

# Lebanese army crosses key river

Lebanese troops have begun deploying south of the Litani River as part of the UN-brokered ceasefire to end the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah militants. The deployment comes as Israel begins handing over control of territory in southern Lebanon to a UN observer mission



**LEBANON:** Initial deployment of around 3,000 troops to rise to 15,000-strong force



Areas from where Israeli Defence Force troops have started withdrawing



**Hezbollah:**  
Refuses to disarm or quit south

**Naqoura**  
UNIFIL  
HQ

Bayada

● Nahariya



## UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE (UNIFIL)

**Current force:** 2,000 troops from China, France, Ghana, India, Ireland, Italy, Poland and Ukraine

**Advance contingents:** France expected to lead up to 3,500 troops to be deployed within two weeks

**Final force:** 15,000 soldiers could comprise troops from Italy, Turkey, Malaysia and Indonesia