



1. Situation update

MIC expert team

The MIC marine pollution team on site has been replaced by the following experts:

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The team is based in the EC delegation and is in close contact with the UNEP expert on site.

Clean-up operations in Jbail (Byblos)

Following the MIC training session for the Lebanese Navy, the Ministry for Environment (MoE) on 14 August, the local authorities have continued the clean-up operation in Jbail (Byblos) yesterday and today. The training has clearly paid off well and the local authorities are now confident they can continue the operation in Byblos without further assistance from the MIC expert team.

The total amount of recovered oil is close to about 50 tonnes. Approximately 25 tonnes of the collected oil has been transported.

The transport and disposal of the oil, once retrieved, is still a major issue. The MoE is currently working on a solution and exploring different options.

Further clean-up operations in other locations

Following discussions with the MoE, the team is in the process of identifying further areas where expert assistance is required. Tomorrow, the team will attempt to start another clean-up operation in Fisherman's Wharf in Beirut.

High-level coordination meeting in Athens

An action plan to assist the authorities in Lebanon with the clean up of coastal oil pollution and to prevent any damage to neighbouring countries was agreed today at an international meeting convened by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Athens, Greece. The meeting was attended by United Nations officials and experts, along with countries in the region and the European Commission. For more information, see the UNEP web site: <http://www.unep.org/lebanon/>.

Aerial surveys

According to UNEP and UN OCHA, Israel has agreed to the establishment of safe environmental corridors to allow for aerial surveys of the affected area and to fully start the clean-up operations. Based on technical advice from EMSA, the MIC is assisting UNEP in determining the appropriate area to be surveyed for a proper mapping of the oil spill.

Satellite pictures

The MIC has been informed by the German Aerospace Center (DLR) that a new annotated MODIS satellite image is available on the following website: http://www.zki.dlr.de/applications/2006/lebanon/lebanon_2006_modis_en.html.

2. Offered assistance

Spain has provided further details on its offer: 770 shovels and 2776 pairs of boots. This offer has been accepted by Lebanon. Spain does not have any possibility to transport the assistance to Lebanon, but can provide transport by road to an agreed hub in Europe.

Hungary has provided information on a specialised private company that could assist in the clean-up operations.

Germany is ready to participate in a task force and is examining how it can contribute to the efforts.

Italy is sending a team of environmental experts to identify the most urgent needs and to mitigate the environmental impacts of the war.

The other offers listed in MIC message No 9 remain valid and are being examined by the Lebanese authorities.

3. Request for assistance

The request for assistance, set out in MIC message No 9, remains valid. The MIC invites the countries participating in the Community Civil Protection Mechanism to inform the MIC about the assistance (type, quantity and transport arrangements) they could make available.

In addition, participating countries are invited to inform the MIC whether they can make transport resources available to transport the Spanish assistance to Lebanon.

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