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1. Following is text of the State Department Statement:
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During the recent, bitter and tragic factional fighting that has erupted between Christian and Druze militias in Lebanon, innocent civilian lives are needlessly being taken in terrible acts of vengeance. Druze and Christian alike have fallen victim and are equally threatened.

We condemn the senseless loss of life. It can only serve to aggravate the bitterness and hatred that already exists. Lebanon has endured too much bloodshed through the many years of fighting. Further bloodshed can in no way serve the cause of peace and national harmony and is a blight on humanity.

The United States calls for an immediate cease-fire and we appeal to all those involved in the fighting to respect human life and alleviate the suffering that war has brought. Nothing good can come of indiscriminate killing, regardless of its perpetrators or its victims. Lebanon owes it to itself to turn a new page in its tragic history so that peace and human decency can prevail.

Ends.