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RALEIGH – The Triangle Lebanese Association (TLA) will hold a candlelight vigil tomorrow, Saturday, July 22, at 8:00 PM across from the North Carolina State Capitol off Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. All are invited to stand in solidarity with the Lebanese community in North Carolina and around the world in a humanitarian call for an immediate Israeli cease-fire and for the lifting of the blockade on Lebanon. Candles will be provided on site.

After more than a week, civilians are still paying the price for a festering regional conflict with no end in site. Israel continues its military offensive and conditions are deteriorating everyday in Lebanon on a humanitarian front. As the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan stated yesterday, “Israeli operations have made it impossible for UN agencies and their humanitarian partners to reach almost any part of southern Lebanon”. The TLA continues in its campaign pleading for an immediate cease-fire. The longer the hostilities continue, the heavier the toll on Lebanon, and the more difficult it will be to establish meaningful peace that will benefit all parties in the future. The TLA continues to appeal to the US government who can and should 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.