

Israel sends aid to Cyprus to put out fire

At the request of the local government of the Republic of Cyprus, Israel sent two fire-extinguishing airplanes and 33 tones of fire extinguishing materials on June 28, 2007 to assist in extinguishing fires that broke out in the Troodos Mountains.

The relief team, which included 7 personnel, among them fire fighters and physicians, worked alongside local officials to contain the fire during the weekend. The team is currently on its way home.

The forest fire, which broke out in the Troodos Mountains, threatened the heart of the villages, homes, churches and summer camps. The villages of Pelendri, Saitas, Trimiklini, Kato Amiantos and Dimes were evacuated.

According to the Forest Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, the fire was caused by high tension cables of the Cyprus Electricity Authority.