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UNIFIL TROOP STRENGTH AND ACTIVITIES

Naqoura, Lebanon – The strength of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has risen to 11,512 peacekeepers with the recent deployment of an infantry company from Malaysia and the rotation and reinforcement of troops serving with the Indian contingent.

The current total of 11,512 peacekeepers from 26 countries, is made up of 9,756 ground troops and 1,756 naval personnel.

UNIFIL peacekeepers continued to provide humanitarian assistance to the local population, including medical, dental and veterinarian aid. Between 1-6 January, there were 213 instances where UNIFIL peacekeepers provided medical assistance, 34 instances where they provided dental care, and 12 occasions on which veterinary services were provided.

Meanwhile, between 29 December - 5 January, UNIFIL de-miners from various national contingents destroyed a total of 2,040 separate explosive devices. These include rockets, grenades, cluster bombs, anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. Since the cease-fire came into force on 14 August, and up until 5 January, UNIFIL de-miners have destroyed a total of 18,859 separate explosive devices.

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