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PRESS RELEASE

IDF withdraws from most of the surrounding area of Ghajar village this afternoon

On 07 November, UNIFIL Force Commander **Major Gen Alain Pellegrini** met with senior officers from the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) at the UN Position at the border crossing at Ras Al Naqoura.

It was agreed that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) will withdraw their forces from most of the surrounding area of Ghajar village today. UNIFIL will carry out intensive patrolling and set up temporary checkpoints in the specified area to confirm that the IDF were no longer present there.

(The IDF is still present inside the northern part of the village of Ghajar and the immediate vicinity, inside Lebanese territory.)

UNIFIL Force Commander Major-General Alain Pellegrini said: *“I welcome the IDF withdrawal from the area around Ghajar. I hope that we will reach an agreement very soon for full IDF withdrawal from Lebanese territory, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 1701, including the northern part of Ghajar village.”*