<u>Press release: Lebanon's Army Day</u> <u>message</u>

On the occasion of Lebanon's Army Day, Charge D'Affaires Benjamin Wastnage at the British embassy said:

The UK has been a steadfast supporter of the Lebanese Army for many years now, as a key component of a strong, sovereign state. The Lebanese Army can be proud that it is now a strong, professional army capable of controlling Lebanon's borders and protecting Lebanon from the threats it faces. The UK stands ready to continue supporting the Lebanese Army in the framework of UNSCRs 1701 and 1559 and the Lebanese Government's backing for the army as the sole defender of Lebanon.