ABSTRACT

The Middle East region is always experiencing movements caused by the complexity of problems such as border factors, historical background, religion, national interests and the balance of power into international attention, especially the conflict in Lebanon. The conflict of Lebanese territory involving Hezbollah clans with Israel dates from the 1970s to the present time has made the United Nations establish a peacekeeping force in Lebanon called United Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL). UNIFIL is a combination of military forces from several countries, among others: France, Germany, China, Korea, Malaysia and one of Indonesia. Indonesia began to send the Garuda Contingent (KONGA) to Lebanon in 2006 during the time of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The contribution of the Indonesian troops is increasingly supported by the Government with the establishment of the TNI Peace Maintenance Mission Center (PMPP TNI) in Sentul, Bogor. KONGA will perform the task in Lebanon for one to two periods each year. KONGA is not only in charge of maintaining arms culprits but also participating in various social events and holding Indonesian art events to entertain Lebanese society.

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