

# Lebanon reverses move to ban Spielberg’s ‘The Post’

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BEIRUT — Lebanese authorities have reversed a decision to ban Steven Spielberg’s newspaper drama “The Post” ahead of its opening in theaters across the country, a local cinema manager said Wednesday.

Lebanese censorship authorities had recommended the ban because the director is blacklisted by the Arab League over his support for Israel. After two months of marketing the film, theaters had taken the posters down and rolled back plans for a premiere.

Isaac Fahed, sales and distribution manager of the Grand Cinemas chain, one of Lebanon’s largest, said the film will open in theaters after “mediation” between the distributor and the Interior Ministry. He declined

to elaborate. Lebanese officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

Censorship authorities had recommended the ban, which required the interior minister’s approval. The reversal of the ban is unusual. Lebanon is technically at war with Israel, and the movement to boycott Israel enjoys wide support in the country.

Fahed said the reversal was good news for the cultural scene in Lebanon as well as the boycott movement.

“It is not a commercial film and not an action film,” Fahed said, adding that they were not expecting it to be a box office hit. “It is (good) for freedom of cinema and culture and for being fair and just in our defense against Israel and Zionism. There is an efficient way, not a stone age way.

“We are at war with the Israeli government, not with Jewish people or their ideology,” he said. Lebanon officially follows an Arab League blacklist against supporters of Israel and organizations and companies seen as promoting or doing business with the country. A leaked U.S. State Department memo from 2007 revealed that Spielberg was blacklisted by the League for donating \$1 million to Israel for reconstruction during its 2006 war with Lebanon.

“The Post” is being shown in other Arab countries, where there have been no calls to boycott it.

The film, starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks, tells the story of the Washington Post’s efforts to publish the Pentagon Papers, classified documents that revealed the failures of the U.S. war in Vietnam.



