

**Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on the
Lebanon bomb attack on UN peacekeepers**

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The Secretary-General is deeply saddened by and condemns in the strongest possible terms the terrorist attack on a United Nations patrol in South Lebanon yesterday that killed six and injured two other United Nations peacekeepers belonging to the Spanish contingent. He calls for a full investigation into this very disturbing incident and hopes that the Government of Lebanon will succeed in its efforts to bring to justice those responsible.

The Secretary-General notes the fragility of the situation in Lebanon and reiterates the importance of UNIFIL's mandate for stability in the area. Targeting of UNIFIL is in fact an attempt to undermine peace and security in the region and in particular the Lebanese and international efforts to stabilise the situation in Southern Lebanon within the framework of UN Security Council Resolution 1701.

The Secretary-General extends his sincere condolences to the families of the fallen peacekeepers and to the government of Spain and the peoples of Spain and Colombia. He reiterates his support to the UNIFIL troops in their unwavering commitment to fulfill their mandate under UN Security Council Resolution 1701 in close collaboration with the army and authorities of Lebanon.

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