



Situation update

The expert team has visited the affected areas near Byblos where they monitored the start-up of a clean-up operation at Byblos port (photographs attached). An attempt to clean-up was made with a sludge truck but failed. According to the team, the operation could easily have been carried out with the use of a skimmer and the right accessories (pump, hoses, power pack and storage/containment equipment). This survey later had to be abandoned due to shelling in the area.

Attached is a map of the oil storage site in Yiyeh where the oil spill took place. The leak is now stopped.

Also attached is a list of sites surveyed by the Lebanese Ministry of Environment since the date of the spill.

The team is concentrating on operational and technical assistance to first of all deal with the spills that are contained/trapped in harbours and small bays along the coast north of Beirut.

Updated request for assistance

1. Booms, skimmers, pumps, power packs and containment equipment.

Booms: RO-BOOM 1300, RO-BOOM 1500 or RO-BOOM 1800.

Skimmers: DESMI TERMITE or DEMI MINI MAX

The team recommends that the booms are of a standard that will make it possible to keep them in the water for a period after the clean up operation in order to prevent oil from another affected area to come in and contaminate the area again.

2. Personal protection gear for handling of spilled oil (rubber boots, gloves, “paper suits”)
3. Advisors and instructors for handling and use of the donated equipment

4. The contract for the three-persons' Marine Pollution Assessment and Coordination team is coming to an end on 16 August. Therefore MIC are looking for **experts** that can be mobilized to continue assisting in the following: (1) technical and financial assessment; (2) preparation of clean up and clean up monitoring plans; (3) execution of clean up plan: on-site training of local staff; (4) supervision of clean-up plan execution; (5) environmental monitoring: plan preparation and execution

The MIC invites the countries participating in the Community Civil Protection Mechanism to inform the MIC about the assistance they could make available, including financial arrangements.

Assistance offered so far

The assistance from Norway is on its way to Latakia, Syria, for further transportation by road to Beirut during the weekend.

Sweden is willing to assist with oil-pollution experts and beach-cleaning equipment.

Denmark can offer to replace the team already on site in Lebanon.

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Request for assistance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no;	future request:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> probable <input type="checkbox"/> not yet known
Type of assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> material	<input type="checkbox"/> intervention team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> expert or assessment team	

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