

## Graziano: UNIFIL cooperation with LAF could mean peace in South Lebanon

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UNIFIL Commander General Claudio Graziano said that permanent peace in South Lebanon could be achieved if the Lebanese Armed Forces and UNIFIL cooperated to assure UNIFIL's mandate was implemented.

During a ceremony in the South on Thursday, Graziano said that the civil and military support of the Ghana contingent had given hope to and revived the southern communities.

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CRNews adds the following:

UNSCR1701 - PP5. Welcoming the efforts of the Lebanese Prime Minister and the commitment of the government of Lebanon, in its seven-point plan, to extend its authority over its territory, through its own legitimate armed forces, such that there will be no weapons without the consent of the government of Lebanon and no authority other than that of the government of Lebanon,

UNSCR1701 - OP3. Emphasizes the importance of the extension of the control of the government of Lebanon over all Lebanese territory in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1559 (2004) and resolution 1680 (2006), and of the relevant provisions of the Taif Accords, for it to exercise its full sovereignty, so that there will be no weapons without the consent of the government of Lebanon and no authority other than that of the government of Lebanon;

UNSCR1701 - OP8. Calls for Israel and Lebanon to support a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution based on the following principles and elements:

- security arrangements to prevent the resumption of hostilities, including the establishment between the Blue Line and the Litani river of an area free of any armed personnel, assets and weapons other than those of the government of Lebanon and of UNIFIL as authorized in paragraph 11, deployed in this area,