

Statement of Senator Bob Dole
TIME FOR ALL AMERICANS TO LEAVE LEBANON
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IN LIGHT OF THE NEW WAVE OF ASSAULTS ON AMERICANS IN BEIRUT, SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KAN) URGED THE IMMEDIATE CLOSING OF THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND THE RETURN HOME OF ALL AMERICANS IN LEBANON.

"The security situation in Beirut has deteriorated so badly that we're no longer in a position to anything worthwhile there," said Dole. "We're only inviting more trouble -- more kidnappings -- by leaving our diplomats so exposed."

"It's also high time that any remaining private Americans leave Lebanon, too," Dole went on. "It's clear they've become sitting ducks for every lunatic political faction roaming the streets."

"The terrorists are heating up their silent and deadly war," Dole concluded. "We have to minimize American targets available to them, and then take whatever counteraction is necessary to show we won't tolerate their gutless brand of warfare."

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