

# **Index of Illegal Weapons in Lebanon**

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## 9/11 or 07/06?

"How many people do you have to kill before you qualify to be described as mass murderer and a war criminal?" Harold Pinter, Nobel speech.

A <u>peace offer</u> was vetoed just prior to the US / Israeli war on Lebanon. Since the war started, there has been much discussion concerning the use of (US) cluster bombs, bunker-busting bombs and chemical weapons – all illegal – presently being used in Lebanon. Some have also said illegal bombs are also being used in Palestine.

Those ruling the American Empire, supported by PM Blair<sup>2</sup>, have become mad with megalomania. The War of (sic) Terror is not the solution. Those responsible for the Iraq War, illegal kidnapping and detention without representation, and for the bombs used in Afghanistan, Iraq and now Lebanon need to be put on trial for War Crimes. Sanity, dignity, respect, integrity and peace urgently need to be reclaimed.

Our planet is 4,500m years old. Bill Bryson suggested that if one figuratively put this on the scale of a 24-hour clock, "humans emerge at one minute and seventeen seconds before midnight." Those in the pursuit of total power and money should not use our precious time killing innocent people as well as the planet, but should find a less lethal form of pathological entertainment. We are rapidly, and exponentially, running out of time for our species' survival.

I have put together an index of photographs, reports and articles which, at our peril, have been irresponsibly ignored by the corporate Mainstream Media.

## **The Geneva Conventions**

Protocol I, Article 85, Section 3 of the Geneva Convention: "An indiscriminate attack affecting the civilian population or civilian objects and resulting in

excessive loss of life, injury to civilians or damage to civilian objects is a grave breach of the Geneva Conventions."

Following is an Index of various reports and articles.

# **US/UK Arms for Israel**

- **14.07.06**. B. Russell, Independent. <u>Britain urged to ban £23m arms trade with Israel.</u>
- **29.07.06**. IRNA. British arms exports to Israel doubled last year.
- **29.07.06**. B. Joffe-Wait, Guardian. <u>Made in the UK, bringing devastation to Lebanon the British parts in Israel's deadly attack helicopters.</u>

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- **21.10.04**. Reuters / Common Dreams. The United States plans to sell Israel \$319 million worth of air-launched bombs, including 500 "bunker busters" able to penetrate Iran's underground nuclear facilities, Israeli security sources said on Tuesday. Eyeing Iran Reactors, Israel Seeks U.S. Bunker Bombs.
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- **27.07.06**. G. Mitchell, Editor and Publisher. <u>Press Overlooks U.S. Role as Arms Merchant in Mideast Conflict.</u>
- **29.07.06**. Reuters. The announcement came two weeks after the administration said it would sell Israel its latest supply of JP-8 aviation fuel valued at up to \$210m to help Israeli warplanes "keep peace and security in the region." <u>US planning \$4.6bn in Mideast arms</u> sales.

#### **US Arms to Israel**

- **21.07.06**. Reuters. "The Bush administration is rushing a delivery of precision-guided bombs to Israel, which requested the expedited shipment last week after beginning its air campaign. ... The decision to quickly ship the weapons to Israel was made with relatively little debate within the Bush administration, the officials said." US rushes precision-guided bombs to Israel.
- **25.07.06**. Marjorie Cohen, Counterpunch. Bush Greenlights War Crimes. ... Israel had just put out an S.O.S. to the United States government to rush over several more bombs <u>Willful Blindness</u>.



