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## Press Release

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*In the Name of God, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful*

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### **SASK. MUSLIMS DISTURBED BY CANADIAN DEATHS IN LEBANON CALL HARPER'S STANCE ON CONFLICT "INDEFENSIBLE"**

(REGINA) - A Saskatchewan-based Muslim advocacy organization was disturbed today by the deaths of seven Canadians in Lebanon, killed in a deliberate Israeli air strike on the town of Aitaroun.

Various news reports indicated that the dead included several members of the same family, including young children. Six other Canadians were critically injured in the same Israeli air attack.

In a statement released today, Muslims for Peace & Justice (MPJ) said:

"Today, Canadians witnessed another round of wanton Israeli aggression against innocent civilians in Lebanon. This time, the dead were our citizens.

"Saskatchewan Muslims are shocked by the Canadian government's tacit support of Israel's unjustified violence. It is indefensible that Prime Minister Harper called Israel's use of military force 'measured' and that he has failed to take appropriate action to protect innocent Canadians and other civilians caught in this sudden conflict."

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