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DOLE URGES THAT U.S. ALLOW IMMIGRATION OF LEBANESE REFUGEES; CONDEMNS VIOLENCE IN LEBANON

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today called upon the attorney general to allow for the emergency immigration to the United States of Lebanese refugees fleeing war-torn Lebanon.

In a resolution introduced today, Dole called upon the Senate to "deplore and condemn" the activity of Syrian and Palestinian forces in Lebanon.

"The military action and shelling of the Syrian forces has cost, in the last month alone, at least 800 lives to the Christian community of Lebanon," Dole said.

"The occupation of that country by the forces of Syria has caused the destruction of a great deal of property and the exodus of some 200,000 persons, including women, children and the elderly, into refuge in schools, monasteries, or make-shift camps. This kind of slaughter and disruption cannot be allowed to go on without protest and some kind of positive sign of concern on the part of the United States. Are we to let the Christian people of Lebanon be martyred? If we do not give these people a way out, they will most certainly join the ranks of the many other victims of Middle East violence."

The Dole resolution appeals to the Syrian military forces in Lebanon to cease the destruction and persecution of the Christian community in that country, and appeals to all the nations of the world to assist in bringing the violence and disruption caused by Palestinian forces to an end.