

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 518

*Resolved*, That immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 2913) to authorize support for Ukraine, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

**Sec. 2. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX and clause 8 of rule XX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 2913.**

**Sec. 3. The Clerk shall transmit to the Senate a message that the House has passed H.R. 2913 no later than one week after passage.**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, the vote we will be taking tomorrow is of historic importance. It is a question of whether we will be able to vote to support Ukraine, punish Russia, and stand for our values.

Let me be clear. I always prefer to move important and complex legislation through regular order.

I asked for the Ukraine Support Act to be marked up in the House Foreign Affairs Committee. I have asked for simple, bipartisan bills on Russia, including some that have passed overwhelmingly in previous Congresses to move through committee or to the floor.

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Unfortunately, each and every time I have inquired about moving a bill to address Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, no matter how bipartisan, I have been turned down. Of course, I am not alone in my frustrations about the inability to move important bills through this Congress. Many Members, on both sides of the aisle, have felt frustrated by the failure of this House to get important legislation across the finish line.

This Chamber must legislate on the important domestic and foreign policy issues of the day. That is our constitutional duty.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is the largest land war in Europe since World War II. The invasion of a smaller demo-

cratic nation by a large authoritarian state is as black and white and pure and simple as it gets.

This vote is not a process vote. It is a statement on whether this Congress and all of its Members stand with and support Ukraine and the people of Ukraine in its fight for freedom, its fight for democracy, and its fight for liberty.

It is also a marker of whether we are against dictatorship, lawlessness, brutality, and the Russia-China no limits pact. I know where I stand. I am solidly on the side of America. I am solidly on the side of Ukraine, and I am solidly on the side of justice.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 84, DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(C) OF THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION TO REMOVE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM LEBANON

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 84 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by Representative MAST of Florida and Representative TLAI B of Michigan, or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(C) OF THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION TO REMOVE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM LEBANON

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of June 3, 2026, I call up the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 84) directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from Lebanon, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House today, the concurrent resolution is considered read.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 84

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM LEBANON

SECTION 1.

Pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)), Congress directs the President to remove the United States Armed Forces from Lebanon by not later than the date that is 7 days after the date of the adoption of this concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The concurrent resolution shall be debated for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by Representative MAST of Florida and Representative TLAI B of Michigan, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAI B) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TLAI B. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we must end the U.S. participation in the Israeli Government's violent assault on Lebanon.

Over 3,400 people in Lebanon have been massacred since the start of the Israeli apartheid government's brutal invasion and indiscriminate bombing campaign.

Children, Mr. Speaker, medics, journalists, schools, hospitals, churches, mosques have all been targeted by the Israeli Government. Critical civilian infrastructure and entire residential neighborhoods are systematically being destroyed.

More than 1.2 million people have been forced to leave their homes or be killed with the Israeli military telling them they will not be allowed to return.

Last week, Mr. Speaker, the Israeli Government issued a forced displacement order for all the areas south of the Zahrani River, declaring the entire vast region to a combat zone.

Mr. Speaker, that is 14 percent of all of Lebanon, home to hundreds of thousands of people of all faiths as well as over 300 cities and towns, including Lebanon's fourth largest city, Tyre.

That is 14 percent of the country told to either leave or die. This is not a national security, Mr. Speaker. This is an ethnic cleansing campaign. The Israeli leaders and the Cabinet members are open about this. Finance Minister Smotrich literally called for the annexing of at least 10 percent of Lebanon saying that the new Israeli border must be up to the Litani River.

Defense Minister Katz of Israel has openly stated that the Government of Israel plans to pursue an indefinite military occupation of southern Lebanon up to the river, even after the war is over.

The National Security Minister Ben-Gvir has proposed Israel to go even further to conquer and occupy Lebanese territory all the way north of the river.

These are not fringe figures. They are the Israeli security cabinet. They are most powerful decisionmakers in the Israeli Government.

Mr. Speaker, they have made it clear that their goal is to do to Lebanon what they did in Gaza. The Israeli military officials even stated that their aim is to implement "the Gaza model" in Lebanon.

I can go on and on in explaining this, but I think what is important to understand is the act of the psychological terror, putting leaflets all throughout Beirut threatening Lebanon with repeat of the remarkable success in Gaza. I want my colleagues to know that over the last 3 months we have already seen these horrific threats become a reality.

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This Congress did nothing to save lives in Gaza. We must act now, though, to prevent the same fate in Lebanon. I want folks to know we are here because the United States is not a bystander to these war crimes. It is an active participant.

The Trump administration has engaged in unlawful and unauthorized participation in hostilities as part of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in violation of the War Powers Act.

The Trump administration is providing intelligence, coordinating strikes, and demonstrating overt command over Israeli military decisions, including green-lighting specific Israeli attacks and operations throughout Lebanon, including Beirut.

The President of the United States has, in his own public statements, over a period of months, asserted authority to approve, prohibit, condition, and direct specific Israeli military operations.

In one such example, the Israeli Government sought and was granted Trump's green light for its May 6 strike, the strike on Beirut, and coordinated with the U.S. in advance to coordinate with Israeli officials. Even Israel's State officials mentioned this and said it publicly. Even Israel's own public government state broadcasting station admitted it.

Not only is the Trump administration illegally participating in this vio-

lent campaign, but it is openly ignoring congressional oversight, Mr. Speaker, of the U.S. Armed Forces' involvement in Lebanon.

On May 7, Senator WELCH and a number of Senators wrote to the administration requesting specific information about U.S. coordination with the Israeli strikes, about the Israeli strikes, and other actions that would violate the War Powers Act, including refueling, intelligence-sharing, targeting, and other assistance.

We all know the Senators have not received any answers, and the executive branch has not even tried to argue that the U.S. role in the Israeli hostilities in Lebanon complies with U.S. law.

Congress must reassert its constitutional authority, Mr. Speaker, and immediately vote to end the U.S. participation in the destruction of Lebanon.

I want to make one thing clear, though, and it is super important for my colleagues to understand. Section 5(c) of the War Powers Act makes it clear that the Lebanon War Powers Resolution only applies to U.S. Armed Forces engaged in hostilities. The resolution will not affect U.S. training and support of Lebanese Armed Forces or the routine protection of U.S. diplomatic facilities, neither of which is involved in hostilities.

The War Powers Resolution exclusively ends the U.S. participation and ongoing Israeli invasion of Lebanon. That is what this vote is about, nothing less.

The American people are tired. They are exhausted, exhausted of these endless wars. They are tired of hearing that we don't have money for healthcare and childcare, yet, here we are, U.S. bombs destroying hospitals and stealing the future of children abroad.

