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**1. SECURITY**

- The Israeli army has withdrawn from its first border position near the Israeli town of Metulla and handed back control to the Lebanese authorities.
- The international peacekeeping force has expanded its deployment, with some Spanish troops already on the ground. 1,000 Italian troops arrived over the weekend alongside some elements of the expected French contingent.
  - Israel says it may withdraw all its troops within two weeks if the international deployment continues at its current rate.
- A UN forces demining team has disabled and disposed of some 250 UXO (unexploded ordnance), while the UN Mine Action Coordination Centre has carried out controlled demolition of over 300 UXO. (Source: Noon Briefing by the spokesperson for the Secretary General, 31/08/06).
- According to the National Demining Office in Beirut:
  - 9 Lebanese civilians have been killed by cluster munitions.
  - 53 Lebanese civilians have been injured, 48 of these were by cluster munitions,
  - 6 Lebanese Army personnel have been injured or killed, all by cluster munitions.

**2. AIR OPERATIONS**

- WFP UNHAS is managing/tasking two TRANSALL C160 medium lift aircraft from the German air force. Flights are expected to continue through September 8<sup>th</sup>. After this date there may still be occasional capacity to absorb additional requests.
  - To date 74 MT of humanitarian cargo and 22 German VIP/ personnel have been transported over 14 flights.
  - The C160 flight planned for 1/09/06 was cancelled due to lack of clearance.

- Last week's flights carried THW tools for rebuilding infrastructure, Rubbhalls for UNHCR, IT equipment for WFP, and medical supplies for the Russian Embassy, WHO and IMC.
- Repairs on runway 17/35 at Beirut Rafik Hariri Airport are not quite completed. The expected release date has been pushed back to September 5<sup>th</sup> 2006.
  - Repairs on runways 16/34 and 03/21 are still in progress.
- Middle East Airlines has reintroduced services to and from Beirut via Amman. This schedule now includes services through the Middle East as well as Larnaca and many destinations in Europe. Schedules are published on a week by week basis and can be found on the UNJLC website at [www.unjlc.org/lebanon](http://www.unjlc.org/lebanon).
- Royal Jordanian Airlines is flying to Beirut three times daily. ETD from Beirut international Airport: 08h00, 13h00, 22h00.

### 3. SEA

- The vessel **Anamcara** left Limassol on 31/08/06 fully loaded with cargo for Beirut.
  - All users are requested to forward their Cargo Movement Requests to UNJLC as soon as possible for transport from Cyprus to Lebanon.
- The passenger vessel M/V **Vittoria** is making her last sailing between Cyprus and Beirut today (04/09/06).

#### Incoming vessels:

- The vessel **Anamcara** arrived in Beirut on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> carrying:
  - Vehicles for UNHCR (148.4 MT)
  - Blankets, tents and generators for UNHCR (15.5 MT)
  - Food stuff for Rotary Limassol (1.9 MT)
  - Food and bedding items for MOFA Cyprus (10 MT)
  - Bailey Bridges for DFID (176 MT)
- 30/08/06 – The vessel **Simona** from Cyprus with a cargo of food commodities.
- 31/08/06 - The French vessel **Rhone** carrying fuel for the GOL.
- 02/09/06 – The vessel **Quality Spirit** from Ukraine with a cargo of sunflower oil.
- 04/09/06 – The vessel **Zhen Hua 9** from Port Said with a cargo of gantry cranes.
- 05/09/06 – The vessel **Amor** from Malta with a cargo of diesel.
- 06/09/06 – The vessel **Antwerp Max** from New Orleans with a cargo of yellow corn.
- 06/09/06 – The vessel **Charalabos** from Batoumi (Georgia) with a cargo of diesel.
- 06/09/06 – The vessel **Louise** from Turkey with a cargo of gasoline.
- 10/09/06 – The vessel **Sheila Mc Devit** from Houston with a cargo of wheat.
- The concurrence of the **El Djazair** vessel due to arrive from Libya with a cargo of equipment, machinery, food and medical supplies was retracted.

### 4. BORDER CROSSING AND CUSTOMS

- For customs clearance, port handling and transport information please see [www.unjlc.org/lebanon](http://www.unjlc.org/lebanon).

## 5. INFRASTRUCTURE (Roads, Bridges, Rail, Ports, Airports, Warehouse)

- As mentioned last week, DFID is providing bailey bridges to help ease current transport problems due to the loss of infrastructure. The first batch left on the Anamcara, arriving in Beirut on 01/09/06.

## 6. LOGISTICS COORDINATION

- Due to the difficulties caused by new movement procedures requiring all vehicles to be fully equipped with communication materials (satellite telephone and GPS), the Logistics Cluster has indicated that regular commercial contracting, which does not require escorts or notifications, may be accepted as a solution.
- All destinations, and not only the previously chosen thirteen, will be reached by the Logistics Cluster for the forward delivery of cargo without requiring escorts.
- The Logistics Cluster in Cyprus will be downsizing, however a core staff will be maintained to run operations and meet all needs for information and coordination. The Cyprus operation can still be fully reactivated should the need arise.
  - UNJLC Cyprus will be downsizing by two staff members this week, but will retain the presence required to meet all of its functions.
- Once the blockade is lifted, commercial routes and services are expected to resume. Should organizations require assistance in this or other matters, the Logistics Cluster teams in Cyprus and/or Beirut will remain available to help.
- Total Cargo Movement Requests from Cyprus to Beirut have reached 1,500 MT, including 1,350 MT on the Anamcara, 18.5 MT on the Greek government vessel and 100 MT on UNHAS-tasked German C160 flights. For CMR forms and procedures please see [www.unjlc.org/lebanon](http://www.unjlc.org/lebanon).

## 7. LOGISTICS (STOCKS)

- UNICEF will require a regular land line for convoy movements to pick up various relief supplies (hygiene and education kits) from Damascus on a regular basis for direct transport to final destination points.
  - UNICEF will submit the schedules once finalized. It is expected that 40 trucks will be required.
- No convoys took place on 31/08/06 due to the gathering in Tyre commemorating Imam Moussa Sadr.

## 8. MAPPING

- UNJLC map updates include
  - Hazard to Movement maps by district, with new additions of Zahle and Bekaa cazas.
  - An Unsafe Areas map of Beirut
  - A map of Food Coverage in Lebanon in assistance to WFP.
  - An updated Bridge Status spreadsheet
- For all UNJLC maps of Lebanon please refer to website [www.unjlc.org/lebanon](http://www.unjlc.org/lebanon).

## 9. FUEL

- Fuel prices in Lebanon are the following:

	Lebanese Pound/ Litre	U.S Dollars/Litre
Diesel	1.055	0.75
Benzine	1.215	0.81
Kerozene	950	0.64
1 bottle of LPG gaz	16.000	10.67

## 10. OTHER

- The visit of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan through the Middle East is coming to an end, and his final statements are expected to have an effect on the course of operations.