



SAR Regional Cooperation in Eastern Mediterranean

November 2025

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Argonaut
Multinational CIMIC Exercise
2025

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Phase 3
SAR Phase

Multinational Exercise
'NEMESIS 2025'

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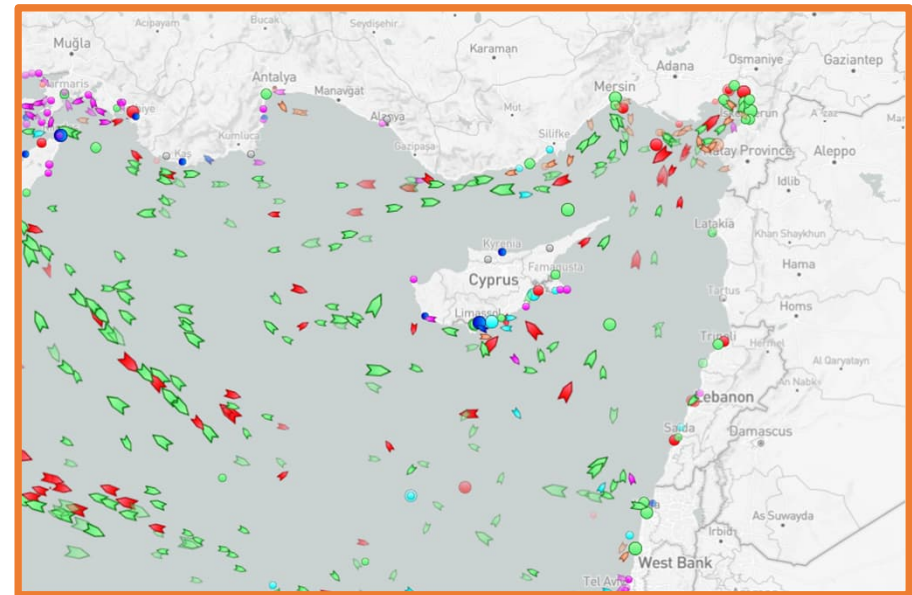
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400 000 FLIGHTS



