

**Lebanon – Whose to blame?**

“10,000 homes destroyed-  
Many thousands dead !”

Having been there myself in the past year, a colleague asked me in an e-mail: “Who’s at fault in the Middle East? The Israelis? The Palestinians? The Lebanese? What do you think?”

I responded quite honestly, “None of them! All of us! We in the West are all to blame. We, all of the US controlled , capitalist consumer society. Israel is just a tiny pawn in the corporate controlled United States’ deadly game of consumer power

chess. The Lebanon/ Palestinian/ Israel end game serves the United States needs perfectly. It distracts the world’s attention away from what is going on in Iraq.

Even the attention of the American people themselves is refocused away from the daily death of young soldiers and the stream of body-bags returning from Vietnam 2. The United States on behalf of all people who follow her consumer lifestyle, is defending us against the cultural backlash they label religion based terrorism.”

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