This vote on the Lebanon War Powers Resolution is a clear, moral choice. Do you stand with the Netanyahu government and Trump's endless war crimes, or do you stand with human life, peace, and justice?

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just listened to my colleague, Representative TLAIB, speak for about 6 minutes, trying to convince us that Israeli action in Lebanon is about ethnic cleansing. Not once in the 6 minutes did my colleague mention Hezbollah, the terrorist organization that Israel is going in there and killing. In 6 minutes of rambling on, not one mention of Hezbollah, not one mention of the 1,729 rockets fired by Hezbollah into northern Israel since April 7, not one mention of the 1,680 UAVs and drones sent into Israel since April 7, not one mention of the 283 Israelis injured or the 15 killed by Hezbollah since April 7. She wants you to believe that it is about ethnic cleansing and not fighting Hezbollah. Okay.

Let's talk about her actual policy. Her actual policy says this: Congress directs the President to remove the United States Armed Forces from Lebanon. Pretty straightforward.

Let me let my colleague know, Representative TLAIB, that the United States is not at war in Lebanon. The United States is not engaged in hostilities in Lebanon. I don't know how else I can say it. This resolution, it is reckless, and it is unserious.

You are asking to remove U.S. troops in a country where we are not in conflict. Israel is killing terrorists. I just listed off all the attacks that have gone on just since early April, but we are not in conflict there.

You are saying we can't keep any military there.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) to engage in a colloquy.

Can we leave no military there, Representative TLAIB?

Ms. TLAIB. I would like to know if Ms. Karam, a university student from the Christian village of Qlayaa in south Lebanon—she wasn't a terrorist. She was murdered on Monday. She was returning home after completing her exams at the Lebanese University in Beirut. Look it up. The Israeli bomb targeted her family's car, killing her alongside her brother, Tony, and her father, James, who is a dental surgeon in the community. He wasn't a terrorist.

Mr. MAST. Prove it.

Ms. TLAIB. Our country must stop aiding in these killings. To me, she was not a terrorist. She was a human being who should be alive today.

Mr. MAST. Representative TLAIB, I am going to take back my time here, but I will give you some more time to debate. As you can see, I will definitely give you the time. It is tough to understand you when you are yelling.

To my colleague's point—please stay standing because I will yield you more time. It just has to be a back-and-forth.

Apparently, they are not terrorists. Apparently, everybody that Israel was killing in Lebanon, they weren't terrorists, according to my colleague over here. It wasn't terrorists that were firing 1,729 rockets there, 1,680 UAVs, injuring 283, killing 15. Apparently, it wasn't terrorists that were doing that.

Ms. TLAIB, I yield you time again. Will you answer my question: Can we leave no military there?

Ms. TLAIB. In the meantime, I include in the RECORD a May 29 article from Reuters.

[From Reuters, May 29, 2026]

ELEVEN CHILDREN KILLED, INJURED EVERY 24 HOURS IN LEBANON, UN, SAYS

(By Olivia Le Poidevin)

Eleven children have been killed or injured on average every 24 hours in Lebanon over the last week, the U.N.'s children's agency said on Friday, as Israel has expanded strikes across the country despite a ceasefire.

Heavy Israeli strikes hit towns and villages in southern Lebanon overnight on

Wednesday and into Thursday, after Israel declared a new swathe of the area a combat zone. It also struck a building in the southern suburbs of Beirut on Thursday.

A total of 77 children have been killed or injured in the last seven days, UNICEF said, citing figures provided by Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health. Since the ceasefire began on April 16, 55 children have been killed and 212 injured, according to the agency.

UNICEF spokesperson Ricardo Pires called for all parties to fully respect the ceasefire.

"Under international humanitarian law, children and civilian infrastructure must be protected," he said.

The ceasefire announced by Washington was meant to halt the fighting that has raged between Israeli troops and Iran-backed Hezbollah since March 2.

The U.N.'s World Health Organization also said on Friday that the threat from the expansion of military activities raised grave health concerns for the Lebanese population.

Since the ceasefire took effect, a total of 27 attacks on healthcare facilities in Lebanon have been reported, resulting in 25 deaths and 42 injuries, according to the WHO. A total of 16 hospitals and 13 primary healthcare centres have been damaged in attacks, it added.

Mr. MAST. Can we leave the military there?

Ms. TLAIB. "Eleven children killed, injured every 24 hours in Lebanon."

Are those children Hezbollah? Are those children terrorists?

Mr. MAST. I would love to talk about your policies.

To get back to your policy, "remove United States Armed Forces from Lebanon," can we leave no U.S. forces there? Does that mean we can't leave any marines in the embassy?

Ms. TLAIB. Right now, the War Powers Resolution that I have is if they are engaged in hostilities. If they are not engaged in hostilities—

Mr. MAST. It says "remove United States Armed Forces from Lebanon." I am just reading what you wrote.

Ms. TLAIB. It is very clear. This is about saving lives. They are able to stay there if they are not engaged in hostilities.

Mr. MAST. That is not what this says.

Ms. TLAIB. I think it is abhorrent every day that goes by where this Congress does not act, 11 more children would die or have serious injuries as a result of, again, us not pulling back any of the resources and so forth.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I am going to reclaim my time at this point.

We didn't get an answer, apparently, as to if we can—because I am reading the gentlewoman's legislation here, "remove United States Armed Forces from Lebanon." That is just an example of how reckless her legislation is.

It doesn't say anything about, yeah, you can keep the marines that are in the embassy, as an example. That is a pretty big oversight. It doesn't say anything about whether we can keep United States Armed Forces that are on training missions with the LAF—again, pretty big oversight.

Of course, my colleague doesn't want to talk about the fact that the terror-

ists that Israel is killing there, that they do also use human shields. This is a well-known thing.

Mr. Speaker, at this point, I will say that a vote for this resolution is a vote to support Iran, which I think I have to remind some of my Democrat colleagues is a bad thing. Supporting Iran is a bad thing. I see no acknowledgment over there.

They are actually—my colleagues over here that would vote for this, they are serving as proxies for Hezbollah by bringing this resolution to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, again, we are not at war in Lebanon. There are no combat forces to remove. There is nothing further to say. I urge my colleagues to vote against this bill and not be a proxy for Hezbollah.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members to formally yield and reclaim time when under recognition.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, section 5(c) of the War Powers Act, it is in there. You can just read it. It says if it is "engaged in hostilities." If U.S. Armed Forces are there and they are not participating in this ethnic cleansing campaign, then they are fine. If they are there training the Lebanese Armed Forces, they are fine.