300 000 SHIPS



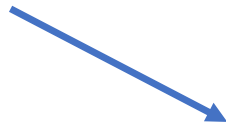
LEGAL BASIS

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
AVIATION ORGANIZATION**



ICAO

**CHICAGO CONVENTION
1944**



**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
ORGANIZATION**



IMO

**HAMBURG CONVENTION 1979
SOLAS 1974
UNCLOS 1982**



**NATIONAL SAR
LAW**

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JRCC LARNACA MISSION

NICOSIA FIR
CYPRUS SRR

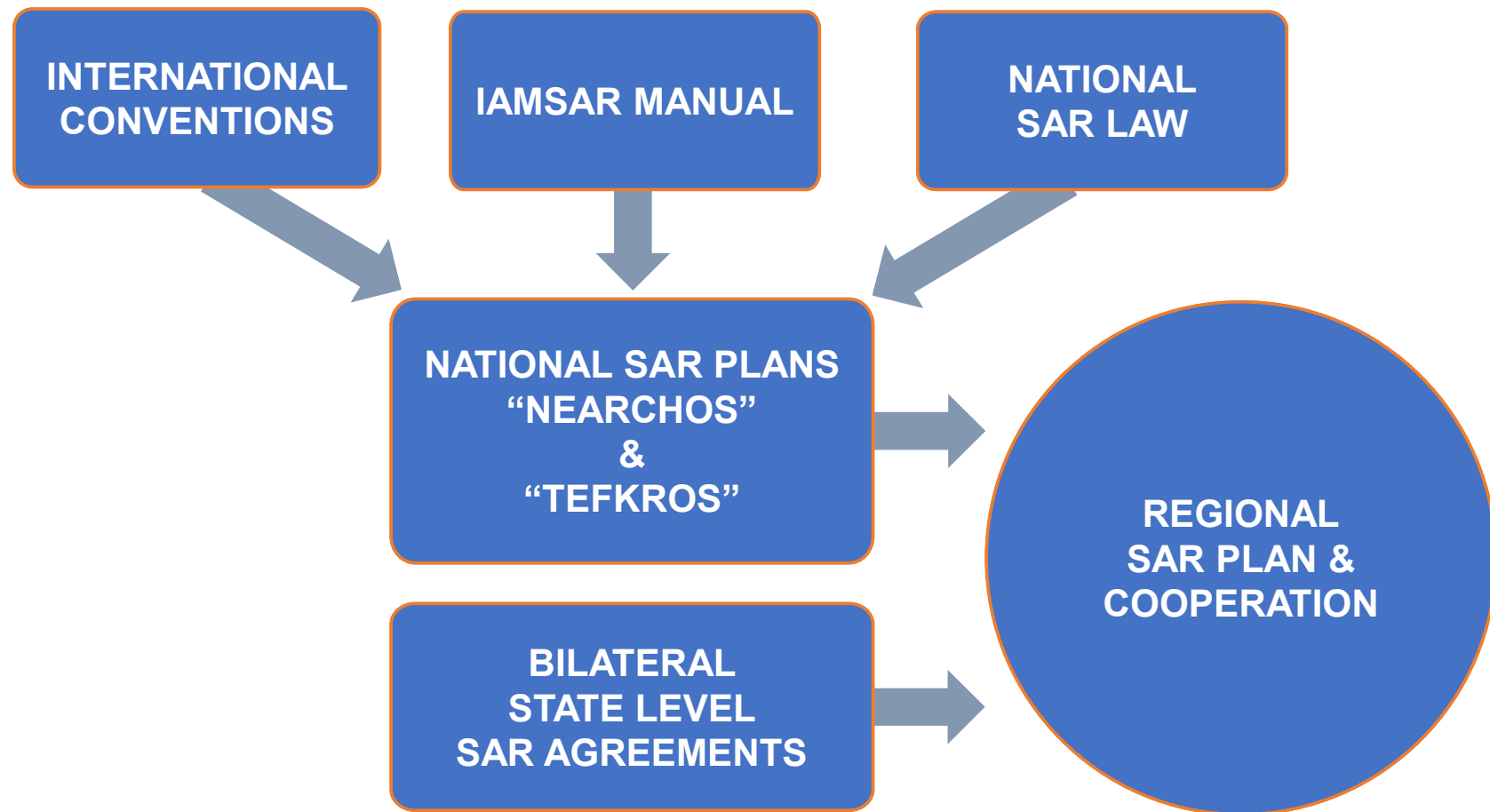
**ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF SAR SYSTEM
AND
COORDINATION OF SAR OPERATIONS
AIMING TO
LOCATE AND RESCUE PEOPLE IN DISTRESS.
CYPRUS' SEARCH AND RESCUE REGION
COINCIDES WITH
NICOSIA FIR**

FIR: NICOSIA FIR
Cursor Coordinate: N35° 1.45' / E33° 13.45'

