
15 logistical support to the State of Israel, which is
16 using United States weapons in violation of the
17 Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assist-
18 ance Act;

19 (6) prevent and punish the crime of genocide,
20 wherever it occurs;

21 (7) deliver humanitarian and reconstruction aid
22 unconditionally to the Lebanese people and facilitate
23 and insist upon the safe return of displaced Leba-
24 nese to their homes; and

1 (8) redesignate and extend Temporary Pro-
2 tected Status for Lebanon until it is safe for Leba-
3 nese nationals in the United States to return home.