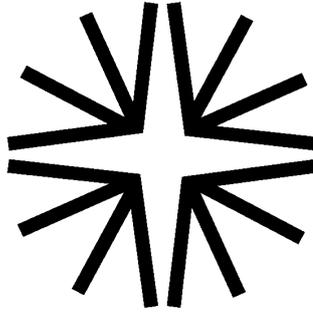


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**EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 1
FOREST FIRES IN ISRAEL**

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1. Situation Update:

1.1 On December 2, 2010 at approximately 11:00 local time, a forest fire began in the Mount Carmel region of Northern Israel, just south of the city of Haifa. Due to dry weather conditions, the fire spread quickly, burning over 20 square kilometres of forest.

1.2 Over 15,000 people have been evacuated as a result of the fire, including 5,000 from Tirat Carmel and 2,500 from Haifa. Other villages which have been entirely evacuated include Beit Oren, Ein Hod and Nir. The rest of the population in the area remain on standby.

1.3 There have been 42 casualties to date.

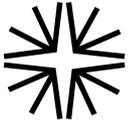
2. Action taken by the Government of Israel.

2.1 Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has declared a national state of emergency and put out a request for international assistance on December 2, 2010.

2.2 On December 3, 2010, the Israeli Government made a request for assistance through NATO's EADRCC.

2.3 Other than firefighter and police efforts, the Israel Defense Forces sent two battalions to assist with the extinguishing of the fire, in addition to assist with evacuations. Heavy ground equipment was sent from nearby bases, including firetrucks, water tanks, cranes and other equipment. Three hospitals in Haifa, Rambam, Carmel

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and Bnei Zion are on high alert and dozens of beds have been placed at emergency rooms in the city.

3. Assistance offered / provided by EAPC and MD Nations:

3.1 **Austria** offered up to 1.000m fire hoses (STORZ-B, 50 hoses each 20m) to support activities on site.

3.2 **Azerbaijan** has offered 2 helicopters.

3.3 **Bulgaria** has dispatched a team of 92 fire fighters to the disaster area.

3.4 **Croatia** has offered 1 Canadair CL415 866 with a crew of 8; the airplane will deploy to Israel on 4 December.

3.5 **Egypt** has offered fire-extinguishing materials.

3.6 **France** has offered 4 fire fighting planes: 2 Canadairs (expecting to arrive to Israel this afternoon), another Canadair and a Dash 8 will take off later on to be on site tomorrow. Additionally, the French government is sending fire-extinguishing materials.

3.7 **Greece** has already sent four (4) fire fighting aircrafts CL-415 and one C-130 aircraft carrying personnel and materials to Israel. The planes landed at Haifa at 08:05 am local time this morning. The total staff consists of sixteen (16) flying and eleven (11) aircraft engineers. The C-130 aircraft returned to Greece in the meantime.

3.8 **Jordan** has offered fire-extinguishing materials.

3.9 **Romania** is going to deploy one aircraft to the area.

3.10 **Russian Federation** has sent 1 IL-76 to the State of Israel and is planning to deploy in the disaster area 1 B-200 plane and 1 helicopter MI-26.

3.11 **Spain** is dispatching today 4 Canadair CT-415 aircraft with 14 personnel.

3.12 **Turkey** has offered 2 airplanes.

3.13 **United Kingdom** has sent 2 helicopters.

4. The following requirements for international assistance have been identified:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY AERIAL FIRE FIGHTING MEANS ARE STILL REQUIRED

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity
4.1	Fire-fighting aircraft	ASAP	

5. Points of Entry:

5.1. Air Force Base - Ramatdavid

6. Delivery point:

6.1. Israel, Air Force Base - Ramatdavid

7. The Operational Point of Contact in Israel can be reached in the following ways:



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9. Response co-ordination.

9.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the stricken nation's requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

9.2. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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