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People walking in front of the Cinema City complex in downtown Beirut, Lebanon.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE													Evening listings FRIDAY—SUNDAY	
FRIDAY EVENING													JANUARY 19	
A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach														
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2 KATU	2	KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Child Support (N)		Agents of SHIELD "The Last Day" (N)	20/20			KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
6 KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Child Support (N)		Agents of SHIELD "The Last Day" (N)	20/20			KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
9 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Blindspot "Balance of Might" (N)		Taken "Quarry" (N)	Dateline NBC			KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6 KOIN	5	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver (N)		Hawaii 5-0 "Na Keiki A Kalahaohia" (N)	Blue Bloods "Erasing History" (N)			KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
9 KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver (N)		Hawaii 5-0 "Na Keiki A Kalahaohia" (N)	Blue Bloods "Erasing History" (N)			KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert	
9 KGW	7	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Blindspot "Balance of Might" (N)		Taken "Quarry" (N)	Dateline NBC			KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9 KRCW	3	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Black Lightning "The Resurrection"		PennTeller "Does This Trick Ring a Bell?"	News at 10 (N)	Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10 KOPB	10	Travels Darley	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Doc Martin		Hinterland (14:5) Hinterland		(35) Masterpiece Mystery! "Endeavour: Sway"				
12 KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Kitchen "Stars Heating Up Hell" (N)		The X-Files "This"	10 O'Clock News (N)			News (N)	Page Six TV	
13 KPDX	13	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!		The Game	The Game	
9 KCPO	13	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Kitchen "Stars Heating Up Hell" (N)		The X-Files "This"	Q13 News at 10 (N)			Most Wanted	The Simpsons	
20 TBS	20	Family Guy	Family Guy	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	*** Knocked Up (2007, Comedy) Katherine Heigl, Leslie Mann, Seth Rogen.						*** 50 First Dates	(04, Rom) Drew Barrymore, Adam Sandler.	
9 KZJO	22	Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29 ESPN	29	(5:00) NBA Basketball Washington vs Detroit (L)		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
29 ESPN2	30	ITF Tennis Australian Open Men's and Women's Third Round Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)												
31 NICK	31	The Loud House (N)	TheAdventures (N)	Paradise Run (N)	Lip Sync (N)	*** Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil Hayden Panettiere.		Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince		Friends	Friends	
32 DISN	32	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Stuck in Middle	Andi Mack	Andi Mack (N)	Stuck Middle (N)	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover		Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	
34 FAM	34	(5:00) Tarzan Voices of Tony Goldwyn.		*** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas		(00) Jane Krakowski, Stephen Baldwin.		*** The Flintstones (1994, Comedy) Rosie O'Donnell, Elizabeth Taylor, John Goodman.						
35 FMC	35	(5:00) *** Minions "15, Animated) Jon Hamm, Sandra Bullock. (14:0) FXM Presents		Paper Towns (2015, Drama) Cara Delevingne, Halston Sage, Nat Wolff.				(15) FXM Presents	Paper Towns (2015, Drama) Cara Delevingne, Nat Wolff.					
36 LIFE	36	Bring It!		Bring It! "Coach D Resigns"		Bring It! Chat (N) (15:0) Bring It! (N)		Bring It! "Doll Meet World" (N)	The Rap Game "Swag Symphony" (N)			Bring It! (N)		
38 ROOT	38	NCAA Basketball Portland at San Diego				NCAA Basketball Santa Clara at San Francisco			FootballWeek (N) In Depth			Poker Heartland Tour		
39 FS1	39	NCAA Basketball Illinois at University of Wisconsin (Madison) (L)				Fox College Hoops Clinch: Miocic		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			Speak for Yourself	The Hangover	
43 SPIKE	43	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms.						
44 COM	44	Corporate	Corporate	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park		Daniel Tosh: People Pleaser		
45 HIST	45	Ancient Aliens "Space Station Moon"		Aliens "The Mystery of Rudloe Manor"		Ancient Aliens "The Viking Gods"		Ancient Aliens "The Pharaohs' Curse"	(05) Ancient Aliens "The Returned"					
46 A&E	46	(5:00) Live PD				Live PD "Rewind"		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L) (N)						
