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PRESS RELEASE

Lebanese Army deploys in the East of South Lebanon

On 31 August the Lebanese Army has started the deployment in the general area of Bastra and the area South of the Kafr Shuba and Shaba villages in the Eastern part of South Lebanon where the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) withdrew on 30 August. Over the past 24 hrs UNIFIL established checkpoints and conducted intensive patrolling confirming this morning that the IDF were no longer present there.

Over the past 24 Hrs the UNIFIL Chinese Battalion disposed of over 250 unexploded ordinances (UXOs), while the Mine Action Coordination Center carried out controlled demolition of over 300 UXOs.

For the same period, UNIFIL troops provided to villages in the area over 40,000 litres of water. In addition, UNIFIL contingents treated 145 people in need of medical care and the Indian Battalion provided veterinary assistance to over 1000 animals.