



European Commission  
Civil Protection Co-operation Mechanism

Request for assistance

Message No. 7

**Situation update**

The Marine Pollution Assessment and Coordination team met both with the Ministry of Environment and the Lebanese Navy today.

Out of the tanks at the Yiyeh power plant, five have been inspected and proven not leaking anymore. However, there is a 600 ton service tank with they cannot access and it might still be leaking oil.

A small length (approx 100 metres) of the beach in Byblos has been cleared. Also a small clean-up operation in the Chekka-area has taken place, sponsored and carried out by a local company.

The majority of the oil spill cannot be taken care of before a ceasefire has come into action. Furthermore, nothing can be done before the equipment has arrived.

Photographs of nature reserve islands off Tripoli are attached.

Updated charter images:

[http://www.zki.caf.dlr.de/applications/2006/lebanon/lebanon\\_2006\\_en.html](http://www.zki.caf.dlr.de/applications/2006/lebanon/lebanon_2006_en.html)

The present MPAC-team is scheduled to leave Beirut on Wednesday. They will be replaced as soon as possible with another team with the same qualifications.

**Updated request for assistance**

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

Example of booms: RO-BOOM 1300, RO-BOOM 1500 or RO-BOOM 1800.

Example of skimmers: DESMI TERMITE or DEMI MINI MAX

**The above mentioned companies are only to indicate what type of equipment is suggested. Other companies might have the same type of equipment available.**

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. Wastes storage, transport and disposal
5. Advice on the use of oiled pebbles taken from the beaches:  
Could they be used at a later stage for road construction?

If possible, oil spill response equipment should be sent directly to Beirut in order to avoid the transport and security problems.

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** has arrived in Latakia, Syria. The Lebanese authorities are very grateful for this offer of equipment. Transportation to Beirut will take place during the weekend. This equipment will at first be used at the clean-up of the beach and port of Byblos. The MPAC-team is preparing a training program and a manual for the local authorities to use the equipment.

MIC wants to thank **Greece** for the willingness to assist in transporting the assistance from Norway from Larnaca to Beirut if the delivery via Syria could not take place as planned.

The offer from **Denmark** of three marine pollution experts has been accepted.

**Request for assistance:**  yes       no;    future request:     probable       not yet known  
Type of assistance     material       intervention team       expert or assessment team

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