

**UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON  
(UNIFIL)**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**9,500 UNIFIL troops from 20 countries deployed**

**UNIFIL is progressively enhancing its operational capabilities in order to fulfill its responsibilities under Security Council Resolution 1701. A current total of around 9,450 troops from 20 different countries have been deployed.** 7,730 troops are deployed on the ground between the Litani River and the Blue Line, plus the UNIFIL Maritime Task Force with 1,700 naval personnel.

Two Sector Headquarters have become operational as of 01 November 2006. Their task is to ensure the coordination of operations of UNIFIL battalions deployed in their respective area of responsibility.

The Sector West Headquarters under command of an Italian Brigadier General is located in Tibnine. It will consist of two battalions from Italy, and one each from Ghana and France.

The Sector East Headquarters under command of a Spanish Brigadier General is located near Marjayoun. It consists currently of one Indian and one Spanish battalion. Two additional battalions from Nepal and Indonesia are to deploy in this sector soon.

**On the humanitarian side**, from 27 Oct to 02 Nov 2006, UNIFIL battalions treated 414 civilians in the entire area of operations, while 105 civilians received dental treatment at Indbatt. The veterinarian from Indbatt treated 563 animals for various ailments.

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