



UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON : INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

NEWS : Israeli tanks ram gate of UN facility in Lebanon

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) attacked a UNIFIL facility in southern Lebanon, escalating tensions as peacekeepers faced ongoing assaults. Israel's Prime Minister urged the UN to withdraw UNIFIL from Hezbollah areas, citing safety concerns for peacekeepers and soldiers.

- **Established:** March 1978 by the UN Security Council.
- **Original Mandate:** Confirm Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, restore peace, and assist Lebanon in restoring authority.

ISRAEL-LEBANON ATTACKS

Israeli troops fire on UN peacekeepers

The UN says Israeli soldiers have opened fire at three positions held by UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) consists of about 10,000 peacekeepers from 50 countries.





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- **Post-2006 Role:** Expanded after the Israel-Hezbollah conflict to monitor hostilities, support Lebanese Armed Forces in the south, ensure humanitarian access, and facilitate the return of displaced persons.
- **Troop Strength:** Over 10,000 personnel from 50 countries.
- **Current Mandate:** Governed by UN Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006).
- **Key Locations:**
 - **Ramyah:** Site of IDF attack on a UNIFIL facility, near Israel-Lebanon border.
 - **Blue Line:** UN-established demarcation between Israel and Lebanon.
 - **Meiss ej Jebel:** IDF halted a UNIFIL movement in this area.

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