

# Higher Relief Commission

## Daily Situation Report

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**Lebanon under siege <http://www.lebanonundersiege.gov.lb> offers up-to-date information on relief efforts and diplomatic initiatives. The site lists locations of shelter and Aid distribution, along with a tally of damage, casualties and official statements. Significantly, the site is available in three languages. This site is the official Lebanese government source of information.**

### **1-General situation:**

- The UN chief Kofi Annan arrived in Beirut Monday for two days visit, meeting with Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, speaker Nabih Berri and Cabinet members before heading to the capital's badly damaged southern suburbs. "There is lot of work to be done... we are now entering the stage of recovery and reconstruction... The UN and the international community will want to work very effectively with the parties to ensure that we do implement the resolution to the fullest and that we have a long-term peace in this region", Kofi Annan said. Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, who met with Annan twice on Monday said, "We discussed the blockade, Israeli reluctance to withdraw from the Lebanese territories and UN peace keepers".
- Sweden has issued invitations to an international donor conference for Lebanon, to be held in Stockholm on August 31. The conference will focus on humanitarian needs and early reconstruction and is being arranged in close cooperation with the Government of Lebanon and the United Nations. Minister for foreign Affairs Jan Eliasson and Minister for International development cooperation Cartin jimtin have invited close to 60 governments and organizations.
- On a two-day visit to meet with Lebanese officials and a coalition of non-governmental organizations offering humanitarian aid to Lebanon, Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Secretary General Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu has urged Lebanese political leaders to reinforce their sense of national unity at this crucial moment in peace-making efforts in Lebanon and the region. OIC has sent over 450 tons of humanitarian aid to date, with several more ships with aid are on their way, and the OIC Humanitarian Forum is working to distribute the aid in coordination with local and global non-governmental organization and the Lebanese Government.
- The Lebanese Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO) launched the debris and rubble Disinfection Campaign, aimed at sanitizing destroyed buildings across the country as a precaution against mold and rodents.
- Clean up crews have recovered about 100 tons of oil along the coast of Jbeil city after a massive spill caused by Israel's bombing of a power plant, the European Union indicated last week. The clean-up by European and the Lebanese teams in Jbeil, north of the capital Beirut, represents just a fraction of the 10,000 to 15,000 tons of fuel estimated to have leaked from the Jiyeh power plant.

- A formal Memorandum of understanding (MoU) is being finalized between UNICEF and the South Lebanon Water Authorities to assist the latter to carry out repair works to various elements of water supply infrastructure, such as boosting stations, boreholes and wells, outlet and inlet pipes, trunk pipelines, distribution net work and storage tanks. Government's technical groups are working to restore the water supply system in the war affected areas, thousands of kilometers of water distribution net works and tens of pumping stations and water storage tanks have been destroyed during the conflict.
- The Higher relief commission distribution of food and non-food items continued to south Lebanon, three convoys of humanitarian aids were sent yesterday to Tefaheta and Kawther alsyad villages and to saida town.
- The Swiss Defense Ministry is set to send \$48,000 worth of de-mining equipment to South Lebanon following an urgent request for assistance from the United Nations, a first batch of 1,300 explosive charges used for the disposal of dud munitions would be dispatched to Lebanon immediately. Four children were wounded on Sunday when an unexploded Israeli cluster bomb went off while they were playing with it in the Marjayoun region of Blida, raising the number of people hurt by such explosives to nearly 60 since cease-fire came into effect two weeks ago.
- A number of aid projects to help rebuild Lebanon's shattered infrastructure and economy will be set up shortly in the UAE, reported Gulf news. Charitable organization and governmental bodies are keen to make contributions to the reconstruction work. The Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Humanitarian and Charitable Foundation is to focus its efforts on the health, educational and industrial sector.
- Abu Dhabi's Finance House is to donate \$545,000 to assist humanitarian relief efforts in Lebanon. The money has been earmarked to support the rebuilding of the country after more than a month of Israeli military aggression. Mohammad Alqubaisi, the chairman of finance House, said the donation stemmed from corporate social responsibility.
- The Qatar Charity will open a permanent representation in Beirut to supervise and expedite the implementation of various projects it will undertake in Lebanon to provide relief and rehabilitation to those displaced by the recent Israeli attacks.
- Lebanon has put forward a plan to help regenerate its decimated tourism industry following more than a month of Israeli military aggression, reported AFP. Lebanon had been expecting revenue and investment in the sector of around \$4.4 billion this year but now it faces losses of 1 billion. Tax relief for tourism operators and fund to help them pay workers' wages are both on the agenda.
- Two aid flights are due to take off from RAF Brize Norton for Lebanon, with bridges to replace crossings bombed in recent Israeli air raid. Three bailey bridges-prefabricated truss bridges developed during World war 11- will be carried in two Antonov An-124 freighters.
- Thirty-eight days after classes were suspended with the outbreak of the Israeli offensive against Lebanon, AUB students arrived on campus Monday, eager to resume their summer term.
- Two villagers from Aitaroun village, who went missing Friday amid reports the men had been abducted by the Israeli Army, were released Monday. The two men were taken by Israeli soldiers from their homes located on the outskirts of the border village of Aitaroun.

