

UNIFIL Soldier's Death Shows Fragility of Lebanon Ceasefire, Says EU



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Brussels, June 4 (QNA) – The European Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas, stated today that the death of a UN peacekeeper in Lebanon and the continuation of clashes reveal the fragility of the ceasefire agreement.

In a post on X platform, Kallas called for strengthening the Lebanese state and empowering its institutions, adding that the European Union has agreed to provide an additional EUR 100 million

to the Lebanese army.

Earlier today, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) announced the death of one of its soldiers from wounds sustained when mortar shells landed on a UNIFIL position near Marjayoun in southern Lebanon.

UNIFIL explained in a statement that two other soldiers were injured in the same incident and are currently receiving treatment at a medical facility within one of the force's bases.

The international force reiterated its call on all parties to abide by their obligations under international law and to guarantee the safety and security of UN personnel and property at all times, including refraining from any actions that could endanger peacekeepers.

It emphasized that deliberate attacks against peacekeepers constitute grave violations of international humanitarian law and UN Security Council Resolution 1701, and may amount to war crimes.