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PRESS RELEASE

Lebanese Army starts deployment in the areas vacated by the IDF

Following the withdrawal of the IDF on 7 November from most of the surrounding area of the Ghajar village, UNIFIL carried out intensive patrolling and set up temporary checkpoints in the specified area to confirm that the IDF were no longer present. After verification of full withdrawal by UNIFIL the LAF began to deploy their troops on the ground in this area at 9am today.

The IDF remain present in the northern part of the village of Ghajar, inside Lebanese territory, and in the immediate vicinity of the village.