## 2- Casualties:

The Cumulative figures of casualties are showing hereinafter.

<b>Estimated No. of Death:</b>	<b>1,187</b>
<b>Estimated No. of Injured:</b>	<b>4,080</b>

## 3-Movement of Displaced Population:

Displaced Lebanese continue returning to south Lebanon, beka'a valley and Beirut's Suburb, filled with hope and excitement, keen to start rebuilding their lives.

The overall estimated figures of displaced population in Lebanon are shown here bellow.

	<b>Displaced</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
Schools	1170	sheltered in 22 schools/institutions
Unallocated. (Estimated).	200,000	Sheltered with host families, friends, etc.
Neighboring Countries(Estimated)	55,000	Syria, Jordan, Cyprus, and Gulf area.
Total	256,170	

## 4- Food and non-food items distributed by the higher relief commission.

The cumulative figures of distributed aids by the higher relief commission described herein after.

<b>Description</b>	<b>daily distribution To Schools/ Host houses. (Family/week)</b>	<b>Cumulative distributed up to date. Schools/ Host houses. (Family/week).</b>
Food Basket/Family/week.	12,150	433,868
Food Basket/children/week	348	21,648
Blankets	2300	130,905
Mattresses	0	141,852
Hot meal/family/day	0	583,988
Cleaning-detergent Basket	920	3833

### **Food basket/family/5persons/week**

Rice 3kg , sugar 2kg , tea 1/2kg , cheese 2kg, tuna cans 185g, meat 500g , spaghetti 3rolls , peas 2kg , ghee 1kg oil 1.5L , jam 2kg , milk1.8kg

### **Children basket under 2 years**

Children milk 3 small cans, cerelac 2 cans, 1 baby milk bottle , 1 biscuit box, pampers 1 bag ,children powder 1 can , underwear 2 sets, 2 pairs of socks, children soap 2 bars.

### **5- In kind donations.**

The followings In-kind donations were received by the higher relief commission.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Donated by.</b>
29/08/06	Food	Truck	2	Abu Dubai.
29/08/06	Food	Truck	4	Azerbaijan
29/08/06	Food-medicine	Ton	5.3	Dr B.Asslan and the Lebanese community in Egypt.

### **6-Destruction/damages:**

The cumulative figures of Israel destructions in Lebanon are shown hereinafter.

<b>Description</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Units</b>
Vital Points ( Airports, Ports, Water and sewage treatment plants, Electrical plants, Army brigades, water dams etc.	32	No
Roads	94	Roads
Fuel stations	25	No
Bridges	78	No
Private houses/ Apartments (estimated)	15,000	No
Commercial sector (factories, markets, farms and medium size enterprises etc)	900	No

### **5- Constraints:**

- Lack of food, medicines and non-food items needed to serve displaced/returnees population. The available quantities presents approximately 50% of the actual needed quantity.
- Estimated total losses had reached 9.4 billion USD up to date.
- Targeting factories has drastically stopped all kind of local production for food and non-food items.
- Unemployment rate has reached an approximate figure of 50%.
- Lack of safe drinking water and sewage disposal system in the war affected areas.
- Lack of machineries and manpower to remove the rubble.
- Cluster bombs have contaminated 70% of land in the war affected areas.