



LAR Helicopter requested following fire in Kennedy Tower in Liège

On Monday, June 24th, early in the afternoon, a fire broke out in the basement of the Kennedy Tower, a 27-story building with nearly 220 apartments in Liège.

Some of the residents were unable to leave the building, with many taking refuge on their balconies while waiting to be evacuated by firefighters.

As it was difficult for firefighters to access the upper floors, particularly because the ladders were not tall enough, the Belgian authorities called on the LAR intervention teams for assistance. Thus, the Luxembourg Air Rescue's rescue helicopter, equipped with a winch, was requisitioned to support the already numerous rescue services on site.

Early in the evening, a LAR intervention team, in collaboration with the GRIMP (Groupe de reconnaissance et d'intervention en milieu périlleux) of the CGDIS, specially trained in winching operations and composed of an experienced pilot, a LAR winch operator, and a rescuer, took off from Findel and immediately headed to Liège.

Founded in 1988, Luxembourg Air Rescue (LAR) has approximately 182,000 members and currently operates seven rescue helicopters, two Airbus H145 D3 and five MD902s. Through its operational subsidiary Luxembourg Air Ambulance (LAA), LAR also operates five state-of-the-art ambulance jets, including three Learjet 45XRs and two Challenger 605. LAR's mission is to save the lives and preserve the health of people in medical need - in Luxembourg, the Greater Region and worldwide - through the use of rescue helicopters and ambulance jets. With approximately 190 employees, LAR ensures the highest standards in the areas of medicine, technology and flight operations and is available with its alarm centre 24/7 and 365 days a year. The motto «air rescue without borders» is a living reality at LAR: in December 2020, Luxembourg Air Rescue was awarded the 2020 Adenauer-De Gaulle Prize for its outstanding cross-border achievements during the Corona crisis. www.lar.lu

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