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Statement following Meeting with Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri**

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I just had a very good meeting with His Excellency Nabih Berri, the Speaker of Parliament. I thanked him for receiving me and for discussing the situation in Lebanon and in the region in considerable depth.

I think we both agreed that there was a need to safeguard Lebanon's stability and its security and to protect it from any adverse effects.

In that respect, the extension of the mandate of resolution 1701 has, I believe, reassured the people of south Lebanon and the people of Lebanon as a whole by the continued UNIFIL deployment there. But we still believe that more needs to be done with regard to the implementation of 1701. There have tragically been two bomb attacks against UNIFIL about few months and a third attack would be intolerable and unacceptable. There have also been incidents in the south where movement of UNIFIL has been intercepted, impeded, and again that is something that cannot be accepted.

Sadly, I will now be coming to the end of my tour, and I took the opportunity to thank the Speaker for his unflagging help throughout the three years of my stay here in Lebanon.

Thank you very much.
