

# Iran Hit with \$325M Judgment in Connection with the 1983 Marine Barracks Bombing in Beirut

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US District Court for the District of Columbia has entered [Judgment](#) against the Islamic Republic of Iran (“Iran”). The designated State Sponsor of Terrorism was ordered by the Court to pay in excess of \$325 million in compensatory and punitive damages to more than a dozen servicemen and their families as a result of the October 23, 1983 bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. The victims are represented by the Washington, DC law firm Heideman Nudelman & Kalik, P.C., which has represented American victims of terror for two decades with a concentration in civil counter-terror litigation.

The Honorable Royce C. Lamberth of the US District Court

for the District of Columbia awarded the damages to the servicemen, and their families. The Court found that Iran was liable for the attack.

In addition to the compensatory damages awarded to each of the Plaintiffs, the Court also awarded punitive damages. “...the defendant must be punished to the fullest extent legally possible for the bombing in Beirut on October 23, 1983,” [stated Judge Lamberth](#), who went on to say that the attack was “a depraved act that destroyed the lives of countless individuals and their families, including the 33 plaintiffs who are parties to this lawsuit.”

“This judgment provides an important measure of justice to those who lost life, limb and family as a direct result of the Iranian sponsored bombing of the U.S. Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon,” said Richard D. Heideman, Senior Counsel of Heideman Nudelman & Kalik PC. “Iran must pay the debts that it owes to the victims of the terror it sponsors, including these courageous Marines who were in Beirut on an important peacekeeping mission.”

The case opinion is Ayres et al v. The Islamic Republic of Iran, 1:18-cv-00265 (D.D.C., May 3, 2022) [D.E.68]

About Heideman Nudelman & Kalik, P.C.

The law firm of Heideman Nudelman & Kalik, P.C., based in Washington, DC, is a global firm with affiliates in various parts of the world. Richard D. Heideman, Noel J. Nudelman, Tracy R. Kalik and other members, associates and affiliates of the firm have extensive experience in complex litigation. The firm has served as lead counsel in numerous cases on behalf of victims of terror and their family members who have been killed or injured in terrorist attacks throughout the world. The firm has successfully brought cases against Libya, the Syrian Arab Republic, The Islamic Republic of Iran, the PA/PLO, Arab Bank plc and others accused of funding or providing material support for terror and continues committed to seeking justice on behalf of Americans who have suffered at the hands of terrorists, their sponsors, supporters and funders.

Richard D. Heideman, Senior Counsel of Heideman Nudelman & Kalik, P.C., is the author of the recently published [The Bloody Price of Freedom](#) (Gefen Publishing House, 2021) and is available for interviews and comments on matters relating to the ongoing battle against terror and the important use of the American legal system in pursuit of justice.

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