This is not what it is about. If you read the War Powers section 5(c), it is very clear. It is in writing in the law of the War Powers Act. It is really important that we understand and not get confusion.

I want to share a so-called, I guess, Amal Khalil. This is a photo of a very prominent Lebanese journalist. Amal Khalil, she was targeted and killed. Amal and her colleague Zeinab were reporting devastation in southern Lebanon when an Israeli drone struck her car near them, killing two civilians. Amal and Zeinab sought shelter in a nearby building, but Israel then struck the building, trapping them under the rubble. But it gets worse. It gets worse.

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When rescue and medical workers finally arrived at the scene to rescue Zeinab, they came under fire before they could rescue Amal. They were prevented from returning to the site for hours, Mr. Speaker. Amal was dead by the time her body was recovered over 6 hours later. Amal is only one victim of many of the Israeli military's deliberate, indiscriminate bombings and targeting even of journalists in Lebanon.

Israel has killed 250 journalists and media workers across Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, even Iran. Our country should not be sharing intelligence and coordinating strikes with the military that hunts and kills journalists for sport.

We must end the U.S. support for this invasion.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ), my good colleague and one of the cosponsors of the resolution.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, again, I want to rise to point out the hypocrisy of those who would claim to care about our children while turning a blind eye to the scale of child suffering inflicted by Trump and Netanyahu's unlawful, unaccountable military operations in Lebanon. And, yes, I did say Trump and Netanyahu's military operations.

While Netanyahu may be dropping the bombs, those operations are blessed by Trump, and the bombs are provided courtesy of the United States Government.

Israeli-executed, U.S.-approved strikes have killed more than 3,400 people, including 240 children.

UNICEF reports that 11 Lebanese children are killed or injured every single day.

Over a million civilians have been displaced. Nearly a quarter of Lebanon's entire population does not have enough to eat.

We are watching another catastrophe of U.S. complicity in destruction, displacement, and death unfold.

Trump, Hegseth, and Netanyahu launched an unlawful war in Iran to remain in power and enrich themselves. Let's be clear: Trump, Hegseth, and Netanyahu will keep expanding their war to further consolidate their power and profit and to stay in power.

My colleagues in Congress have enabled their abuses. They have watched children die, whether it is in Palestine, Iran, or Lebanon, and they have shrugged off requests for action because it is complicated.

What is complicated about this? It is not. The President of the United States is waging an unlawful war, aiding and abetting Israel to violate U.S. and international law, and it is making his friends rich and himself richer, all while children are starving. They are suffering, and they are dying. It is not complicated. It is actually grotesque.

Bottom line: Whether it is Lebanon, Gaza, or Iran, the United States and Israel are violating U.S. and international law, and this Congress has failed to stop them.

But impunity cannot and should not be an option. There shouldn't be more excuses, more endless wars, more blank checks for warmongers paid for by the suffering of children.

It is why Representative TLAIB and I introduced the Lebanon War Powers Resolution—to force Congress to vote, assert our constitutional authority, and end the complicity and unlawful military operations and wars.

Let me end by saying this: Let me make sure I look at you, my colleague here on the right. We cannot bomb our way to peace. True safety is not realized at the end of a barrel of a gun, by a bomb, or via choke hold of suppression or oppression.

I urge my colleagues to support this War Powers Resolution, and I also encourage you to join the Block the Bombs Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I hope my colleague is not going to leave. I would love to speak to you as well. I have a serious question for you if you want to approach a mike.

The question is for you. I mean, if you need other people to answer for you, then that is what it is.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. It is his time.

Mr. MAST. It is my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida controls the time.

Mr. MAST. My understanding is you want to help Lebanon civilians.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. I want to make sure that we no longer are using our authority, our bombs, our resources to bomb children. That is what I want to do. I want to make sure that money is going to healthcare, housing, education—

Mr. MAST. I reclaim my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman reclaims his time.

Mr. MAST. I will yield back to you in a moment. I am reclaiming.

So the United States Armed Forces that are training the LAF who are fighting Hezbollah, fighting Hezbollah who is killing children there, killing civilians, would you like to see them stay? And I yield you some time.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. You are having a different debate here, but let me come back to what the Congresswoman just mentioned, too. If you look at the legislation—

Mr. MAST. If you will answer my question, I will give you time.

Mrs. RAMIREZ.—that Congresswoman TLAIB introduced, clearly, pursuant to section 5(c), it shows you that unless—

Mr. MAST. I will reclaim my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman reclaims his time.

Mr. MAST. So they want to go back. They don't want to talk about Hezbollah. Still yet no mention of Hezbollah from our colleagues over there. They don't want us to talk about the support the United States Armed Forces are giving to the LAF to combat Hezbollah because they are not acknowledging them, and apparently, they don't want to see Israel killing Hezbollah, even though it is Hezbollah that is killing Israeli children, Israeli adults, Israeli elders. I gave them the count of rockets, UAVs, casualties, drones; I gave them the count. No mention of it whatsoever.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. MILLER).

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Con. Res. 84, but like most of my colleagues, whether they will admit it or not, I am a little confused.

The United States, to my knowledge, doesn't have any troops in Lebanon. In

fact, the last time American servicemen were deployed in Lebanon was in 1984. Even though the gentlewoman from Michigan believes that the U.S. is the root of all evil, the United States is playing a vital role in advancing peace, security, and stability in Lebanon as we currently speak.

Just a couple of days ago, President Trump brokered a pause to further defensive Israeli military action in southern Lebanon, and the U.S. State Department has hosted several rounds of historic peace talks as we have currently been seeing.

Regardless of what the gentlewoman from Michigan will tell you, the greatest threat to Lebanon remains the Iranian regime and its terrorist proxy, Hezbollah, not the United States and not Israel as that country has come out more of the gentlewoman's mouth than the United States, and I believe that is who she is seeking to remove from Lebanon.

But if my colleagues on the other side actually cared about the people of Lebanon, which it is clear they don't, they would cheer on the elimination of these bloodthirsty terrorists, not advancing meaningless resolutions to denigrate American foreign policy only to embolden them.

For decades, Iran has used Hezbollah to project power throughout the Middle East. In the process, Hezbollah has weakened the Lebanese state and repeatedly drawn Lebanon into conflicts that serve Tehran's interests.

While I can appreciate the passion from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I do not appreciate their lack of education and understanding of what is really going on there.

Let us be clear. \* \* \* \*

No nation can be fully sovereign when an armed group operates outside the authority of its elected—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio will suspend.

Ms. TLAIB. Strike those words.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Oh, I am sorry. Are we getting a little emotional?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. The gentleman will suspend.

Ms. TLAIB. I am hanging out with terrorists now?

