



DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

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**by Hermes Airports and the Department of Civil Aviation**  
**of Larnaka International Airport**

Hermes Airports and the Department of Civil Aviation at Larnaka Airport hereby announce that a readiness exercise will be held at Larnaka International Airport on 26 May 2010 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The exercise is part of the international political-military exercise "Argonavtis 2010" being held by the Republic of Cyprus from 25-28 May 2010.

The exercise at Larnaka International Airport is codenamed "Under Siege 2010"

The organization and coordination of the exercise will be undertaken by the Operations Centre of Hermes Airports with the support of the Department of Civil Aviation and the cooperation of various governmental and non-governmental departments and agencies. The Department of Civil Aviation, as the appropriate authority, will undertake general coordination during the course of the exercise.

Invitations to observe the exercise have been extended to officials and heads of various agencies and organizations, based both in Cyprus and abroad, which are involved in airport operations and crisis management.

The exercise will be open to the Media.