In October 1992, an El Al cargo Boeing 747 crashed into this apartment building in Amsterdam Bijlmermeer [edit correction]. Some one thousand people in the vicinity complained of health problems after the crash. It was later revealed by Dutch and Israeli sources that El Al Flight 1862 was transporting precursor chemical weapons substances to Israel from the United States, including dimethyl methylphosphonate, hydrofluoric acid, and

isopropanol, in addition to depleted uranium. <a href="http://www.waynemadsenreport.com/">http://www.waynemadsenreport.com/</a>

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- **29.07.06**. BBC. Two more American flights carrying "hazardous cargoes" bound for Israel are to refuel at Prestwick Airport this weekend, it has emerged. <u>Airport to handle more US flights</u>.
- **30.07.06**. Crichton / Hutcheon, Sunday Herald. Revealed: Ireland refused to allow bomb flights to land.
- **30.07.06**. EDP24. Planned protests mean that <u>Hazardous cargo flights 'diverted to Mildenhall.'</u>

# **Cluster Bombs, DU Bunker Busters and Phosphorus Bombs**

**REPORTS** 

- **07.06**. Amnesty International. Obligations under international humanitarian law of the parties to the conflict in Israel and Lebanon <u>ISRAEL/LEBANON: ISRAEL AND HIZBULLAH MUST SPARE CIVILIANS.</u>
- **21.07.06**. Relief Web. According to several witness accounts, cluster bombs may have been used by the Israeli forces over the last few days in south Lebanon, particularly in the southern suburbs of Beirut. The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) reports that the Israeli government has announced that it is reserving the right to use cluster bombs in its current intervention in Lebanon. Handicap International is concerned about the possible use of landmines and cluster bombs in Lebanon.
- **24.07.06**. Red Cross Report, uruknet. <u>ICRC Bulletin No. 3 Lebanon.</u>

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Close-up of a M483A1 DPICM artillery-delivered cluster munition present in the arsenal of an IDF unit in northern Israel. © Human Rights Watch 2006

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Pallets of 155mm artillery projectiles including DPICM cluster munitions (center and right with yellow diamonds), 23.07.06, N. Israel. © Human Rights Watch 2006

**24.07.06**. Human Rights Watch. Israel Must Not Use Indiscriminate Weapons. <u>Israeli Cluster Munitions Hit Civilians in Lebanon.</u>

## ARTICLES

- **11.07.06**. Human Rights, Electronic intifada. <u>Palestinian injuries suggest Israel is using chemical weapons in Gaza</u>.
- **20.07.06**. Kurt Nimmo, uruknet. Excellent short precis of illicit weapons. "Israel has plenty of other weapons, gratis the United States and its own burgeoning weapons program, but it appears it prefers to augment its arsenal with chemical weapons." <u>Israelis adopt poison gas 'fashion.</u>' See Nimmo's referenced url: <u>Overview: Israel's use of Chemical Weapons</u>.



- **21.07.06**. As-Safir Newspaper, uruknet. Do you know what kind of weapons causes this damage? <u>CAN YOU HELP US, PLEASE!</u> 3
- **22/23.07.06**. W. Madsen Report / GlobalResearch.ca. "U.S. military intelligence sources have told WMR that the artillery shell shown below being used by an Israel Defense Force member in Lebanon, is a type of dual and multi-use weapon the neocons falsely accused Saddam Hussein of possessing. Although the canister artillery shell is marketed as an anti-land mine fuel-air bomb, its payload can also include the chemicals used in thermobaric bombs, white phosphorous weapons, and chemical weapons." Photos. <u>Chemical Weapons used against Lebanese Civilians</u>.



Badly burnt body of young Lebanese girl with telltale signs of white phosphorous attack.

# **WAR CRIME**

- **22.07.06**. M. Chossudovsky, GlobalResearch.ca. <u>Israeli crimes against humanity: Gruesome images of charred and mutilated bodies following Israeli air strikes</u>.
- **23.07.06**. BRussels Tribunal. States are obliged to protect Lebanon, militarily if necessary, lest international law become a travesty <u>Israel's wanton bombing of Lebanese civilians is an unequivocal war crime</u>.
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- **23.07.06**. G. Hoffman, Jerusalem Post. Knesset member Azmi Bishara (Balad) has accused Israel of such massive use of force in the conflict with Hizbullah that "it's like a nuclear bomb falling on Lebanon the whole country is destroyed." MK Bishara: IDF attacks 'like a nuclear bomb on Lebanon.'



