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SASSARI/SHAMA – In a moment of high geopolitical tension, the soldiers of the **Brigata Sassari** are today in one of the most dangerous areas in the world. Since March 2026, the "Dimonios" have officially taken command of the Western Sector of the **UNIFIL** mission (operation "Leonte"), positioned along the turbulent **Blue Line**, the demarcation line separating Lebanon from Israel.

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The April 8 Incident: Shots on the Italian Convoy

The situation has reached a critical point in recent hours. According to official sources, on **April 8, 2026**, a convoy of the Brigata Sassari was involved in an attack attributed to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). An Italian vehicle was damaged by gunfire while engaged in a patrol mission.

Fortunately, **no injuries** were reported among the Sardinian soldiers, but the event sparked a real diplomatic incident. The Foreign Minister, Antonio Tajani, immediately summoned the Israeli ambassador to Italy to demand urgent clarifications, calling the "bullying" against the blue helmets unacceptable.

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The Brigata Sassari in Command of the Western Sector

Under the leadership of Brigadier General **Andrea Fraticelli**, the Italian contingent (about 1,300 men, including 500 from Sassari) operates from the base in **Shama**. Their task is extremely delicate:

- **Monitoring Resolution 1701:** Overseeing the cessation of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah militias.
- **Support to the population:** Providing civil and medical assistance in an area devastated by continuous air raids and rocket launches.
- **Interposition:** Acting as a physical and diplomatic buffer to prevent border skirmishes from escalating into a large-scale conflict.

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A Peace Mission in a War Zone

The dilemma raised by the Defense Minister, Guido Crosetto, is clear: "*One thing is a peace mission, another is operating where war is already underway*". With the intensification of clashes between Hezbollah and Israel, the soldiers of Sassari often find themselves forced to take refuge in bunkers (the so-called "alert levels") due to bombings hitting areas near the UN bases.

Despite the growing risk and rumors of a possible withdrawal or reshaping of the mission, the "Sassarini" hold their position. Their presence is considered crucial to prevent the definitive collapse of stability in southern Lebanon.

Reactions from Sardinia

In Sardinia, concern for their soldiers is at its peak. The Brigata Sassari is not just a military unit, but an identity symbol of the island. Regional institutions have expressed closeness to the soldiers and their families, following with bated breath the evolution of raids that, while targeting sensitive Hezbollah objectives, dangerously brush against Italian positions.