

International Peace Delegation Goes to Lebanon

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Responding to calls by Lebanese civil society organizations to come to their war-ravaged country, another batch of parliamentarians and civil society representatives from various countries are going on an international peace and solidarity delegation to Lebanon from August 12 to 16.

This delegation includes representatives from the Philippines, Brazil, France, Norway, India, and Spain.

Among them are two members of parliament, two representatives from the international farmers' movement La Via Campesina, a representative from Brazil's main trade union confederation and the continental alliance Hemispheric Social Alliance, a journalist, and other peace and human rights activists. (please see full list below)

The delegation hopes to convey solidarity with the people of Lebanon; gather first-hand information on the impact of the war; better understand the current political situation in the country; and add their voices to their global call for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire.

In Lebanon, the delegation will inspect areas hit by Israeli missiles; visit relief centers and hospitals; meet with a broad range of civil society and political organizations; speak with top officials of the Lebanese government; and meet with migrant workers' also in the country.

This delegation is the latest batch to go to Lebanon upon the invitation of local groups and it is hoped that more will follow in the future.

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