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. I certainly believe you advocate for them, yes. You advocate for terrorists on a daily basis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be in order.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. You advocate for a terrorist regime every single day from the gentlewoman from Michigan.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be in order.

Ms. TLAIB. That is a problem.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be in order.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. You do associate yourself with them.

Ms. TLAIB. Here we go. Strike the last words now. Mr. Speaker, strike the last words.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Colleagues, this is a serious topic. We will debate it respectfully and deliberately.

Is the gentlewoman from Michigan making a motion to take words down?

Ms. TLAIB. That is a direct attack on my character.

I please request to strike the words down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio will be seated.

Ms. TLAIB. It was.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. It was, yeah. You are terrible.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No Member is currently recognized for debate.

The gentleman from Ohio will be seated.

The Clerk will report the words.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida seek recognition?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

May I inquire as to how much longer this is going to take? We watched this video on C-SPAN already. Can I just inquire what is taking so long?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in the process of seeking clarification.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the words.

The Clerk read as follows:

Let us be clear. Hezbollah is a terrorist organization, and the gentlewoman of Michigan and its members are butchers that you like to, you know, hang out with, to a certain extent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is prepared to rule.

The words of the gentleman from Ohio contain an allegation that the gentlewoman from Michigan is a butcher and affiliated with a terrorist organization.

Such remarks impugn the patriotism and loyalty of the Member of the House, which is not in order, as stated in section 361 of the House Rules and Manual.

The Chair relies on the precedent of December 14, 2021, as carried in such section of the Manual and finds that the remarks contain personalities and are not in order.

The offending words are stricken from the RECORD.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida is recognized.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida has 20 minutes remaining.

Mr. MAST. Very good. I would also inquire: Can Representative MILLER still speak, or not?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio may not speak for the remainder of the day.

Mr. MAST. Very good.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to deliver a message from Representative MILLER of Ohio:

“Yes, I said it. I own it, and I stand by it.”

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit this for the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That will be covered under general leave.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to submit for the RECORD an article titled: “Rashida Tlaib member of secret Facebook group where Hamas terrorists glorified.”

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I object. I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection? An objection is heard.

Mr. MAST. Very good.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to submit for the RECORD the transcript of the Congresswoman from Michigan, the transcript of H. Res. 845, which notes that she is the only one calling for genocide. She was reprimanded bipartisally by the House of Representatives.

Ms. TLAIB. I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection? An objection is heard.

Mr. MAST. Censured for her comments.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. An objection is heard.

Mr. MAST. I am sorry. I didn't hear you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. An objection is heard.

Mr. MAST. The objection—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. An objection is heard.

Mr. MAST. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Can there be an objection—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state the point of order.

Mr. MAST. Can there be an objection to the RECORD being stricken from the RECORD?

This is H. Res. 845, which was a bipartisan vote to censure the Representative for her genocidal comments, so can we—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objection was to inserting the transcript into the RECORD.

Mr. MAST. So something in the RECORD already cannot be placed into the RECORD because this was a vote, bipartisan vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That motion requires unanimous consent. An objection was heard.

Mr. MAST. Interesting. I learned something new today. All right.

Mr. Speaker, I also would like to submit for the RECORD another article: Watchdog release—titled—something titled—an article titled: “Watchdog releases scathing report on Tlaib's alleged ties to terrorist groups, warning of potential risks.”

Ms. TLAIB. I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. An objection is heard.

Mr. MAST. Very good.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, let's get back to the debate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), the ranking member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, as the ranking member of the Rules Committee, what just unfolded in this House makes me sad for this institution.

It is never okay to attack the integrity or character of another Member on the floor. These are serious issues that we are debating here today, and they deserve serious debate. I understand that people have different points of view, but we need to uphold the decorum and the decency of this Chamber. We need to do better.

The fact of the matter is that many of us who are here today are here because we are deeply concerned that Lebanon is suffering a humanitarian crisis. It may seem far away. It may not be in the news every day, but it matters.

Mr. Speaker, 1.3 million human beings have been displaced across Lebanon. That is nearly double the population of my district in Massachusetts.

More than 200 Lebanese kids have been killed—children—children. There were just over 200 kids enrolled at Burncoat Street Preparatory School, where I went to school in Worcester.

I get it. The world is chaotic and a dangerous place, but if we don't stand up for the principles of basic human rights, then as a country, we stand for nothing. There just doesn't seem to be any concern about civilian casualties, wherever they occur.

I oppose violent attacks against people of Lebanon, civilians of Lebanon, against civilians in Israel, against civilians in Gaza. I mean, I detest violence. We all should. We should be leading efforts for peace, not contributing to war and civil unrest.

We ought not to be writing blank checks, one after another, to Mr. Netanyahu, and he is using these funds for these strikes in Lebanon. We bear some of the responsibility for this suffering.

Don't we owe the Lebanese people every ounce of effort we can to end the hostilities? Don't we owe the American people our commitment not to use their hard-earned money in the service of war crimes? Where is our humanity?

The United States gives Netanyahu billions of dollars in military aid every year. Our militaries share intelligence. Reports suggest President Trump has green-lit specific Israeli strikes in Lebanon.

Our support empowers and prolongs the displacement, the occupation, and the bombing of civilians. We cannot look away. If we do not take a stand now, it will forever be a stain on our conscience and our country.

I am tired of all of these endless wars. I am tired of all of the money

that we divert from our people here at home, sending it halfway around the world to support conflicts and to support tyrants and dictators who don't care about human rights. It undermines our stability, and it undermines our national security.

Human rights watchers called on allies of the warring parties to pressure them to abide by the laws of war and protect civilians. We must answer that call.

This is a serious matter. This is about basic, fundamental human rights.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I just listened to the Rules Committee ranking member speak, as he is walking away right now, and here is something that he said. I think it is important for the American people to hear: “Hard-earned money in the service of war crimes” were his words.

So we are debating right now whether to have our Armed Forces removed from Lebanon. The gentleman is implying that our Armed Forces who are there are engaged in war crimes.

That is impugning our Armed Forces. That is despicable, and it is despicable to say, especially in the light of the fact that, what, our marines who are in the embassy are the ones who are in the service of war crimes? I see that he walked off. He doesn't want to listen to an analysis of his own comments.

The marines in the embassy are engaged in war crimes? Is that what he is saying today?

Those training the Lebanese Armed Forces are engaged in war crimes?

I don't think he wants to defend those comments because he walked off.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, when I heard about this resolution being filed, I obviously had a great deal of interest, a War Powers Resolution related to Lebanon. So I said what we should do—I am not going to impugn the integrity of any Member of Congress. One might debate whether we should impugn the literacy of Members of Congress, because we are hearing about genocide and horrible things that have taken place in Lebanon.

