

THIRD STUDENT CASUALTY-EVACUATION FROM COMINO IN A MONTH

A 19-year old foreign student, was earlier this afternoon urgently casualty-evacuated (CASEVAC) from the islet of Kemmunet after having sustained serious injuries from a dive into the sea.

The Armed Forces of Malta's Operations' Centre at Luqa Barracks was requested to dispatch an Air Wing rescue-helicopter to assist Civil protection Department (CPD) rescue-personnel on site, after the student had fallen awkwardly, landing on rocks instead of the sea during his dive.

The Alouette SA316B helicopter's rescuers, Warrant-Officer Martin Borg and Sergeant Joseph Gatt, found that the young casualty, Ziani Jelles, could have spinal injuries, and that he had already been stabilized into a stretcher by the CPD personnel. The rescue-helo, piloted by Staff Sergeant Ivan Marmara, set down in a suitable area, and soon after taking onboard the casualty, set off at speed to St. Luke's Hospital in Malta where the 19-year old was administered with prioritised medical treatment for his injuries.

On Sunday, July 15th, another foreign student had been CASEVACED from Comino's Blue Lagoon, when she sustained similar spinal injuries when diving into the sea.

Thanks to Ivan CONSIGLIO.