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My position during the war in Lebanon was that of bewilderment and pondering. I tried to do things but contrary to the pre-war years where I was actively involved in women's organizations, the women's struggle etc.. I stood watching.

Till now I don't know the causes of this war nor its consequences. I am against war and I don't believe in it even on the international level. War doesn't solve problems, on the contrary it creates new ones.

I feel very distant from the concept of war and its aspects. Even the people whom I considered close to me became alien when they started getting involved in the war and I stopped seeing them.

I believe this war is the biggest evil that has happened to Lebanon and is above the capacity of a normal individual to handle.

All my interests during the past nine years have been centered on my scientific research because I found out that words do not reach people any more. Before the war writing an article or giving a speech used to have an impact. Now the one who does not carry a kalashnikov is not heard by anyone and is a nobody.

I believe that the only way to reconstruct a new Lebanon is to create a new Lebanese individual. The most important thing this new individual must have is morality and a good solid upbringing. For if a nation does not have morality it can never succeed...

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