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## Re: Israel's attacks in Lebanon

**CONTENT WARNING:** Violence

The University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) stands in solidarity with all those affected and harmed by the Israeli government's attacks in Lebanon.

In a complete violation of Lebanon's territorial sovereignty, the state of Israel launched coordinated attacks using pagers last week. This resulted in multiple explosions across Lebanon, killing at least 27 people and injuring thousands of others. The simultaneous explosions of pagers caused small to mid-sized blasts in grocery stores, city streets, schools, hospitals, and other high density areas.

Subsequently, on September 23rd, the Israeli occupation army launched an attack on South Lebanon and other areas in the country that killed at least 200 people and injured 700. The number of deaths is expected to rise in the coming days as reported attacks and injuries continue to emerge.

Amidst escalating attacks and imperial violence by the Israeli government, the University of Toronto continues to remain willing collaborators in the actions of a settler colonial apartheid state.

The University of Toronto must end its complicity. We demand that UofT end their continued relationship with the Israeli regime. We will continue to pressure the University to divest from weaponry, arms manufacturing, and their investment in war and genocide.

The state of Israel and Western imperialism are agents of chaos and the sowers of war and instability in our society. As students living, working, and studying in the imperial core, we recognize the need for unwavering support and solidarity against war, settler-colonialism, and imperialism.

We, the UTMSU, join students across the world in our solidarity with Lebanon and other nations suffering under the boot of settler-colonialism, imperialism, and oppression — from the Palestinian camps to the Bekaa, from Bint Jbeil to Beirut. In the face of all that has passed and all that has yet to pass, we are one people, joined until liberation.