47 TLC	47	Untold Stories "Why Am I Blue?"		Untold Stories "Twist and Shout"		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Shark!"		Untold Stories "Can't Stop Itching" (N)	Untold Stories "Perfect Storm"			Untold Stories "Can't Stop Itching"		
48 DISC	48	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	To Be Announced			To Be Announced		
49 NGE0	49	Alaska Troopers "Justice Below Zero"		Alaska Troopers "Spring Break Crazy"		Alaska Troopers "Warrant Wonderland"		Alaska State Trooper "Loaded for Bear"	Alaska Troopers "Burglars and Bears"			Alaska State Troopers "NYPD to AST"		
50 TNT	50	Bones "The Flaw in the Saw"		Bones "The Grief and the Girl"		*** American Sniper (2014, War) Sienna Miller, Luke Grimes, Bradley Cooper.						American Gangster Denzel Washington.		
51 AMC	51	(5:00) *** Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl				*** Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.						Pulp Fiction '94)		
52 USA	52	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		Modern Family	Modern Family	
53 FOOD	53	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners...Dives (N)	The Grill Dads (N)	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	
54 HGTV	54	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	Dream Home (N)	My Dream Home			House Hunters	House Hunters	
56 FX	56	(4:00) Fast & Furious 6 "13) Vin Diesel.		*** Furious 7 (2015, Action) Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.						*** Furious 7 (2015, Action) Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.				
57 CNN	57	Cuomo Prime Time (L)		CNN Report "Trump's First Year: When Chaos Reigned" (N)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		
58 FNC	58	Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		The Five		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
61 CNBC	61	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Buyer "Loweco and Bella Breeze"		Billion Dollar Buyer		Billion Buyer "Are You Committed?"		Paid Program		
63 BRAV	63	Atlanta "The Peaches of Wrath"		MarriedMed "Fly Girls and Low Riders"		Medic. "Breakdown or Breakthrough"		Medic. "Invitations and Revelations" (N)		Atlanta "The Peaches of Wrath"		Medic. "Invitations and Revelations"		
64 TCM	64	(5:00) **** The Flight of the Phoenix		(66) James Stewart. (14:5) *** The Poseidon Adventure (1972, Adventure) Stella Stevens, Ernest Borgnine, Carol Lynley.		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	*** Five Came Back (39) John Carradine, Chester Morris.		Movie		
65 SYFY	65	(5:30) *** The Goonies (1985, Adventure)		Corey Feldman, Josh Brodin, Sean Astin.		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		Futurama	Futurama	
162 RFD	162	County Report (N)	FarmHer	Chasing-Madison	The Jimmy Dean Show	Rural Eve. News		Country's Family Reunion "Nashville"	County Reporter	Chasing-Madison	Time Life Library			
SATURDAY EVENING													JANUARY 20	
A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach														
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2 KATU	2	(5:30) NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Houston Rockets (L)		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Paid Program	Paid Program	20/20				KATU News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle	
6 KOMO	4	(5:30) NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Houston Rockets (L)		KOMO 4 News Primetime (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!		20/20				KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle	
9 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	L.M. Traveler	Raw Travel	Will & Grace	Saturday Night Live (N)	Saturday Night Live				KING 5 News (N)	Sat. Night Live	
6 KOIN	5	KOIN 6 News (N)	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend		CrimeTime Saturday		CrimeTime Saturday				KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Amer.Ninja	
9 KIRO	7	Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend		CrimeTime Saturday		CrimeTime Saturday				KIRO News (N)	(35) Scandal	
9 KGW	7	NBC Nightly News	Naturally (N)	Champion (N)	Give	Will & Grace	Saturday Night Live (N)			Saturday Night Live		KGW News (N)	Sat. Night Live	
9 KRCW	3	Modern Family	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	News at 10 (N)	Pawn Stars	Impractical Jokers	Bones	
10 KOPB	10	Great British Baking "Batter"		Travel: Art Wolfe	Steves' Europe	Globe Trekker		Father Brown "The Star of Jacob"		Silent Witness 1/2 (15:55) Silent Witness		"Squaring the Circle" 2/2		
12 KPTV	12	*** There Goes the Neighborhood (92)		Hector Elizondo, Rhea Perlman.		The Four "Week Three" A new set of challenges face off against The Four.		The X-Files "Apocrypha" Pt. 2 of 2		10 O'Clock News (N)		Hell's Kitchen "Five is the New Black"		
13 KPDX	13	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rizzoli & Isles "Misconduct Game"		The X-Files "Apocrypha" Pt. 2 of 2		CSI: Miami "Sinner Takes All"		West Coast Wrestling Connection		
