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Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 From: Yvonne

Re: [womeninblack] more concrete info for the Women's March in Tel Aviv today

Dear Women in Black,

Thank you for all the support and the solidarity actions. Today more than 50 civilians, refugees of the war in Lebanon, mainly women and children, were killed by the Israeli army.

I cannot describe you the horrible feeling that the horrors of this war and the ongoing occupation are done in our names. We are in the streets everyday. Our voices in the media are hardly heard. This weekend an in-depth interview was conducted with the founders of "Four Mothers" who struggled in the 1990's to bring back the soldiers from Lebanon. Today they support the war. Our voices are marginalized though here and there we appear in the paper or television. But very little. Of course, the discourse is militarized. Pictures from Lebanon are not showed in the way they are showed abroad.

**So, with all the pain, the helplessness in effecting our perspectives on reality, the anger and sorrow and the fact that we are few and regarded as traitors - we have to continue.** The pressure for national solidarity dismisses not only the cruelty of this war in Lebanon but also the effect of the war on poor people in Israel, the fact that many don't have an income and the rise of violence against women in the north, in the areas that are suffering from the war.

Thank you for your solidarity  
love, justice and peace and a very BIG HUG  
Yvonne