Israel accused of committing war crimes by attacking United Nations peacekeepers in Lebanon

Beirut, October 15 (RHC)-- Israel is continuing to attack Lebanon, killing scores of people in the latest attacks. Meanwhile, Israel is facing international condemnation after repeatedly attacking U.N. peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon.

Five members of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, UNIFIL, have been injured in recent days. The U.N. has also accused Israel of forcibly entering and destroying part of a UNIFIL base near the Israeli border. Israel denied the claim. On Thursday, Israeli troops fired at a UNIFIL watchtower. The U.N. has rejected calls by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to remove the peacekeeping forces. On Sunday, U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres warned attacks against peacekeepers "may constitute a war crime."

In Europe, the leaders of France, Italy and Spain issued a joint statement saying the Israeli attacks on peacekeeping forces are "unjustifiable" and should "immediately come to an end." Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati also decried the attacks on the U.N. troops.

Prime Minister Najib Mikati said: "The attack on UNIFIL forces by Israel is a crime condemned by us and is directed at the international community, whose sanctity is being violated and whose existence is being threatened by targeting the United Nations security forces."

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