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Highlights:

- On 8th September, the sea blockade was lifted on Lebanon after the international naval force assumed control from the Israeli Defence Force (IDF). The end of the sea blockade follows the lifting of the air blockade on 7th September, which has allowed the resumption of commercial air traffic into Lebanon.
- UNFIL troop deployment continued in south Lebanon to reach a total of 3,500 soldiers. 650 of the planned 1,000 Spanish troops are expected on 15th September in Tyre. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said that China plans to send a contingent of peacekeeping troops to Lebanon and is in consultation with the United Nations on the details.
- The British Prime Minister Blair arrived in Lebanon on 11th September, and was received by the Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora and Minister of Foreign Affairs Fawzi Saloukh.

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1. Operations Update:

Beirut:

With the lifting of the air blockade on 7th September, heavy congestion is expected at Beirut International Airport due to the arrival of cargo planes with supplies for the country.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has estimated that as of 12th September, some 150,000 people remain internally displaced, most having found refuge with host families. The main reason for the continuing displacement is due to UXO (unexploded ordnance) in many areas of the south, along with the destruction of homes and lack of basic services.

On 11th September, OCHA conducted assessments in Chamaa, Chihine, Tair HARfa and Majdel Zoun in Tyre district. The team reported that the major concerns in the villages are lack of electricity and the need of water tanks.

The Ministry of the Environment reported that the oil spill clean up operation at Byblos Marina has been completed. The remaining step is to work with the fishermen to clean polluted fishing boats.

Beirut Logistics Cluster meetings are now scheduled to be held once a week on Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tyre:

Logistics Cluster meetings in Tyre continue regularly. The Logistics Cluster in Tyre informed that they still have 6 trucks available to transport cargo from Beirut to villages in need. This service is available through the Logistics Cluster Common Cargo Transport procedure by submitting a Cargo Movement Request (CMR) with all necessary information. CMR forms and all Logistics Cluster meeting minutes are available at www.unjlc.org/lebanon/cargo

Cargo Movements:

During the last reporting week, convoys reached the following areas: Markaba, Aadaisse, Aaddit El Qsair, Aalmane, Aarab el Louaize, Aarma, Ain Aarab Marjaayoun, Bayouda, Beni Haiyane, Blat, Blida, Borj el Mlouk, Ebel El Saqi, Houla, Houra, kfarkila, Khiam, Ebel Es Saqi, Tyre, Qana, Jibchit, Chamaiye, Debaal, Deir Aames, Chehabiye, Chebriha, Chaour, Chamaa, Salaa, Srafa, Tair Debba, Halloussiye, Haumeiri, Maaroub, Ynouh, Taibe and Yarime. Detailed information on convoys can be found on UNJLC website: www.unjlc.org/lebanon/cargo.

A list of commercial transporters in Lebanon is available at www.unjlc.org/lebanon/infosheets/

Since the removal of the blockade and the transfer to use of commercial trucks without convoy escorts, no notification of cargo movements is now required. The Logistics Cluster is still providing transport from Syria to Lebanon through the Cargo Movement Request (CMR) procedure. Information and request forms are available at www.unjlc.org/lebanon/cargo

On 11th September, UNJLC held a meeting with the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC) to discuss their requirement for a Supply Tracking Application and mapping of aid distribution. Ultimately the HRC would like to identify what has been imported and distributed in Lebanon. The HRC is now providing data for all its distribution. Agencies and INGOs are requested to submit their pipeline and distribution information to UNJLC as soon as possible.



The Logistics Cluster Lebanon mailing list:

Subscribers to the Logistics Cluster Lebanon Logistics mailing list receive email updates from the Logistics Cluster and are allowed to send an email to all subscribers of the list via a moderator. The moderation of the list ensures that only logistics subjects are shared among the list. Please [click here](#) or send an email to lebanon.logs-subscribe@unjlc.org to subscribe to this list. Once subscribed, please send emails to lebanon.logs@unjlc.org to share your information with the list's subscribers. All messages will be moderated.

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UNJLC continued its efforts to prioritize food and non food item (NFI) distribution using the **Joint Supply Tracker (JST)**, a system developed in collaboration with UNICEF staff.

Purposes of the JST are to:

1. Increase pipeline visibility and transparency;
2. Track NFI from CLPs up to Extended Delivery Point (EDP);
3. Prioritize supply movements in accordance with agency needs

The **latest JST report** is available at www.unjlc.org/lebanon/supply

Shipping:

As of 12th September, the WFP chartered vessel "Anamcara" discontinued her service between Cyprus and Lebanon. The vessel has been providing a regular service between Cyprus and Beirut since her first sailing on 12th August carrying food, medical supplies, shelter items and fuel for a total of 1,570 MT cargo. More details on the Anamcara's last sailing are available at: www.unjlc.org/lebanon/cargo/shipping/

Eight ships have arrived since the naval blockade was lifted on 8th September carrying wheat, cars, and raw products for manufacturing. (OCHA)

As reported by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the port of Beirut does not expect full import and export activity to resume for another three or four months, mainly due to financial reasons (manufacturers facing problems in paying VAT on imported goods, the reduce purchasing power of consumers after the conflict and the slow recovery of exports due to the domestic manufacturing stalled during the conflict).

Airlift:

The German Air Force C160s tasked by UNHAS will operate eight flights through 19/20th September to transport some additional cargo for WHO which has now arrived in Cyprus, and will remain available to take any final items which should arrive. Once the Cyprus hub closes, the Logistics Cluster in Beirut will remain available to assist users with alternative options of transportation.

The airport tankers damaged by bombing may take up to a year to repair. All refuelling currently requires the use of bowsers.

UNJLC has released a snapshot on Beirut's Rafic Hariri International Airport outlining damages/repairs as of 13th September. The documents is available on www.unjlc.org/lebanon/airops

Further information on Beirut airport can be accessed at <http://www.beirutairport.gov.lb/indexflash.html>

2. Infrastructure:

The Government of Lebanon's electricity authority, Electricite du Liban (ETL), has estimated that one power plant, 14 power stations, 150 electrical transformers, 50 main electrical supply networks and 250 secondary power supply networks were destroyed/damaged during the conflict.

Heavy machinery, bulldozers and dumping trucks are being contracted by the High Relief Commission, the United Nations Development Program (through the Municipalities) and Non-Governmental Organizations that are working side by side to clear debris from Beirut's Southern Suburb.

3. Mapping:

UNJLC GIS officers continued their collaboration with the Lebanese High Relief Council (HRC) in the mapping of distribution by local NGOs.

UNJLC has updated an excel sheet showing the shortest road distances (KM) between significant destination based on approved roads in Lebanon. The document is available at www.unjlc.org/lebanon/maps

A complete catalogue of maps is available for download at www.unjlc.org/lebanon/maps and also in hard copy at the UNJLC office in Beirut (floor7, Movenpick Hotel) and from the Humanitarian Information Centre (HIC) in Tyre.

Updated Maps on food and non food item transport, WFP overall food distribution and a bridges overview as of 13th September have been posted on UNJLC/Logistics Cluster web page: www.unjlc.org/lebanon/maps



(Hazard to Movements- Bridges overview)



(WFP Food Distribution Coverage)