So I got the resolution, and I read it. By the way, the good news is, to anyone watching, it doesn't take long. It is five lines long.

Pursuant to the War Powers Resolution, Congress directs the President to remove the United States Armed Forces from Lebanon by not later than the date that is 7 days after the date of the adoption of this concurrent resolution.

So I naturally asked a question: What United States Armed Forces are stationed in Lebanon? What are we fighting? What war? What genocide are we participating in?

The only troops, the only members of the United States Armed Forces, who are stationed in Lebanon are the marines who protect the embassy. That is it.

You remove them, and you let Hezbollah take over our embassy that is there. But there is another group of marines. There is another group of U.S. Armed Forces who are in Lebanon that, no matter what we passed, we would not be able to bring home: 241 of them died in 1983 by the very same people this War Powers Resolution would embolden and would enable.

This resolution is a disgrace to their memories because what it should be called is the Hezbollah empowerment act of 2026. It is a disgrace to every member of our State Department who protects us over there.

The only beneficiary of this resolution, were it to pass, would not be the good people of Lebanon. See, the United States is not at war with the people of Lebanon. The fact of the matter is Israel is not at war with the people of Lebanon. The civilized world is at war with the Muslim terrorists of Hezbollah, who would be the beneficiary.

While I would not impugn the patriotism or character of any Member of this Chamber, I would question the rationality and common sense of anyone who would consider voting for this. This should be an easy vote to vote "no."

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. OMAR).

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Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution because it is unconscionable for Congress to allow this conflict to go on.

The United States is complicit in the horrific devastation plaguing Lebanon. Thousands of people have been killed; more than a million people have been displaced; and homes and villages have been completely destroyed.

Israeli officials have openly stated they seek to implement the Gaza model, but in Lebanon. The Gaza model is one of ethnic cleansing, war crimes, mass displacement, and illegal occupation.

How can we in Congress stand by as our Nation is made complicit in such atrocities? U.S. support for conflicts in Gaza and now in Lebanon is about causing irreparable harm to our reputation and our role internationally. We are creating a world in which the United States stands not for peace or security but for destruction, death, and blatant disregard of international law.

This cannot continue. Congress must put an end to this unauthorized use of force. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" and refuse to enable another forever war.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I would just let everybody know, again, there has been no mention of Hezbollah, no mention at all from this side about Hezbollah, the rockets they are firing into Israel, the UAVs, the casualties, or all the Americans that Hezbollah has killed in the past—no mention of either.

I am curious, Mr. Speaker, if the next speaker over there will have any mention of Hezbollah. I will be interested to hear. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Lebanon War Powers Resolution introduced by my friend Congresswoman RASHIDA TLAIB.

The United States is actively participating in Israel's illegal invasion and bombing of Lebanon and its mass displacement of the Lebanese people. This participation was not authorized by Congress, and it supports strikes that are illegal under U.S. and international law. This resolution is urgently needed to stop using our tax dollars to fund Israeli war crimes.

There has been confusion about what support looks like, so I would like to be specific about what the United States' support looks like here. In southern Lebanon, homes are being leveled with U.S.-supplied bulldozers. Israel is engaging in chemical warfare with U.S.-supplied white phosphorus. The U.S. is providing targeting intelligence for Israeli strikes. There are even credible reports that President Trump personally green-lit specific Israeli military operations in Lebanon.

These examples demonstrate the depth of U.S. involvement and the urgency for Congress to act. This is exactly the kind of military involvement that Congress intended the War Powers Resolution to cover.

I urge my colleagues to consider that by supplying Israel with weapons and logistical support, we are giving Netanyahu the means to continue bombing and displacing thousands and thousands of people. Trump can yell at Netanyahu all he wants, but we can't have it both ways. We can't supply weapons and then be surprised when they get used. We can't supply diplomatic cover for previous violations and then be surprised when Netanyahu threatens to do it again.

The American people overwhelmingly oppose Trump's cruel, wasteful, and illegal war in Iran. If Trump is serious about ending this war, then we must prevent Israeli escalation in Lebanon. Ending our participation in that escalation is a necessary place to start.

As recently as this week's floor votes, Republicans are still out here inventing reasons why we can't help families here in America get food, support students trying to afford college, or fund childcare for working parents here. Meanwhile, they are trying to give \$1.5 trillion to the Pentagon, some of which will fund the kinds of U.S. weapons and systems for Israel that are being used to undermine a peace deal with Iran.

My constituents have been clear about this. I suspect many of all of ours have been, as well. They want lower gas prices, better schools, reli-

able healthcare, dignified work, and affordable homes. They do not want the U.S. and their taxpayer dollars to be complicit in morally abhorrent, wasteful, and counterproductive foreign invasions.

Today, we have an opportunity to weigh in directly and say whether we want to end U.S. participation in an invasion. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this important resolution.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRANK). The gentlewoman from Michigan has 12½ minutes remaining.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, we have had another speaker on the left and still no mention of Hezbollah.

I have a very serious question. This is serious. I understand my colleagues oppose Israel killing Hezbollah terrorists. Do they also oppose the Lebanese Armed Forces killing Hezbollah terrorists? I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY).

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to support this War Powers Resolution to stop the U.S. Government from being complicit in a war in Lebanon that is devastating the Lebanese people. Millions of innocent civilians in Lebanon and across the region have been trapped by brutal violence and displacement.

With fighting that just began only a mere 3 months ago, more than 3,500 people have been killed, nearly 11,000 injured, and more than a million displaced in Lebanon alone.

We cannot look at Lebanon in a vacuum. We have to recognize the dangerous parallels to Netanyahu's illegal incursions in Gaza and the West Bank that have also caused mass suffering.

It was reported that, even this week, Donald Trump himself called Netanyahu crazy and claimed that he would be in prison if it was not for him.

What we have witnessed is a devastating pattern: Military force that kills and displaces countless civilians, destroys vital civilian infrastructure and sacred sites, and deepens an endless cycle of violence and trauma.

Mr. Speaker, no one on this side of the aisle supports terrorism or terrorist organizations. For our colleagues to claim so is just wrong.

Just as operations in the West Bank and Gaza have destabilized prospects for lasting peace, pushing a front into Lebanon will not achieve long-term security for the region. As we saw just this week, further acts of violence in Lebanon certainly won't end the President's illegal war.

Families in both Lebanon and Palestine have lost their homes. Children are growing up in fear, and generations have yet to experience a moment of peace. Violent attacks, restrictions on movement, indignities to everyday life, and unfathomable cruelty, these impacts are not just felt in these communities but in our own communities here in the United States, as well.

