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Highlights:

- On 13th September, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan issued his one-month report on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1701.
- On 19th September the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) in Lebanon held a press conference focusing on the legacy of unexploded cluster bomb sub-munitions throughout South Lebanon and their social and economic impact. Currently, UNIFIL estimates that it will take twelve to fifteen months to clear all cluster bombs from Lebanon.
- The total number of UNIFIL troops in South Lebanon has reached approximately 5,000 personnel. China has stated that it is now planning to expand its peacekeeping force in Lebanon and double humanitarian aid to the country.
- The Muslim holy month of Ramadan is expected to commence on 24th September.

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1. Security:

For security reasons, movement of convoys or missions are not permitted after 19:00 hours. Humanitarian staff is advised to always be aware of and respect local traditions.

Hezbollah is holding a rally on 22nd September in Beirut, and attendance is expected to reach up to 200,000 supporters. In consequence, all convoy movement out of Beirut have been cancelled and those in the south limited to the morning only. Humanitarian staff in Lebanon has been requested to limit their movement.

2. Operations Update:

The Ministry of Energy and Water, reports that Electricite du Liban (EDL) technical workers have restored electricity in Nabatiye town for up to 12 hours a day. The restoration of electricity has increased access to safe drinking water for residents. The Ministry's Water Authority for South Lebanon and EDL had technical crews working all over the region to repair electrical power lines and the water distribution network since the end of the conflict.

Tyre:

Another storage hall has been made available for commodities storage. UN agencies can contact the Logistic Cluster in Tyre for available storage space. (Email: lebanon.cargo@unjlc.org) A commodities tracking coordinator is present in Tyre to enter all the movement data into the Joint Supply Tracker (JST) database. All Tyre-based relief actors are kindly requested to send all delivery data to UNJLC Tyre.

Cargo Movements:

During the last reporting week, convoys reached the following areas: Ainata, Yaroun, Bent Jbeil, Batouliye, Jmeijme, Chaqra, Alkhayam, Bazouriye, Chaatiyeh, Borj El Chmali, Quabrikha, Kafra. Foon, Tyre, Knisse, Chaama, Salaa, Bafliye, Debaal, Ramiye, Aita Ech Chaab, Harryes, Sribbire, Dbin, Yaroun, Maroun Er Ras, Rachat, Yater, Aitaroun. Detailed information on convoys can be found on UNJLC website: www.unjlc.org/lebanon/cargo/

The Humanitarian coordinator (HC) issued an Interim Report on the Humanitarian response in Lebanon. The report details the humanitarian activities, results and expenditures from 12th July to 30th August. The document reports the mobilization of more than 294 trucks carrying a total of 5,975 MT of food and 1,847 MT of non-food commodities items to the hardest hit areas in South Lebanon, the Bekaa Vakkey and suburbs in and around Beirut.

Cargo movement within Lebanon is expected to continue until the end of the flash appeal period (24th October) although WFP will begin winding down operations by 10th October. The Logistic Cluster invites all UN agencies and NGOs to provide all cargo movements requirements beyond 15th October 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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Due to the current availability of commercial transport directly into Lebanon, cargo transport from Al Arida under the Cluster is now considered effectively closed. Users intending to move goods independently from Syria into Lebanon should be aware that special procedures are required for Syrian trucks to enter the country. Info on customs procedures are available on www.unjlc.org/lebanon/customs/

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:

With the lifting of the sea blockade, commercial vessels are returning carrying wheat, vehicles and raw products for manufacturing. The export of Lebanese products is also resuming. The port has been busy due to the arrival and unloading of cargo previously awaiting entrance; however no substantial delays are anticipated for humanitarian goods entering the country.

Airlift:

With full commercial traffic into Lebanon underway once again, the two German Air Force C160s tasked by WFP-UNHAS which have been providing air transport possibilities from Cyprus to Beirut have been redeployed on 21st September. After this date, the Logistics Cluster will continue to provide support via commercial (surface) means for any final cargo due to arrive in Cyprus. Full details on the C160 last flights are available on www.unjlc.org/lebanon/airops
Air traffic is quickly returning to pre-conflict levels, and some congestion at the airport is expected as cargo previously awaiting transport now enters the country.

Details of damages and repairs to Beirut International Airport can be found in the UNJLC snapshot on www.unjlc.org/lebanon/airops.

3. Infrastructure:

The Lebanese Ministry of Transport and Public Works stated that it can provide or contract the provision of concrete, base coarse and asphalt for any bridge projects undertaken. The French Army has completed the construction of the 80m-long Akra steel bridge in Akar. The bridge was ready for traffic on 16th September for vehicles under 50 MT. Bridge/culvert repairs, wreckage removal and the creation of new diversions are underway, and 14 temporary steel bridges are being erected by French, Russian and British military engineers. The Ministry of Transport and Public Works advised that any donated Bailey bridge kits must be fully supported. This includes the provision of specialized parts, fabrication and installation, being the Ministry not able to contract support for these projects. 63 of a total 118 essential permanent bridge, overpass and culvert repairs now have donors to underwrite the work. 33 of these are local donors and businesses, another 13 have been divided among UNOPS, USAID, Iran and Saudi Arabia.

For full details on transport infrastructure repairs and a breakdown of current donors please see www.unjlc.org/lebanon.

4. Mapping:

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

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 18th September have been posted on UNJLC/Logistics Cluster web page: www.unjlc.org/lebanon/maps



(Food Distributions Coverage)



(Non Food Items Distribution Coverage)