# 30.000 demonstrate in London 26.07.06.

- **23.07.06**. S. Meyer, Index Research. UK demonstration. Meanwhile, the US sends more bombs to Israel. These bombs appear to wreak the same human horrors as the phosphorus bombs used in Fallujah, Iraq. <u>Lebanon vs. the BBC</u>.
- **23.07.06**. Redress Information & Analysis, uruknet. <u>Israel bans reporting of use of "unique"</u> weapons in Lebanon.
- **24.07.06**. Dr. D. Rokke, uruknet. "The delivery of at least 100 GBU 28 bunker busters bombs containing depleted uranium warheads by the United States to Israel for use against targets in Lebanon will result in additional radioactive and chemical toxic contamination with consequent adverse health and environmental effects throughout the middle east." Depleted Uranium Situation Worsens Requiring Immediate Action By President Bush, Prime Minister Blair, and Prime Minister Olmert.
- **24.07.06**. Zena el-Khalil, dnaindia.com. "So, let me ask this question: if Israel gets its weapons from the USA then by default doesn't that mean that the USA is at war with Lebanon? <u>Blogging from Beirut</u>.
- **24.07.06**. The Jurist, uruknet. Phosphorus incendiary bombs and vacuum bombs. <u>Lebanon accuses Israel of using "internationally prohibited weapons against civilians."</u>
- **24.07.06**. IRIN. Lebanon president says Israel using phosphorus arms.
- **24.07.06**. Mosaic / ICH. This video contains images depicting the reality and horror of war and should only be viewed by a mature audience. <u>Uncensored News Reports From Across The Middle East</u>.
- **24.07.06**. Graphic Video, CNN / Raw Story. <u>Lebanese Doctor Says 'Phosphorus Weapons'</u> <u>Cause Suffering</u>.
- **24.07.06**. Dahr Jamail, WilliamBowlesinfo. Bombings hit children hardest.
- **24.07.06**. Dahr Jamail. "Aren't people seeing all of this?"
- **25.07.06**. ICH. Photographs from Lebanon.



## **WAR CRIME**

- **25.07.06**. K. Gannon, the state.com. TYRE, Lebanon Dirty bandages hid the worst of 8-year-old Zainab Jawad's swollen, bloodied nose Monday.Jawad Najem, a surgeon at the hospital, said patients admitted Sunday had burns from phosphorous incendiary weapons used by Israel. <u>Civilians bear fear, injuries, death, grief.</u>
- **25.07.06**. Democracy Now: Interview with Peter Bouchaert. "Just a few days ago we documented an attack, which took place last Wednesday, on the village of Blida, in which the Israelis used cluster munitions. Human Rights Watch has been very critical of the use of cluster and munitions by the U.S. military, because these are indiscriminate weapons. Basically what they are is one big shell, which opens up and drops a number of smaller bomblets over a very large area. Many of these bomblets don't explode, so they effectively

turn into mines." <u>Human Rights Watch: Israel Dropping Cluster Bombs on Lebanese</u> Civilians.

**25.07.06**. J. Bone, TimesonLine. As civilian casualties mount, the UN is telling the belligerents that they might be guilty of war crimes. <u>War crimes warning as civilian deaths increase</u>.

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25.07.06. Gabriele Zamparini, catsdream / uruknet. Did You Know?

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**25.07.06**. P.J. Watson, Prison Planet. <u>Burning Babies Are Child's Play To Israel's Ethnic Cleansers.</u>



Bint Jelail before being destroyed by US bombs 4

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**26.07.06**. IRIN. The Israeli military has defended itself following allegations by Lebanese government officials, doctors and an international human rights organisation that phosphorous bombs have been used, and have harmed civilians. <u>Lebanon: Israel defends its weapons</u>.

