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RALEIGH – The Triangle Lebanese Association (TLA) will hold a press conference tomorrow, Tuesday, July 18, at 4:00 PM in the Crabtree Room at the Crabtree Valley Marriott, 4500 Marriott Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612. The objective of the press conference is to share with the media and general public information and concerns about the heavy price the civilian population in Lebanon is paying for the Israeli attack on Lebanon. In addition, status updates will be provided for over 100 Lebanese-American residents of the Triangle, adults and children, who are now caught in the midst of the Israeli bombardments, unable to get out. Members of the Executive Committee of the TLA and Dr. Akram Khater, Director of the Middle East Studies Program and Associate Professor of History at NC State University, will be available to answer questions.

The TLA believes that Lebanon, its civilian population, and its pro-American government are in grave danger from the current onslaught. Hostilities go on with the active enablement and support from our US government. The longer these hostilities continue, the heavier the toll on Lebanon, and the more difficult it will be to establish meaningful piece that will benefit all parties in the future. In addition, continued hostilities are not in the best interests of us here in the US, in terms of economic price and loss of respect and credibility in the world. The TLA calls 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.