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RALEIGH – The Triangle Lebanese Association (TLA) will hold a candlelight vigil tomorrow, Saturday, August 12, at 8:00 PM in front of the North Carolina State Capitol on Salisbury Street. The vigil is held in memory of the hundreds of children and adult civilians who have lost their lives in the ongoing war in Lebanon, and to renew the call for an immediate cessation of hostilities. Candles will be provided on site.

The assault on Lebanon is now entering its fifth week amid increasing loss of life, now exceeding a thousand innocent victims, and widespread devastation of the country's infrastructure. The UN and other relief efforts are being hampered by the destruction of highways and the lack of assurance that relief convoys will not be attacked. This prompted Jan Egeland, the coordinator of the UN relief efforts, to declare this the worst humanitarian crisis currently unfolding. At the same time, it is painfully evident that resolving this crisis by violent means has not worked for any of the parties. Further violence and military assaults can only lead to hardening of positions and diminished chances for long lasting and peaceful solutions. The TLA continues to call on the US government to demand an immediate cessation of hostilities from all sides and work with the international community and the United Nations towards a long-term solution for this festering problem.

The mission of the TLA is to preserve and promote the Lebanese culture and heritage, and provide an exchange of information between the Lebanese, American, and other cultures through social, cultural, and humanitarian endeavors. The Lebanese Educational Center (LEC) is a tax-exempt, non-profit, educational center of the TLA. It seeks to implement the mission of the TLA via educational activities and outreach.