



American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

www.adc.org

1732 Wisconsin Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20007
Tel: 202-244-2990
Fax: 202-244-7968
Email: adc@adc.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hon. James Abourezk, Esq., *Chair*
David Khairallah, Esq., *Vice Chair*
George Majeed Khoury, *Treasurer*
Linda Mansour, Esq., *Secretary*
Cheryl J. Faris, Esq.
Thomas Tony George
George Gorayeb
Assad Jebara
Ashley Mammo, Esq.
Albert Mokhiber, Esq.
Merrie Najimy
George Salem, Esq.
Naseem Tuffaha

Hon. Mary Rose Oakar, *President*
Hon. James Abourezk, Esq., *Founder*

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Assad Jebara, *Chairman*

Honorary Co-Chairs

HE Clovis Maksoud, PhD
Musa Y. Nasir, MD
Her Majesty Queen Noor
The Most. Rev. Metropolitan PHILIP
Ahmad Sbaiti, PhD

Regional Co-Chairs

Hani Findakly, PhD
Y.M. Basha, MD
Sam Hawatmeh, MD
Mohannad Malas

Advisory Committee Members

Fakhri Al-Barzinji
Mokhless Al-Hariri, PhD
Khalid Ataya, MD
Tawfiq Barqawi
Rafic Bizri
Don Bustany
Marilyn Harris Dabaghi
Leila Deeb
Hassan Essayli
Haifa Fakhouri, PhD
Joseph Haiek
Badr Jebara
Elizabeth Jebara
Casey Kasem
Samer Khanachet, PhD
Layla Khouri
Radwan Khoury, PhD
Wael Khoury, MD
Adel B. Korkor, MD
Adnan E. Mourany, MD
Farah Munayyer
Wafa Nasr
Denyse Sabagh, Esq.
Anthony Saidy, MD
Harold Samhat
Anthony Shaker
Jack Shaheen, PhD
Yasir A. Shallal
Norman Tanber
Omar Turbi

IN MEMORIAM

Hala Salaam Maksoud, PhD (1943-2002)
Alex Odeh (1944-1985)

September 1, 2006

Secretary-General Kofi Annan
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

Via Fax: 212-963-7055

Dear Secretary Annan:

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) is the United States' largest and oldest grassroots civil rights organization representing the Arab-American community. Our organization has members in every state, thirty-eight chapters, four satellite offices and headquarters in Washington, DC.

As Arab-Americans we were appalled by Israel's disproportionate use of military force against the civilian population and civilian infrastructure of Lebanon during its month-long campaign against Hezbollah. As Americans we were disgusted by our own government's compliance in Israel's actions by its failure to rein in its closest ally in the Middle East. Many of our members, staff and community had family in Lebanon when Israel's attacks occurred. Just months ago, this Arab country was on the road to economic and political recovery after the devastation of a brutal civil war, but now all of that progress has literally been blown away. And as Americans we realize much of this destruction was done with the use of American-made bombs sold to Israel.

This deliberate destruction of Lebanon was recently detailed in a report by the world's leading authority on human rights, Amnesty International. This report entitled, "Deliberate Destruction or "Collateral Damage?" Israeli Attacks on Civilian Infrastructure," documents Israel's deliberate campaign to not only go after Hezbollah but to strike against Lebanese civilians and infrastructure. Amnesty alleges these actions by Israel amount to war crimes and as such the human rights organization has called upon the United Nations to open an independent, impartial inquiry into possible war crimes and human rights violations by Israel against the civilian population of Lebanon. The American-Arab Anti-Discriminations joins with Amnesty International in asking you to open this investigation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hon. Mary Rose Oakar
President

CC: Ambassador John Bolton
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
799 UN Plaza
New York, NY 10017-3505