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UNOGIL MEMBERS VISIT AREA SOUTHEAST OF BEIRUT

(The following was received from a UN Information Officer with UNOGIL, Beirut.)

Members of the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon today visited the sub-station at Saghbine, about 40 kilometers (approximately 25 miles) southeast of Beirut where some six observers are billeted at a Greek Catholic monastery.

The three UNOGIL members, Galo Plaza of Ecuador, Rajeshwar Dayal of India and Major General Odd Bull of Norway, lunched at the monastery and conferred with officers about their observation work in the area. The group, escorted by a white jeep, then travelled over some of the roads which are regularly patrolled by the United Nations. The party stopped on the way at Cafraya, where the UN has a permanent observation post in a lookout tower in a private house with a good view across the surrounding country and the Bekaa valley.

The group also visited the nearby villages of Ain Zebde and Machghara. Previously they visited stations at Chtura and Rachaya in the same area, Saida on the south coast and Tripoli in the north.

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