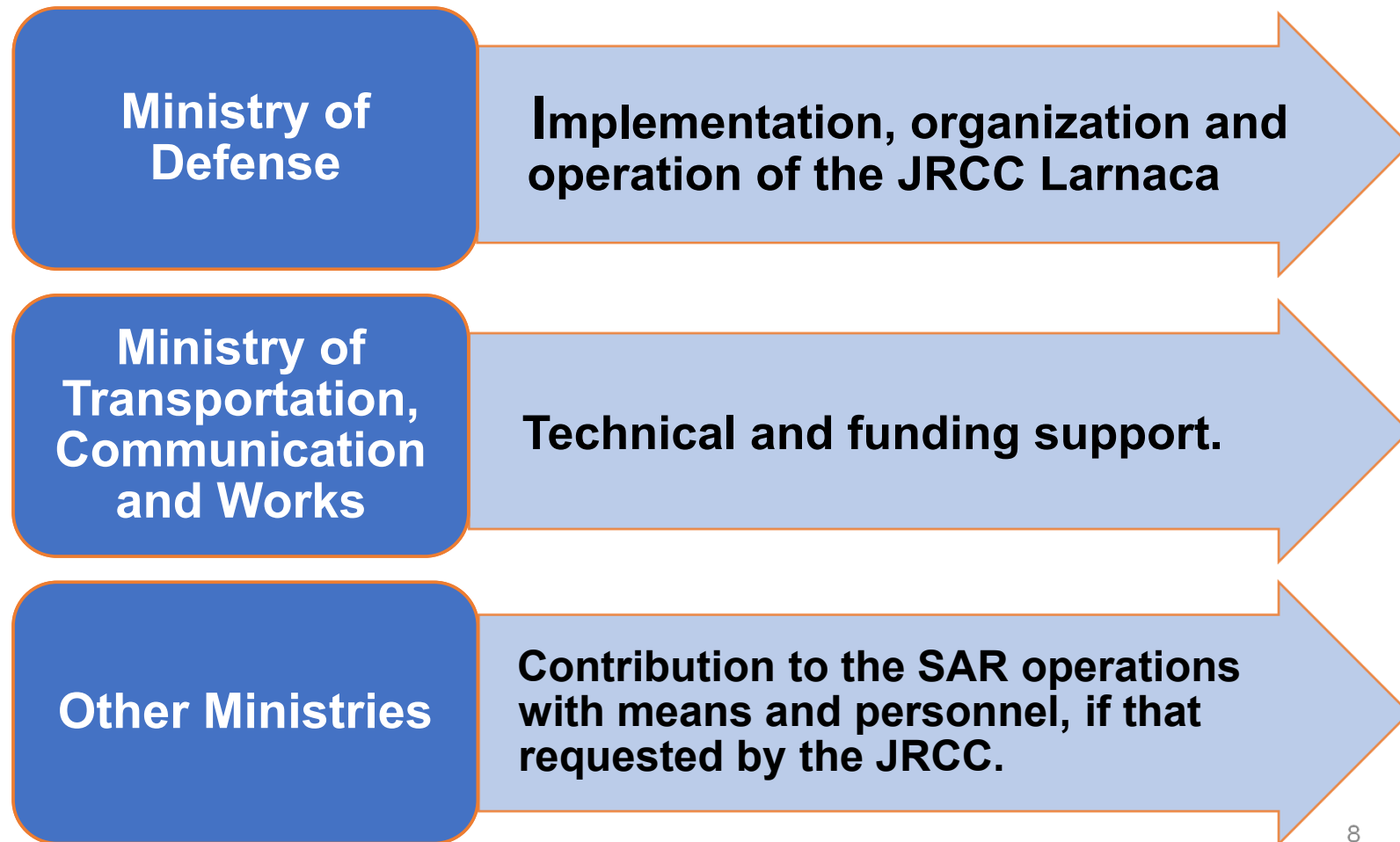
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SAR LEGAL FRAMEWORK