As family and friends are watching in horror and grief, my own office has received countless heartbreaking stories from family members and colleagues living in Palestine and Lebanon: displacement, loss of homes, livelihoods, and entire communities; children living in fear; and people attacked, beaten, or arrested for merely attempting to live their lives and to pray.

Congress cannot stand silent for a moment longer. Congress has not authorized any war in the Middle East. Just a few hours ago, this body in this House voted to end the illegal war in Iran. We cannot be complicit in these crimes. It is time to end this war. It is time to reclaim our constitutional power.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. STANSBURY. It is time to restore the dignity of the United States, and it is time to restore human rights and the standing of the United States here in this country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has again expired.

Ms. STANSBURY. Our responsibility is to end this illegal war now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

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Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, my colleague may want to stick around. I am going to reference her words.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry. I had to listen to this nonsense for a while now. Are you allowed to curse on the floor of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman have an inquiry?

Mr. FINE. I do, Mr. Speaker. Are you allowed to curse on the floor of the House?

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic staffer who was interjecting themselves into the debate here was confusing Representative FINE with Representative MILLER.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) was under recognition.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I am a Republican. I am not offended by them swearing. It is okay. I can handle it. I can handle nasty looks, too.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, I am going to reference the words of my colleague just now. She said that no one on our side supports terrorist organizations; for us to say so is just wrong. Mr. Speaker, to have an entire debate about Lebanon and removing U.S. Forces from Lebanon that aren't there without a single mention of the word Hezbollah, who is actively trying to kill anybody that they can, that is a support for a terrorist organization.

For our colleagues, I will bring Iran into this more specifically beyond just Hezbollah being a proxy of Iran, for our colleagues to go out there and say day after day that there is no imminent

threat from Iran when Iran is absolutely—and acknowledged by everybody bipartisanly—the largest state sponsor of terror, that is a support for the largest state sponsor of terror.

For our colleagues to go out there and pretend as though we haven't been attacked 350 times in the 30 months prior to Epic Fury even beginning, for them to pretend that we were not being attacked, not being struck by Iran, that is a support for terrorists.

Every single time that my colleagues on the other side deny, turn their backs to the United States of America getting hit by the terrorists of Iran or their proxies like Hezbollah or others, they are supporting a terrorist organization.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I think it is really important—you know, I said earlier about Defense Minister Katz not once does he mention Hezbollah. He said literally that we are going to destroy Lebanese homes and villages in accordance with Beit Hanoun and Rafah models in Gaza. I am not joking.

This is Finance Minister Smotrich. He literally threatened the major neighborhoods of Beirut will soon resemble Khan Yunis, a city in Gaza that was destroyed by the Israeli military.

Not one of them mentioned Hezbollah. They talk about greater Israel. They talk about a campaign to spread boundaries, again, with no regard of international law.

I want to put up the photo of Theodossia because she wasn't Hezbollah. She is not a terrorist. She was a young student that just finished her exams. It is disrespectful. If you really care about the Lebanese people, then you would understand the importance of not continuing, again, the indiscriminate bombings that are continuing throughout Lebanon. She should be alive today.

I think it is important, Mr. Speaker, to understand what is happening on the ground if you really care about the Lebanese people like you claim you care about the Iranian people. Everybody claims they care about everybody on the ground and that this is about security. It is not. I think it is important.

I include in the RECORD a March 25 article from the Guardian titled: "Israel used white phosphorus to scorch earth in south Lebanon, researcher says." That is the title.

[From The Guardian, Mar. 25, 2026]

ISRAEL USED WHITE PHOSPHORUS TO SCORCH EARTH IN SOUTH LEBANON, RESEARCHER SAYS  
(By Damien Gayle)

When the M825-series 155mm artillery projectile bursts, expelling its felt wedges containing white phosphorus, it leaves a distinctive knuckle-shaped plume. That is how Human Rights Watch (HRW) researchers said they were able to verify that Israel was again using the notorious weapon over south Lebanon, reigniting accusations that it is breaking the laws of war.

The New York-based rights group said it had verified and geolocated eight images showing airburst white phosphorus munitions exploding over residential areas in the southern Lebanese town of Yohmor in the opening days of Israel's assault during the war on Gaza.

Since then, more videos have emerged purporting to show white phosphorus munitions exploding over south Lebanon, and researchers say that with 800,000 Lebanese people displaced from the region after Israeli forces ordered them to leave, many more uses may have gone undocumented.

In the last week, Israeli soldiers have been facing fierce resistance from Hezbollah fighters in south Lebanon, despite an intense bombing campaign. In recent days, Israeli forces have bombed roads, petrol stations, bridges and medical centres in an effort to cut south Lebanon off from the rest of the country.

White phosphorus is a chemical substance dispersed in artillery shells, bombs and rockets that ignites when exposed to oxygen, burning at up to 800C and emitting large quantities of smoke.

Military forces use it as a smokescreen to mask troop movements, mark targets or illuminate terrain at night, and military lawyers argue such uses are entirely legitimate. But its use over civilian areas is controversial—and some claim illegal—because it ignites fires, causes serious burns and emits toxic fumes.

Ahmad Beydoun, an architect and PhD researcher at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands, documented and mapped nearly 250 uses of white phosphorus by Israeli forces between October 2023 and November 2024, the last time they launched a full-scale attack on southern Lebanon.

Beydoun, who said his count was a conservative estimate, found that 39% of uses were in residential areas, 17% in agricultural lands and 44% in forested or open terrain. "I think the Israeli army's thinking is that they use it to burn down fields for visibility, so that people or Hezbollah militants don't hide under the trees," he said.

According to a report by the Lebanese non-profit Public Works Studio, white phosphorus was used to burn more than 2,000 hectares (4,940 acres) of southern Lebanese countryside, "including 873 hectares of dense forest with gum trees and vast areas covered with oak and pine trees".

White phosphorus can also lie hidden in the soil and spontaneously combust when uncovered by farmers, posing a continuing threat if the people of south Lebanon are able to return to their homes.

And the effects can also be systemic, the report warned, as repeated white phosphorus strikes saturate the soil with phosphoric acid along with toxic heavy metals such as cadmium, lead and zinc. Together, the report said, this accumulation "can reduce microbial diversity, deplete soil fertility [and] decrease agricultural productivity".

A spokesperson for the Israel Defense Forces said it could not comment on HRW's claim that it used white phosphorus illegally over Yohmor. "There may be visual similarities between smoke shells containing white phosphorus and smoke shells that do not, and caution is advised before making factual determinations regarding use of smoke shells with white phosphorus in individual cases based on visuals alone," the spokesperson said.