9 KCPO	13	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four "Week Three" A new set of challenges face off against The Four.		Q13 News (N)	Most Wanted	Q13 News (N)	Most Wanted	Hell's Kitchen "Five is the New Black"		
20 TBS	20	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	2 Broke Girls	
9 KZJO	22	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Seahawks	Most Wanted	Bones "The Babe in the Bar"		The X-Files 1/2	
29 ESPN	29	(5:15) NCAA Basketball Fla./Ken. (L)		(15) NCAA Basketball UCLA at Oregon (L)				(15) SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
29 ESPN2	30	ITF Tennis Australian Open Men's and Women's Fourth Round Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)												
31 NICK	31	The Loud House	The Thundermans	Henry Danger 1/2	Henry Danger 2/2	Descendants 2 (2017, Fantasy) Cameron Boyce, Sofia Carson, Dove Cameron.		Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	
32 DISN	32	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Descendants 2 (2017, Fantasy) Cameron Boyce, Sofia Carson, Dove Cameron.		Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Walk the Prank	Lab Rats	
34 FAM	34	(5:15) Pocahontas		(15) **** Big Hero 6 (2014, Animated)		Voices of Scott Adits, Genesis Rodriguez, Ryan Potter.		*** Beauty and the Beast '91) Voices of Richard White, Paige O'Hara.				Movie		
35 FMC	35	(5:00) **** Gone Girl '14) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck. (15:00) **** Gone Girl (2014, Mystery) Rosamund Pike, Missi Pyle, Ben Affleck.				Cocaine Godmother: The Griselda Blanco Story (2018)				(40) FXM Presents	Getaway (2013, Action) Ethan Hawke.			
36 LIFE	36	(3:00) *** Titanic (1997, Drama) Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio.								Griselda: The Godmother (N)		To Be Announced		
38 ROOT	38	(5:00) NCAA Basketball Gonz./S. Clar. (L)		NCAA Basketball Portland at Loyola Marymount (L)				NCAA Basketball Texas vs. Texas Tech Women's				NCAA Basketball Kansas State vs. Baylor		
39 FS1	39	(5:00) UFC UFC 220 (L)		AMA Supercross -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)				UFCPost "220: Miocic vs. Ngannou" (L)		Post-Fight "220: Miocic vs. Ngannou"				
43 SPIKE	43	**** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Sean Connery, Julian Glover, Harrison Ford.				Bellator MMA Fighters battle for \$100,000 and a shot at the title.		*** Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby '06) John C. Reilly, Sacha Baron Cohen, Will Ferrell.		The Campaign				
44 COM	44	Movie	*** Shanghai Noon (2000, Action) Owen Wilson, Lucy Liu, Jackie Chan.							(05) Pawn Stars	(35) Pawn Stars			
45 HIST	45	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars: Pumped Up Enhanced episodes of "Pawn Stars." (N)		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L) (N)		(05) Say Yes "Everything Is on the Line"		(05) Say Yes to the Dress		
46 A&E	46	(5:00) Live PD				Live PD "Rewind"		MythBusters "Chimney Cannon"		MythBusters "Dead Body Double" (N)		MythBusters		
47 TLC	47	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	To Be Announced		Say Yes to the Dress "A Gown to Match My Black Heart" (N)		Air Force One: America's Flagship		Brothers in War: American Heroes		Air Force One: America's Flagship		
48 DISC	48	Street Outlaws "Bad Beets"		Hard Time "Love Behind Bars"		George W. Bush: The 9/11 Interview		Brothers in War: American Heroes		Brothers in War: American Heroes		Air Force One: America's Flagship		
49 NGE0	49	Hard Time "Revolving Door"		Hard Time "Love Behind Bars"		*** Divergent (2014, Action) Kate Winslet, Miles Teller, Shailene Woodley.		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II "One Ocean" (SP) (N)		*** Dirty Dancing '87, Dan) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.		The Social Network Jesse Eisenberg.		
50 TNT	50	(5:30) *** Insurgent (2015, Sci-Fi) Theo James, Kate Winslet, Shailene Woodley.		End Times" (15:00) Breaking Bad		Face Off"								
51 AMC	51	(5:35) Breaking Bad (14:0) Breaking Bad												
52 USA	52	(4:25) G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra		*** The Avengers (2012, Action) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr..				Falling Water "Safehouse" (N)		The Avengers "12) Robert Downey Jr..				
53 FOOD	53	WorstCooks "All Fun and Game Day"		W.Cooks "The Proof is in the Pudding"		WorstCooks "Facing Your Fears"		WorstCooks "Mardi Gras Mad"		WorstCooks "The Reason You're Here"		WorstCooks "A Fine Finale"		
54 HGTV	54	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Brothers		House Hunters Renovation (N)		Log Cabin Living		Log Cabin Living		
56 FX	56	*** Thor: The Dark World (2013, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Natalie Portman.				*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure) Bryce Dallas Howard, Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt.				Killer Mom (2017, Thriller) Kirby Bliss Blanton, Karen Clliche.		Baskets		