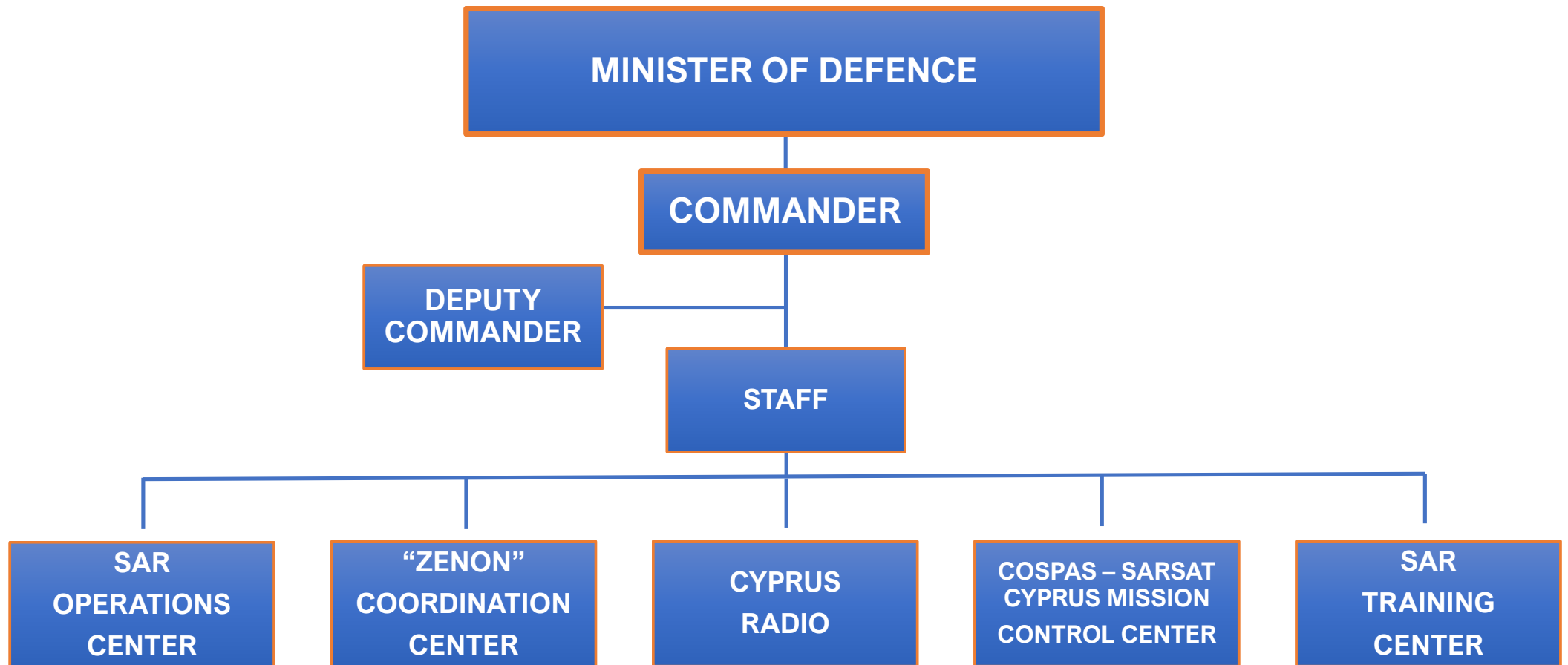


SAR SYSTEM ORGANISATION



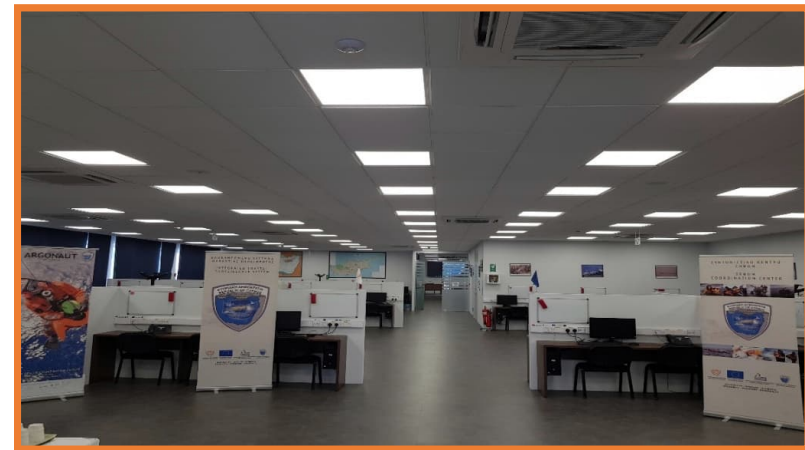


JRCC LARNACA ORGANISATION





“ZENON” COORDINATION CENTER



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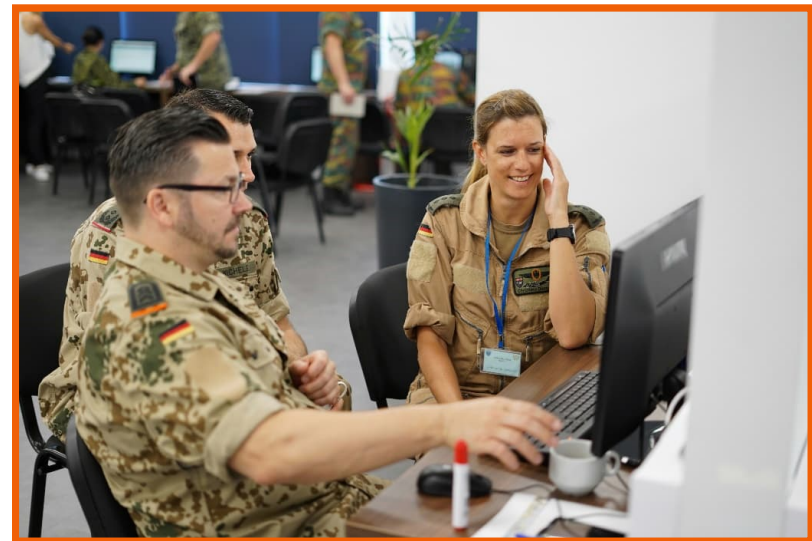
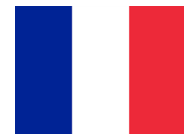
**Control of Migration flows
Coordination of potential mass reception**