Last week Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, reportedly avoided responding directly to HRW's allegations. "We do everything we can to minimize civilian casualties," he said at a media briefing at the UN headquarters in New York, according to Anadolu Agency. "That's why we actually

asked the people from southern Lebanon, south of the Litani, to move to the north, to avoid civilian casualties.”

Beydoun said his findings suggested Israel’s military may be using white phosphorus “as a way to maybe start pushing people out” to create a “buffer zone” on the Lebanese side of the border.

It’s just a practical tool to use to burn fields, I think it’s mostly that,” he said. “It’s mostly for scorching the earth.”

Ms. TLAIB. Organizations such as Human Rights Watch have documented Israel’s illegal use of white phosphorus multiple times in Lebanon, which is a war crime. They launched it in residential neighborhoods and Lebanese farmland.

Is this what our country is supporting?

White phosphorus is a chemical agent that ignites when exposed to oxygen and burns at up to 800 degrees Celsius, melting human flesh to the bone and poisoning the soil with toxic heavy metals. White phosphorus kills. It leaves survivors with cruel injuries, and burn results cause lifelong suffering.

The only place in the entire northern hemisphere right now that literally fills white phosphorus munitions is right here in the United States in Arkansas. We are supplying these horrific chemical bombs to the Israeli military, and our military is providing operational support, as we speak, for these scorched-earth campaigns that are destroying the very conditions of life in Lebanon.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about the human life in Lebanon more because I think it is important to understand. This is Hussein Wehbe. At least 128 medics—he was a medic, 17 years old—128 medics and other health workers have been targeted and killed by the Israeli Government since March, just as they have done in Gaza. They are often killed in what they call double-tap strikes.

American people don’t understand this. Double-tap strikes are war crimes where following an initial strike, the Israeli Government comes in, waits for the emergency rescue workers to show up with the ambulances at the scene, and then strikes again.

In Lebanon, we have seen the Israeli Government commit triple-tap, quadruple-tap strikes, an atrocity previously unheard of where team after team of rescuers are completely slaughtered.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an April 16 Guardian article titled: “Israel escalates attacks on medics in Lebanon with deadly ‘quadruple tap.’”

[From the Guardian, Apr. 16, 2026]

ISRAEL ESCALATES ATTACKS ON MEDICS IN  
LEBANON WITH DEADLY ‘QUADRUPLE TAP’

(By William Christou)

When they received the call to respond to an Israeli airstrike in the city of Mayfadoun, in southern Lebanon, most of the paramedics held back, having previously seen colleagues killed by double-tap attacks targeting rescuers. But the medics from the Islamic Health Association (IHA) rushed to the scene.

By the time the other emergency workers arrived at the site, they found the IHA medics had indeed been caught in a second strike. They started evacuating their wounded colleagues, only for their ambulances to be hit in two further attacks.

In total, the attacks killed four medics and wounded six more, from three different ambulance corps, according to medical sources. Three of the medics were from the Hezbollah-affiliated IHA and Amal-affiliated medical corps, while one was from the Nabatieh emergency services organisation. Under international law, all medics are protected and are considered noncombatants, regardless of political affiliation.

Rescuers in Lebanon have long been wary of the double-tap attack, when Israeli forces target a location, wait until people gather to help survivors, and then strike again. Wednesday’s three-wave attack after the initial one prompted the coining of a fearsome new term: the quadruple tap.

In a video taken by one of the paramedics at the site, rescuers are seen loading two wounded people into their ambulances when a bomb lands next to their vehicle. Paramedics rush to extract the driver, who is motionless and limp as they pull him from the ambulance, which is splashed with blood. “Oh God, oh God,” the man filming can be heard saying. They carry two more blood-covered medics out of their vehicle and on to stretchers.

Among the paramedics killed was Fadel Sarhan, 43, who is survived by his eight-year-old daughter.

“Fadel was a very loved person. He had a bold personality, but at the same time, he was emotional. He was well liked and responsible,” said Ali Nasr al-Deen, the head of the Mayfadoun civil defence centre who grew up with Sarhan.

“He used to feed the cats and dogs. He would bring pet food from Beirut so they wouldn’t go hungry. He was that kind of person, caring and attentive. It’s a huge loss for us,” said Nasr al-Deen.

Medics mourned their colleagues on Thursday at funerals in Nabatieh, a city near Mayfadoun. Such events have become increasingly common, with healthcare workers killed by Israeli bombings on a near daily basis.

Mohammed Suleiman, whose 16-year-old son, Joud, was killed while on duty as a paramedic by an Israeli strike weeks earlier, joined his peers in burying another of his friends on Thursday. A few hours after the funerals, Israel carried out another wave of airstrikes on Nabatieh.

Israel has so far killed 91 healthcare workers and wounded 214 more in Lebanon since the Israel-Hezbollah war started on 2 March. It has given little justification for its repeated attacks on medical infrastructure and workers, apart from accusing Hezbollah of using ambulances and hospitals to transport fighters and weapons, without providing evidence for the claim.

The Lebanese ministry of health accused Israel of deliberately targeting ambulance crews. “Paramedics have become direct targets, pursued relentlessly in a blatant violation that confirms a total disregard for all norms and principles established by international humanitarian law,” the ministry said in a statement.

The Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

A video of Tebnine hospital from 14 April showed workers trying to clear shattered concrete and debris from the emergency department after a strike blew in the windows.

Commenting on the strike in Tebnine, the head of the WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said: “I reiterate the call for the immediate protection of healthcare fa-

cilities, health workers, ambulances and patients. There must be safe, sustained and unhindered humanitarian access across Lebanon.”

An ambulance in Tebnine was also struck on Thursday, leading to the critical injury of two medics, according to the Lebanese ministry of health. As healthcare workers watched their colleagues and friends being killed by Israel, the mental toll was becoming almost too much to bear.

“We have to go to places to rescue people, but then we get double tapped,” said Abbas Atwi, the head of the IHA’s emergency department in Nabatieh, shortly after a medical centre was targeted in March, killing his friends and colleagues. “But we will stay and keep going, we will not leave.”

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, this is Hussein Wehbe again. He was a 17-year-old. He was a volunteer. He was a first responder with the Lebanese Civil Defense. He was also a Boy Scout. He was killed while trying to save lives.

The next person is Ahmed Hariri. He was also a paramedic and a photo-journalist who was killed in a double-tap strike while trying to rescue injured survivors of an Israeli drone strike. He was killed alongside two fellow paramedics less than 2 days after the World Health Assembly passed a resolution calling for the protection of medical personnel in Lebanon.

