

**BG RODOLFO SGANGA SPEECH FOR**  
**SLOVENIAN DETACHMENT TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY CEREMONY**  
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DEAR BROTHERS OF THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES AND THE SECURITY FORCES;

ESTEEMED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTELMEN;

UNIFIL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN STAFF;

DEAR SLOVENIAN OUTGOING AND INCOMING PEACEKEEPERS;

As the Joint task Force Lebanon Sector West Commanding Officer, it is my pleasure to be here this afternoon to chair the Transfer of Authority of Sector West Slovenian Detachment.

This parade gives me the opportunity to greet you, the outgoing peacekeepers, led by your Commanding Officer Major Nina RADUHA, and at the same time welcome you, the incoming peacekeepers, led by Major Charles BENEDEJČIČ.

Since her arrival in this beautiful country seven months ago, Major RADUHA has led her unit with enthusiasm, professionalism and competence.

As one of the Sector West subordinate leaders, she has been deeply committed in connecting with all the local authorities within the assigned area of operations. She established very good relationships with them, based on mutual respect, understanding of the local culture, customs and traditions. She can also be particularly proud of the role he played in cooperating with our brothers of the Lebanese Armed forces.

As the only UNIFIL's female contingent Commander, Major RADUHA acted as a role model because of her leadership, skilfulness and motivation.

She proudly led the marching body at the recent parade held in Beirut to commemorate the Lebanon Independence Day, admirably representing not only Sector West but also the whole UNIFIL.

She was also invited to deliver a lecture at the American University in Beirut, inspiring the college students on the role played by the peacekeepers in Lebanon.

Nina, I thank you in front of all our guests for your contribution to Sector West mission success. I wish you a safe trip back home and a very peaceful period of rest with your family.

I welcome to Sector West Major Charles BENEDEJČIČ and his contingent. I am confident that in the course of your tour of duty, you will serve UNIFIL and Lebanon with the same level of commitment and professionalism shown by your predecessors.

I will never get tired to say that as peacekeepers, we represent the United Nations and our own beloved countries. While carrying out our daily activities we must keep the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct. We are here to serve the people and bring peace. This is what should drive all of our behaviours. As a Commander, I will only ask you to do right things right.

Charles, I expect you and your unit to be fully aware of the value of others' cultures. Diversity is richness and we should take every opportunity to learn from each other's. The acceptance of each other's customs, traditions and believes, without any biases and prejudice will allow our team to successfully accomplish the assigned tasks.

It is now time for you to join the Sector West team and work for the people, with the people and among the people of Lebanon.

Grazie, Thank you, Shukran