**Non-combatant Evacuation Operation
Coordination Cell (NEOCC)**

**National Crisis Coordination Centre
(Manmade – Natural Disaster Incidents)**



“ZENON” COORDINATION CENTER



NON-COMBATANTS EVACUATION OPERATIONS

ISRAEL OCT 2023

16 Flights 934 Persons
 32 Nations 11 State Authorities
 8 Ministries 1 NGO
 8 Private Companies

SUDAN APRIL 2023

31 Flights 2611 Persons
 28 Nations 11 State Authorities
 8 Ministries 1 NGO
 8 Private Companies

ISRAEL JUN 2025

13 Flights 581 Persons
 20 Nations 5 State Authorities
 4 Ministries



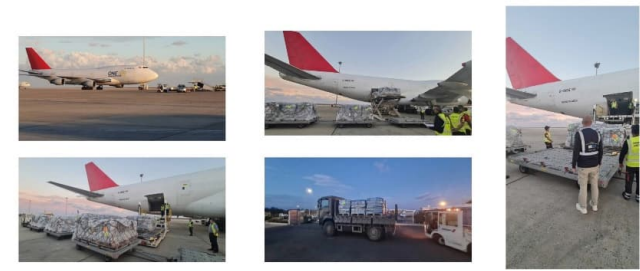


CYPRUS MARITIME CORRIDOR / AMALTHEA INITIATIVE

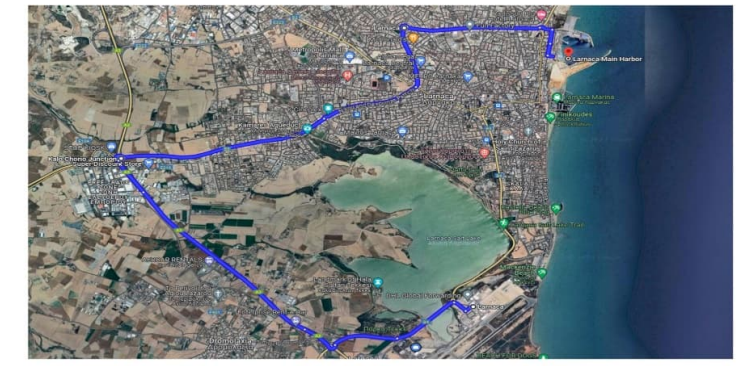
PHASES OF THE OPERATION

PHASE 1 CYPRUS	PHASE 2 EN-ROUTE	PHASE 3 GAZA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving humanitarian aid to Larnaca Airport Transfer of humanitarian aid at Larnaca Port Security inspection of the humanitarian aid Loading on landing vessel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sailing to Gaza 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landing at a safe point Unloading Transfer to a safe storage area Distribution

