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Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst visits UNIFIL

Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, visited Major General Alberto Asarta, the Force Commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at the UNIFIL headquarters in Naqoura this morning.

Discussions focused on the activities of the UNIFIL and on the situation in South Lebanon. Twelve EU Member States provide over 40% of UNIFIL troops. "The European Union highly appreciates UNIFIL's efforts in the full implementation of its mandate", Ambassador Eichhorst said.

On yesterday's incident in Maroun el Rass, Ambassador Eichhorst commented: "We deplore and deeply regret the loss of life. It is important for all sides to show maximum restraint". She added: "The European Union trusts that efforts by all parties will prevent any further incident along the blue line".