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Your view

Israel only defending itself

To the editor:

How long ago was it that our nation was attacked by terrorists? Five years? Five years and already we forget the indignation that filled our hearts as we watched those towers fall. This is not just Israel's war. This is a war against a terrorist organization who, by the way, has been blamed for many attacks against the United States. Israel is in the same situation that we were five years ago. Can we expect them to stand by and watch as they are being attacked?

This past week I had the opportunity to speak with a few teenagers in Israel. I heard in their voices that same indignation I felt only five years ago as they spoke of the terrorist organization who kidnapped two of their soldiers. I spoke with one young man who left the conversation multiple times due to sirens going off in his home-town of Haifa.

The media has portrayed the Hezbollah as saints, quoting from Hezbollah's leader who called them "thousands of courageous warriors." Hezbollah's holy war is to wipe out Israel. In the midst of thousands of innocent Lebanese civilians these "courageous" Hezbollah "warriors" hide. Israel continues to warn the people of Lebanon. Israel does not wish to hurt innocent civilians and values their lives. The Hezbollah know this, which is why they continue to hide where they now are. They continue to fight out of residential areas, then claim to protect the innocent.

I support Israel. I support Israel's war with Hezbollah. In fact, I feel quite secure in saying that I support, and will continue to support, any war that continues to fight terrorist organizations. I value my freedom, and I realize that my freedom comes with a price. I will not stand by and watch as my freedoms and my liberties are compromised. My prayers are with Israel and with the Lebanese people. My prayers are with all people who fight for their freedoms, their liberties and their homes. I am an American. I support Israel.

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