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UNIFIL confirms IDF withdrawal from several areas in South Lebanon

On 4 September 2006, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) withdrew from the general areas of Bayt Lif, Al Qawzah, Dibil, Ayn Ibil, and Mhaibeb in South Lebanon. The UNIFIL Ghanaian Battalion established seven new checkpoints and carried out intensive patrolling in the area, confirming that IDF were no longer present there. The Lebanese Army is to deploy in these areas, as well as in the general area of Bint Jubayl, Aytarun and Aynata today.

Over the past 24 Hrs, a total of eight Israeli air violations were reported by UNIFIL.

UNIFIL de-mining team from the Chinese contingent disposed of over 1260 unexploded ordnances (UXOs) during the past week.

Over the past 24 Hrs, the Indian Battalion and Ghanaian Battalion provided 100,000 liters of water to the following villages: El Khyam, At Tayyabah, Kafr Kila, Tibnin and Haddathah. In addition, UNIFIL contingents treated 227 people in need of medical care and the Indian Battalion provided veterinary assistance to 504 animals.