LARNACA AIRPORT RECEPTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID

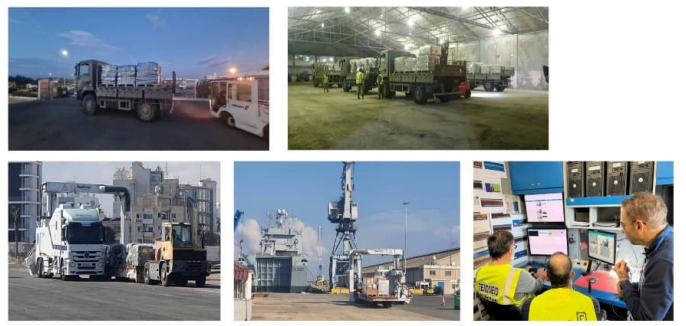


ROUTE FROM LARNACA AIRPORT TO PORT



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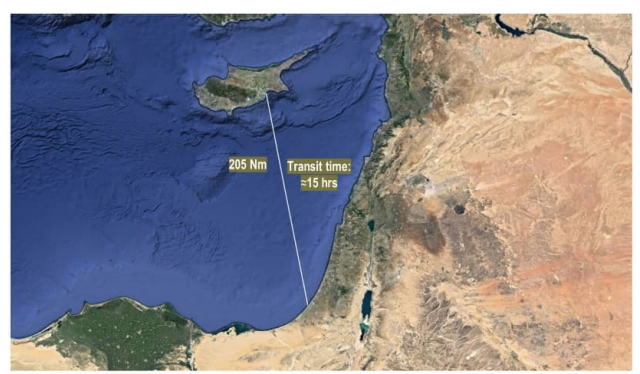
LARNACA PORT (STORAGE - INSPECTIONS PRIOR LOADING)



LEADING COORDINATING AGENCY: CYCLOPS & CY CUSTOMS
SCANNING/INSPECTION RATE: 20 PALLETS PER 12-15 MINUTES APROX.

6

TRANSPORTATION (EN-ROUTE)



7



CYPRUS RADIO – MARITIME COASTAL RADIO

ALERTING POST - 24/7 MONITORING OF DISTRESS FREQUENCIES

- **ALERT JRCC FOR ANY DISTRESS SITUATION**

MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION (MSI)

- **RADIO COMMS**
- **NAVTEX SYSTEM**

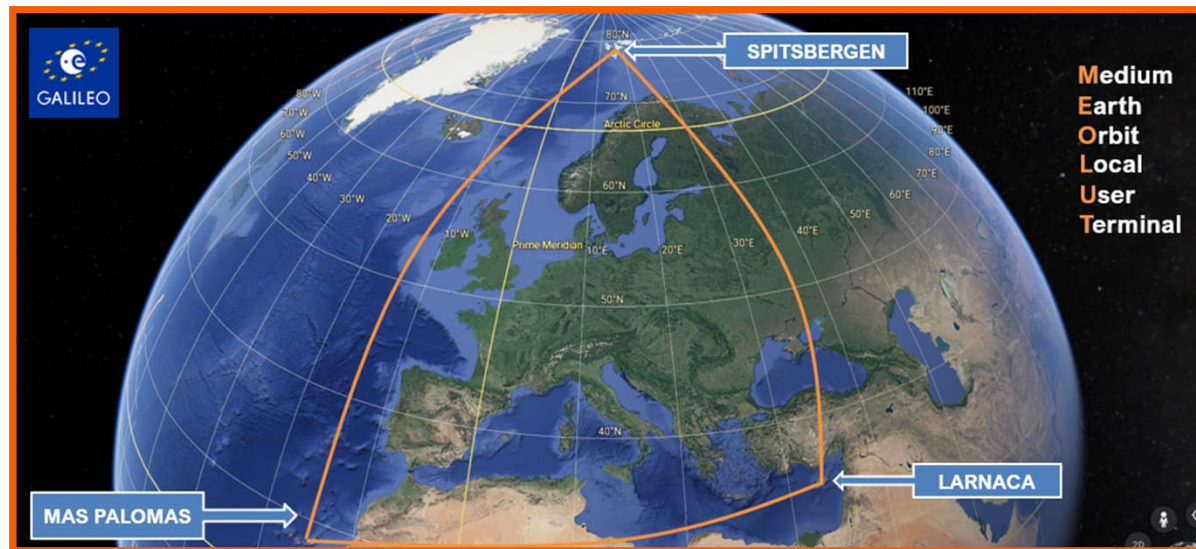
ASSISTANCE TO MARINERS

- **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - MEDICO**
- **TUG-BOAT COMPANIES**
- **PSTN**

COOPERATION WITH STATE SERVICES

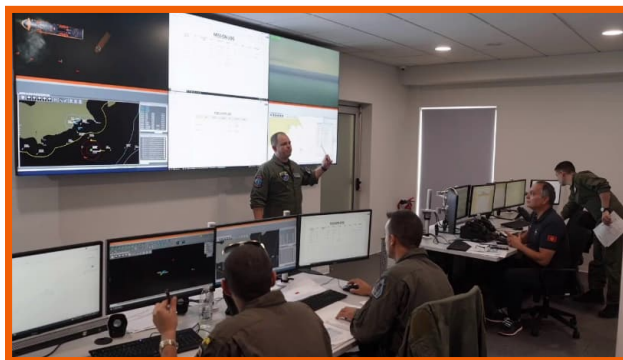
- **TARGET IDENTIFICATION**
- **INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

