

Cyprus Looks for Help With Dumped Underwater Munitions

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Zygi, Cyprus The Cyprus Government has asked Greece and Israel for assistance in addressing underwater munitions dumped off the coast of Zygi, a fishing village located in the south. Following an environmental assessment requested by the United Nations, a report shows that the Cypriot National Guard dumped about 167 types of munitions in the sea in large quantities between 1980 and 1993. The request came from Cyprus' Defense Minister Fotis Fotiou and was based upon concerns over explosives safety and environmental hazards. Reports indicate that the Defense Minister also plans to seek assistance from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.