



Conveying Lebanon's Cluster Bomb Issue through Film

Death in the Fields is an animated documentary that focuses on the cluster bomb crisis in southern Lebanon. The millions of unexploded bomblets scattered across the country's south are the ill-fated result of a 2006 Israeli offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon. Today, in addition to killing and maiming indiscriminately, these weapons continue to contaminate lands where children once played and make agricultural land unavailable to farmers.

Throughout the film's concise run time of just over 11 minutes, editorial cartoonist Patrick Chappette manages to convey the dread of these horrific weapons in a unique fashion. His black-and-white illustrations are surprisingly lively while alluding to the starkness of the issue. When these illustrations mix with real-life photographs, statistics and stories, they pack a serious punch. The film premiered at the Visions du Réel film festival in Nyon, Switzerland on 8 April 2011 and is currently available on the International Committee for the Red Cross's website:

<http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/film/01079-w-death-in-the-field-chappatte-film-2011.htm>. ↴



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