CYPRUS MISSION CONTROL CENTRE & MEOLUT





SAR TRAINING CENTRE



JOINT RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER

SAR TRAINING CENTER

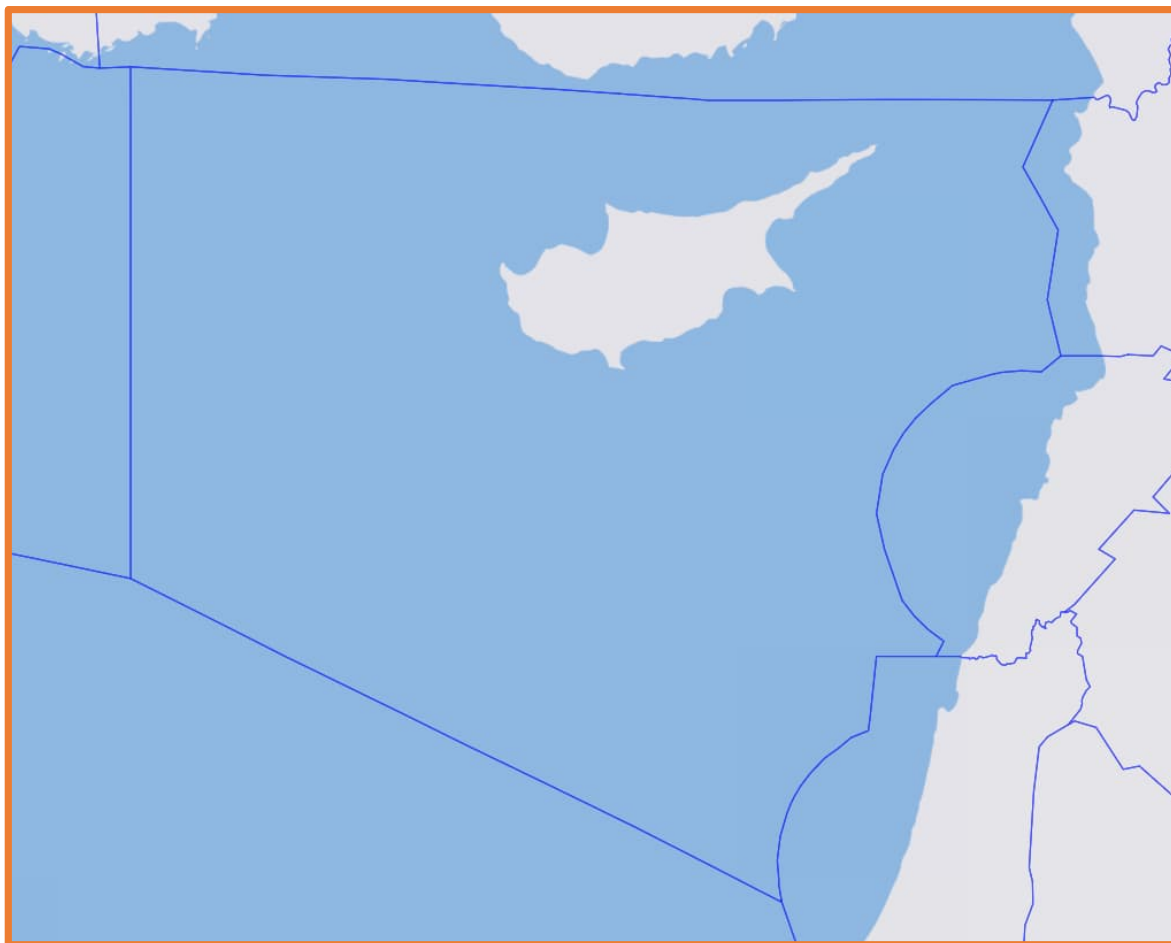




INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS



SAR AGREEMENTS



LEBANON 2008



SYRIA 2009



ISRAEL 2012



GREECE 2014



EGYPT 2017



SAR Agreements

IAMSAR Manual & Annex 12 urge neighbouring States to enter into **SAR agreements**.

