'Kite Terrorism': Massive Fire After Kite With Molotov Cocktail Attached Sent From Gaza Explodes

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Ten firefighters gained control of a fire Wednesday afternoon that destroyed 350 dunams of land near Kibbutz Be'eri near the [Gaza](https://www.haaretz.com/misc/tags/gaza-1.5599001) border. According to the local regional councils, a kite connected to a Molotov cocktail that was sent from the Gaza sparked the blaze.

Multiple firefighting teams were dispatched to the area, and local councils say that the fire caused 175,000 shekels of damage. IDF commander of the western Negev region, Lieutenant Colonel Yaakov Gabbay, told Haaretz that "a huge expanse, hundreds of dunams if not thousands," were burned.

In recent weeks, Palestinians have flown kites as part of demonstrations at the Gaza-Israel border.

"We demand the IDF put an end to this violence that already caused and continues to cause severe economic damage, but also threatens human life. It is not superfluous to remind Palestinian rights organizations that stone throwing and burning fields is also violence," a spokesman from the Negev regional council said.