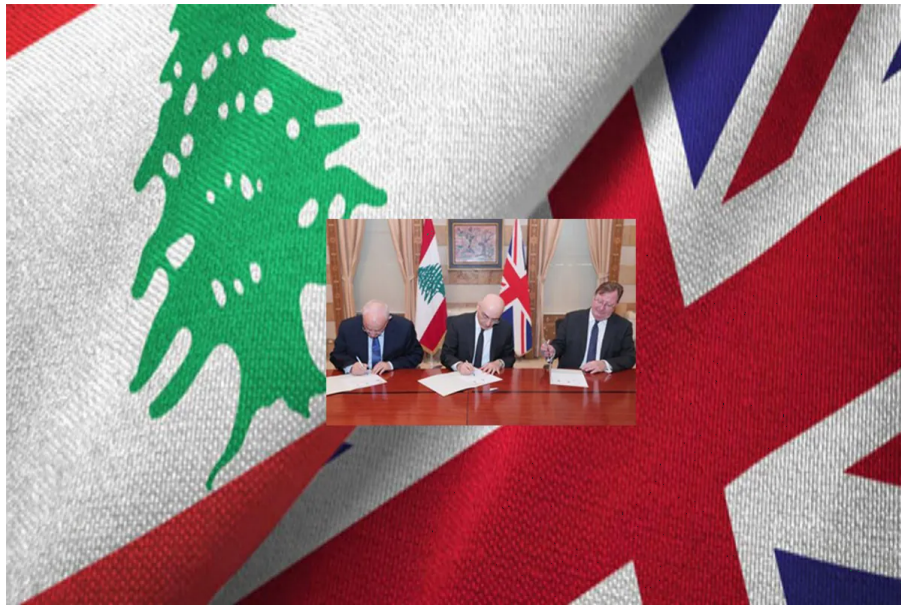




United Kingdom and Lebanon Sign a Memorandum of Understanding to Strengthen Security Cooperation

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The United Kingdom has formalized a new strategic agreement with Lebanon to consolidate cooperation in security and defense matters. A **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** was signed between the British government, the Lebanese Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, and the Ministry of Defense.

The agreement, announced on **August 17, 2026** by the British Embassy in Beirut, reaffirms the long-standing partnership between London and the main security institutions of the Cedar Nation.

Key Points of the Agreement

- **Financial Support:** Through the *Integrated Security Fund*, the United Kingdom will finance an **Internal Security Assistance Program** lasting 31 months, destined for the Internal Security Forces (ISF) and the Lebanese Army, for a total value of up to **16.3 million pounds**.
- **Strategic Objectives:** The agreement aims to strengthen security, stability, state authority, and institutional resilience in Lebanon.
- **Response to Threats:** The program will support professional, responsible, and effective responses to current and emerging security challenges, including **counter-terrorism** activities and combating criminal violence.
- **Continuity of Cooperation:** London has been a close and consistent partner of the Lebanese Army and Internal Security Forces **since 2009**.

Official Statements

Commenting on the signing of the memorandum of understanding, the British Ambassador to Lebanon, **Hamish Cowell**, stated:

«The United Kingdom is proud to stand alongside Lebanon and its security institutions. This Memorandum of Understanding reflects our shared commitment to a safer, more stable and resilient Lebanon, and to supporting professional state institutions, such as the Lebanese Army and the ISF, that serve and protect the Lebanese people.»

A Commitment to Regional Stability

This new assistance program represents a fundamental piece in the framework of Anglo-Lebanese bilateral relations, confirming the United Kingdom's willingness to invest in the effectiveness and professionalism of Lebanese law enforcement and armed forces at a crucial moment for regional balance.

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