

**Sent:** Thu May 06 09:19:16 2010

**Subject:** Flight magazine article : "Cyprus ATC risks heightened by local politics".

Dear all,

I would like to inform you that the Flight magazine has published an article under the title "Cyprus ATC risks heightened by local politics", highlighting the safety concerns with the existence of the illegally founded station "Ercan".

Please find below the relevant site.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation and effort in the direction of safety by raising awareness of airspace users regarding the correct procedures to be followed when flying to Nicosia FIR from Ankara FIR and vice versa.

Also the need to follow clearances and instructions issued **ONLY** by Nicosia radar when flying within Nicosia FIR becomes imperative to be identified by flight deck crews due to the intervention of "Ercan" in the operation of Nicosia ACC. "Ercan" claims responsibility of control within Nicosia FIR by keeping aircraft on its frequency even after they enter Nicosia FIR and issues ATC clearances without having any authority.

We are certain that our joint efforts towards the direction of raising awareness to flight crews will enable them to act within the framework of International Aviation Law.

<http://www.flightglobal.com/articles/2010/04/21/340866/cyprus-atc-risks-heightened-by-local-politics.html>

Best regards

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