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**26.07.06**. Summary by Tom Café – urls and videos. <u>Update: Israel using chemical weapons & targeting ambulances</u>.

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**26.07.06**. Wayne Madsen Report. <u>Lebanon attack a joint Israeli-U.S. military operation:</u> Dead UN soldiers had atrocities info.

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- **27.07.06**. S. Assir, Weekly Ahram. ... "it appears that in conflicts in the Middle East the law of the "most powerful" is the one that counts." Above the law.
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- **27.07.06**. Reuters/ Media Channel. <u>Belgian couple to accuse Israel of war crimes</u>.
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28.07.06. Timesonline.

#### LEBANESE TOLL

Up to **600** killed

1,788 seriously injured

5,000 homes damaged

More than **2,500** aerial attacks by Israel

**500,000** people displaced within Lebanon

200,000 have left the country

**3** airports bombed,

**62** bridges destroyed

## **ISRAELI TOLL**

**19** civilians dead

**26** seriously injured

374 less badly injured

632 treated for shock

**33** Israeli soldiers killed

**50** injured

**1,514** rockets and missiles fired at Israel

**200,000** Israelis have left their homes in North Israel

More innocent blood is shed as Israel steps up offensive.

BBC Lebanon Damage Report (and maps).

STATEMENT OF BAMA (British Arab Medical Association, 27th July 2006.

- 28.07.06. Dahr Jamail. Death Toll Could be Twice the Original Figure.
- **28.07.06**. theage.com. LEBANON is investigating reports from doctors that Israel has used weapons in its bombardment of southern Lebanon that have caused wounds they have never seen before. <u>Doctors suspect chemical weapons</u>.
- **28.07.06**. Bahrain Daily News. GAZA CITY: Israel is using a new type of weapon possibly containing chemicals against Palestinians, it was alleged yesterday. <u>'DIRTY' BOMBS</u> HORROR.
- **28.07.06**. UPI. White House wary of war crimes.
- 29.07.06. J. Stillwater, aljazeera.info. "You're safe."
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## Warning

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#### **WAR CRIME**

**The Geneva Conventions** 

#### **GENEVA CONVENTION I**

(Protection for sick and wounded combatants on land)

Article 19: Fixed establishments and mobile medical units of the Medical Service may in no circumstances be attacked.

Article 24: Medical personnel exclusively engaged in the search for, or the collection, transport or treatment of the wounded or sick, or in the prevention of disease, staff exclusively engaged in the administration of medical units and establishments, as well as chaplains attached to the armed forces, shall be respected and protected in all circumstances.

## **VERY SHORT REFERENCE LIST**

## Not the Mainstream Media

<u>Danny Schechter's Dissector</u> is an invaluable daily source of synthesized media information and comment on the US (UK)/Israeli war on Lebanon.

**Blogging Beirut** 

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http://www.globalresearch.ca/

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## **Cluster Bombs**

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## **White Phosphorus Bombs**

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## **Bunker Buster Bombs**

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# **Depleted Uranium**

## Depleted Uranium Alert.

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Dr. Rokke: VIDEO, Depleted Uranium.

6 minute Video. Blair and Bush: Killing To Go On Until We Find A Plan. Click to see here: More Time To Bomb

# "All war crimes originate at the top."

Dr. R. Crane.

#### Footnotes

[1] Israeli invasion of Lebanon planned by neocons in June (2006)

[2] 30.07.06. Observer. Cabinet in open revolt over Blair's Israel policy.

[3] Following this publication, I sent the article to Jon Snow and Channel 4 news in the UK. I continued to alert them about the use of chemical weapons. There was no response. On 29 July, Alex Thomson reported: "Support for Israel remains strong. Is this because people are not being informed by the Media?" Ahh, I thought. Finally they will mention these terrible bombs. No such luck. The program focused on how "Israeli anti-war voices were being completely drowned out." The western world remains, for the most part, ignorant of the illegal US weapons being used, as well as information about US weapon / financial support for Israel.

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