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PRESS RELEASE

In the process of Lebanese Army deployment inside the territory vacated by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) as stipulated in the Resolution 1701, Lebanese Army has consolidated its forward positions in the areas taken over yesterday. It is conducted in close coordination and with the support of UNIFIL.

At present the Lebanese army is deployed to areas marked by forward positions in Buyit As Sayyid, Majda Zun, Zibqin, Yatar, Rshaf, At Tiri, Kunin, Mhaibeb, Shaqra, Majdal Silm, Qabrikha, Gandouriyah, and Frun in western and central sectors, and in Dier Mimess, Tall el Nhass, Arab el Louazih, Rihanet Berri, Halta, Kafer Chouba, and Cheeba in eastern sector.

The cessation of hostilities generally was maintained in the past 24 hours. There was however, two air violations by Israeli helicopters recorded yesterday.

A team of Mine Action Coordination Center continued controlled demolition of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the areas of Yohmor, Smayieh, Ras Al Ain, Tibnin and Aita Al Jabal.

UNIFIL continued intensive ground and air patrolling throughout its area of operation to assess the situation on the ground and to monitor the cessation of hostilities.

UNIFIL distributed 29, 500 liters of drinking water to villages of El Khiam, Ett Taibe and Ebel Es Saqi.

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