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PRESS RELEASE

**UNIFIL Force Commander discusses further IDF withdrawals and
LAF deployment**

On 11 September, UNIFIL Force Commander Major-General Alain Pellegrini met with the senior representatives of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) on the premises of the UNIFIL position at the border crossing at Ras Naqoura. This was the sixth such meeting since the 14 August Cessation of Hostilities. Further IDF withdrawals and LAF deployments, in conjunction with UNIFIL, were on the agenda.

Major-General Pellegrini said: "The meeting was very fruitful and we discussed in detail the further withdrawal of IDF from Lebanon. I believe that this process is going well and that both sides understand the need to proceed accordingly without any further delay."

Over the past 72 Hrs, 184000 litres of water were distributed by UNIFL troops. The Chinese battalion destroyed 241 unexploded ordnances and cleared 1346 metres of road. UNIFIL continued to provide medical and veterinary assistance in its area of operations.

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