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OP SUKOON - THE BEIRUT SEALIFT (JUL 2006) EVACUATION OF INDIANS FROM BEIRUT, LEBANON

Op "SUKOON" was the code name for evacuation of Indian nationals from Lebanon undertaken by Western Fleet ships comprising Mumbai, Brahmaputra, Betwa and Shakti under the command of Rear Admiral Anup Singh, AVSM, NM, the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet .

The Operation was conducted in the wake of a humanitarian crisis arising from the conflict between Israel Defence Forces and the Hezbollah. The immediate task was to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in Lebanon as the result of the conflict.



The Western Fleet ships which were operating in the area were pressed into the service for the evacuation from 20 Jul 06 onwards. A total of 1766 Indian nationals were evacuated from Beirut to Larmaca(Cyprus) by Indian warships. In addition, 514 citizens of Nepal, Srilanka, USA and Bangladesh were also evacuated by the ships. The operation sukoon was terminated on 01 Aug 06.



