

UN peacekeepers caught in crossfire

Israel's attacks on UN soldiers in Lebanon have drawn international condemnation, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu calling the accusations that Israel deliberately attacked UNIFIL "completely false"



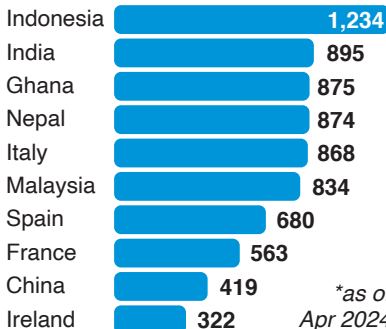
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(UN Interim Force in Lebanon)

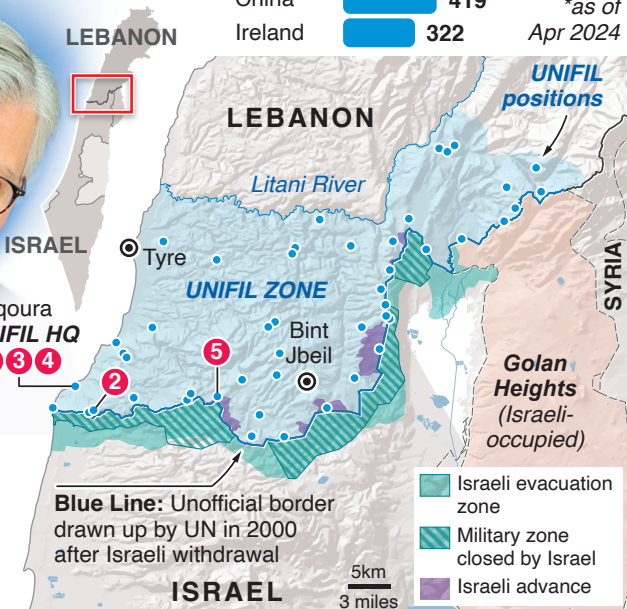
■ **Military personnel:** 10,000 from 50 countries; **Civilian staff:** 800

■ **Mandate:** UN Security Council Resolution 1701 of 2006 allows peacekeepers to help Lebanese army keep area of operations free of all armed personnel and weapons except Lebanese Army

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■ Head of UN peacekeeping operations
Jean-Pierre Lacroix (above) rejects Israel's demands that peacekeepers evacuate area



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