

REDEPLOYMENT OF BRITFORLEB

The following statement may be given to all enquiries "on-the-record":

"In the light of the deteriorating security situation in Beirut and the particularly exposed position of the Britforleb Headquarters building the British contingent to the MNF is being redeployed to the RFA Reliant, stationed off the Lebanese coast, until the situation becomes clearer.

"We are of course in the closest touch with the Lebanese authorities and our MNF partners about this. There will be a Statement in Parliament." *this afternoon*

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