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UNIFIL: Raising Mine Awareness in Lebanon

One of the most important tasks of UNIFIL (the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) is demining on the line of withdrawal between Lebanon and Israel, known as the "Blue Line." As part of its mine awareness campaign, UNIFIL invited local students to learn about landmines and the mission's demining work.

VIDEO

SPANISH BATTALION TRAINING
IN THE FIELD

AUDIO

VOICE HEARD IN THE TRAINING: (In Spanish) *M*

"We have discovered a suspicious vehicle, the blue car. Over." (3")

"The K9 dog has positively marked the blue car. Over." (4")

"Roger, we are sending the robot to deactivate the device. Over." (2")

TEXT ON SCREEN

Here in Lebanon, members of the Spanish Battalion are conducting a demining exercise.

They are part of UNIFIL, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

Spain is one of the largest troop contributors to UNIFIL with peacekeepers serving under the blue flag since 2006.

TEXT ON SCREEN

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ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE OF UNIFIL AT WORK

HENRI-FRANCOIS MORAND ON-CAM

Programme Manager of UNMAS Lebanon

HENRI-FRANCOIS: (In English) M

"Lebanon has been brutalized by decades of war, so you find mines, you find unexplored ordnance and you also find cluster bombs in a very dense environment." (12")

TEXT ON SCREEN

UNIFIL conducts demining tasks to open safe access lanes through minefields in order to clearly mark the Blue Line.

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MAJOR ALFONSO DE ONA

RODRIGUEZ ON-CAM

UNIFIL coordinator

Major Rodriguez: (In English) M

"Today we have visitors of two schools, two schools from the area and it is very important for us because we want to show how UNIFIL works to better Lebanon and to show the population the danger of mines and unexploded ordnance; it is a real danger

FOOTAGE OF STUDENTS

OBSERVING DEMINING
EXERCISE

*for children and it is important to teach them how to
behave in those cases.” (17”)*

FIRST. LT. ALEJANDRO ON-CAM
UNIFIL Spanish Battalion

First. Lt. Alejandro: (In English) M
*“It is very dangerous for all the people, this
component. So it's very important for them to know
that they should not touch. That is why we are here.
In order to show them that it is very important to be
aware.” (17”)*

JANA ON-CAM
Student

Jana: (In English) F
*“They told us that they come in different sizes and
colors and the main warning they gave us was not
touch anything when we find them because we are
very prone to find them.”
(9”)*

ALI ON-CAM
Student

Ali: (In Arabic) M
*“We saw different mines, their different sizes and
shapes. I learned about demining and who to report
if we see a mine. And the rules: don't get close,
don't touch, report.” (18”)*

TEXT ON SCREEN

The 1997 anti-personnel mine ban
convention ("Ottawa Treaty")
imposes a total ban on anti-
personnel landmines.
It entered into force on 1 March
1999. To date, 162 countries have
ratified or acceded to the treaty.

MUSIC

Equator by Fog from Artlist
00:10-01:55 (1'45”)
Mist – Drums from Artlist
01:47-03:18 (1'31”)

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