This is what our country is supporting, Mr. Speaker. This is the military we are coordinating strikes with and providing targeting intelligence with, a military that systematically is targeting and killing civilians.

We must end the U.S. support of these war crimes.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCGUIRE). The gentlewoman from Michigan has 4½ minutes remaining.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, again I will just reference the remarks of my colleague, examine what was said.

She said that Israel is going scorched earth. I would just tell my colleague that if Israel—and by the way, this is after a little while ago she was saying they are needing the United States of America’s intelligence. The context of this is important. If Israel was going scorched earth on them, they wouldn’t need American intelligence for targeting.

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The sheer number of human lives that have been lost already in Lebanon is close to 4,000. We are talking about over 1.2, 1.3 million people forcibly displaced. If you even just look at the map, if we put up the map right now, you can see that bombings are happening outside of where they are claiming that there are security issues.

It is important to know and please understand the impact of us allowing U.S., again, intelligence sharing, coordination, and support of this. I know some of my colleagues claim themselves that the U.S. is not militarily involved. I hear it all the time.

But the facts paint a very different picture that the Trump administration is engaged in unauthorized hostilities and violations of the Constitution and the War Powers Act of 1973.

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It is important to understand that the Trump administration's actions of overt command and coordination over Israeli offensive military decisions in Lebanon arguably represent the most well-documented direct U.S. participation in a foreign military's engagement in hostilities in recent decades.

This U.S. role, Mr. Speaker, in the invasion of Lebanon includes "green-lighting" specific Israeli military operations in Lebanon, providing them with what is called approval and disapproval over whether they may proceed, a defining function of military command.

Mr. Speaker, on March 12, Israeli media reported that President Trump "approved the ground incursion" by Israel into Lebanon "also authorized expanding it if necessary."

Also, on April 8, Axios reporters said live on mainstream media: "Without the green light from Donald Trump, you wouldn't have seen Israel go ahead with these very massive strikes in Lebanon," literally strikes that killed 250 people that day.

On May 6, Israel sought, and was granted, Trump's "green light" for its May 6 strike on Beirut, Mr. Speaker, and coordinated with the United States in advance, according to Israeli officials. Not us, but the Israeli officials are telling us that the Trump administration is helping them.

As recently as this week, Israeli officials told the press that the Israeli military's forced displacement order and threats to bomb Beirut's southern neighborhoods were coordinated with the United States.

These are elected officials by the Israeli Government making these claims. These are the sources.

This unprecedented public record of direct and overt U.S. command and coordination over Israeli hostilities in Lebanon goes alongside deep U.S.-Israeli operational integration, which the American people don't want.

Meanwhile, the White House continues to ignore congressional oversight efforts regarding the U.S. participation in these hostilities. We still haven't gotten responses to questions that we have. It is important to understand that the violations of the War Powers Act are very clear, as they were clear during the U.S. support of the Saudi-led war on Yemen.

Do you remember that, Mr. Speaker, the Saudi-led war on Yemen?

Both the House and the Senate passed War Powers Resolutions bipartisanly affirming that refueling Saudi aircraft and providing targeted intelligence to Saudi forces constituted U.S. participation in hostilities.

This case is no different. Congress must reassert its authority and cut off

U.S. support for this cruelty and this destruction.

Mr. Speaker, when I see that child, I think of my son. Everyone wants to label people of my faith or people who look like me as terrorists. These are human beings. We cannot make them out to be disposable. We must save lives, no matter faith or ethnicity. We must stand against war crimes no matter who is committing it, no matter who it is.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to understand this is about our shared humanity. This is about ending, again, the mass destruction of Lebanon. We should not be playing any role.

Again, I think it is important to understand when we do that and label people a certain way that makes them to be disposable, it will lead to more international law violations of peoples' human rights.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida has 12½ minutes remaining.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) such time as he may consume.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I wasn't planning on speaking on this issue, but as I have listened to this anti-Israel screed, I have to ask why my colleagues across the aisle don't pay nearly as much attention to the ongoing slaughter in South Sudan?

There are a couple of reasons. One, it is Africa. It is not adjacent to Israel. Two, it is not Israel.

The change in the Democratic Party over the last few years has been extraordinary, in their change of their attitude toward Israel. I think it is fair to say in words that cannot be taken down that Hamas terrorists cut the wire several years ago and then live streamed their atrocities. They live streamed their atrocities.

I won't describe them because everybody remembers, but I would recommend that when terrorists, bona fide terrorists, commit atrocities such as we saw on October the 7th several years ago, I would recommend they don't live stream them because if anybody has watched the films that were taken that were live streamed by the perpetrators, they would question this very discussion about Lebanon and about Israel's defense of itself.

Frankly, we could talk about the UNIFIL, the U.N. organization that refused to do their job. Israel is doing the U.N. job that UNIFIL was put there to do, to keep Hezbollah north of the Litani River, and the U.N. force refused to do their job.

We have Israeli families who can't live in their homes in northern Israel, so Israel is doing the U.N.'s job, as well.

I think, as I have listened to this anti-Israel screed, we need a little historical balance in this discussion.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution, again, is beyond reckless and beyond untruthful. The entire arguments that we were listening to of accusing America of participating in a genocide that is not existing, it is Israel going into Lebanon killing Hezbollah terrorists.

I wish they had kept their map up because they showed a large map of all this territory where Israel had gone on the offensive, and they said that they had killed 4,000 people.

Again, Mr. Speaker, if Israel had gone scorched-earth on them, you would have way more than 4,000 dead in all that territory, but what was done was precise strikes against terrorists targeting Israel, Americans, and anybody else whom they could reach out and touch, and they are being killed for that.

This resolution impugns our military. This resolution impugns the patriotism of the U.S. military by saying that they are participating in a war that they are not and by saying that they are participating in a genocide where they are not.

This resolution is certainly shameful in that way, but, again, it is very reckless because it would demand that we remove forces from places like our embassy in Lebanon, remove all forces from Lebanon that would mean removing our Marines from the embassy in Lebanon which, again, just shows how reckless and shameful and how ill thought-out this resolution is.

Mr. Speaker, while it has been an exciting evening with all of these words being taken down and everything else going on, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the previous question is ordered on the concurrent resolution.

The question is on adoption of the concurrent resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. TLAIIB. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY HAROLD YOAK

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold "Hal" Yoak, a proud veteran, a dedicated educator, a loving husband, and a great member of our community who is celebrating his 101st birthday today, June 3.

Born in 1925, Hal answered the call to serve his country in World War II, serving in the United States Navy from