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UNIFIL TROOP STRENGTH AND HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

Naqoura, Lebanon – The number of peacekeepers serving in UNIFIL has risen to 11,570, comprised of soldiers from 27 countries, 9,812 ground troops and 1,758 naval personnel.

In addition to its core mandated activities UNIFIL continues providing humanitarian assistance to the civilian population. Between 7 - 13 January, there were 400 instances where UNIFIL peacekeepers provided medical assistance, 52 instances where they provided dental care, and 485 occasions in which veterinary services were provided.

Meanwhile, between 6 - 13 January, UNIFIL de-miners from various national contingents destroyed 1,403 separate explosive devices. These include rockets, grenades, cluster bombs, anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. Since the ceasefire came into force on 14 August, UNIFIL de-miners have destroyed a total of 20,262 separate explosive devices.

In accordance with Security Council resolution 1701, UNIFIL peacekeepers continue to assist the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) in taking steps towards the establishment of an area south of the Litani river which is free of any armed personnel, assets and weapons other than those of the Government of Lebanon.

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