

LATEST CIVILIAN CASUALTY ESTIMATES ACCORDING TO ISRAELI ARMY
INFORMATION OFFICE IN TEL AVIV (AS OF 17 JULY)

- 600 dead
- 900 injured
- 20,000 fled homes
- 100,000 returning to their "freed villages"

PREVIOUS ESTIMATE BY ISRAEL WAS 460 DEAD

- Nabatiah about 10 dead
- Sidon about 400 dead
- Tyre about 50 dead

FOLLOWING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH REGARD TO ISRAELI CASUALTY ESTIMATES

- They do not include Beirut or civilian casualties during fighting along the Beirut/Damascus highway, the Chouf Mountains or the Bekaa Valley.
- Unclear if their casualty figures include any Palestinians. The Palestinian population in Lebanon is about 650,000 but only 237,000 are registered in the records of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency as refugees. The registered ones are those who came here in 1948 and their descendants. The rest have come in the last two decades from the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Syria and Jordan. Many came after being driven out of Jordan.
- Israeli figure of 20,000 "homeless" does not include those civilians temporarily relocated. It includes "only people who did not have a roof over their heads at the moment."
- Mayor of Sidon has said that 50,000 to 60,000 Palestinian refugees in and around the city need lodging.