Matters to be addressed should include:

- general information about SAR organizations;
- provision of RCC clearances for SAR units to enter territorial areas;
- establishment of common procedures;
- pooling of facilities, when appropriate;
- cooperation on international SAR projects of common interest;
- liaison visits;
- joint training exercises.

SAR AGREEMENTS

2008



Assist with the establishment of RCC Beirut
We provided SAR Training to LAF and stakeholders

Participation in multinational exercises
Participation in bilateral exercises
Daily communication regarding SAR Ops

2009



- Currently, we are in the process of reestablishing procedures
- Cooperation in migrant related SAR incidents

2012



Participation in multinational exercises
Participation in bilateral exercises
Daily communication regarding SAR Ops
Tabletop exercises

2014



Participation in multinational exercises
Participation in bilateral exercises
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2017



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ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH NEIGHBORING RCCs



SAREX – COMMON OPERATIONAL PRACTISES



ANNUAL BIG SCALE MULTINATIONAL SAREX



EXERCISE "ARGONAUT - 2025"
07-11 Apr 2025



EXERCISE "NEMESIS - 2025"
05 Nov 2025



SAR OPERATIONS



Ethiopian Airlines Flight 409

- **25 January 2010**
- Scheduled International Passenger flight
- Beirut to Addis Ababa
- Crashed into the Mediterranean Sea shortly after takeoff
- POBs 90, no survivors
- Lebanon SRR

- LAF Vessels and Helicopter
- 3 UNIFIL Vessels
- 1 Cypriot SAR Helicopter
- 2 USA vessels and 1 P-3 Orion
- 1 French Atlantic Aircraft



SAR OPERATIONS



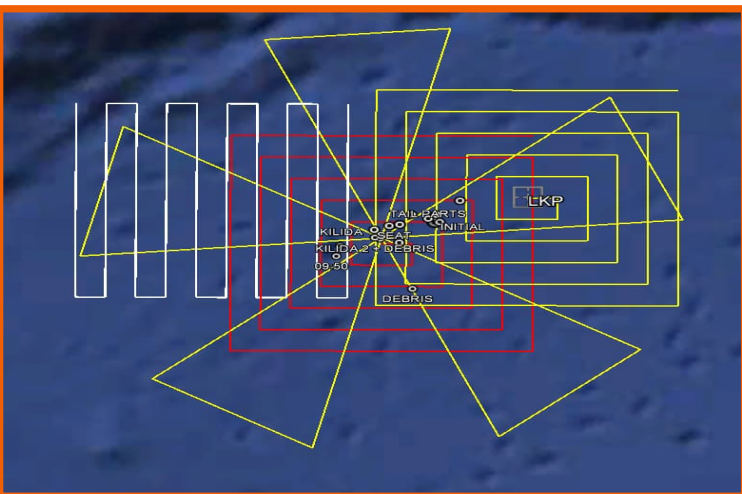
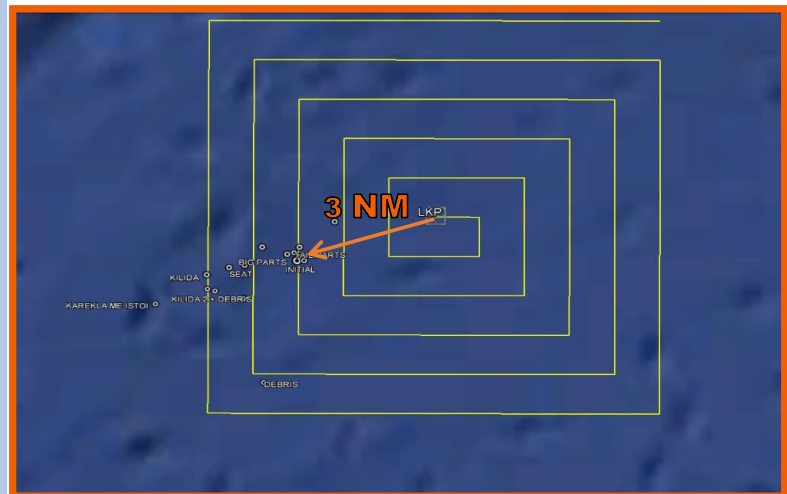
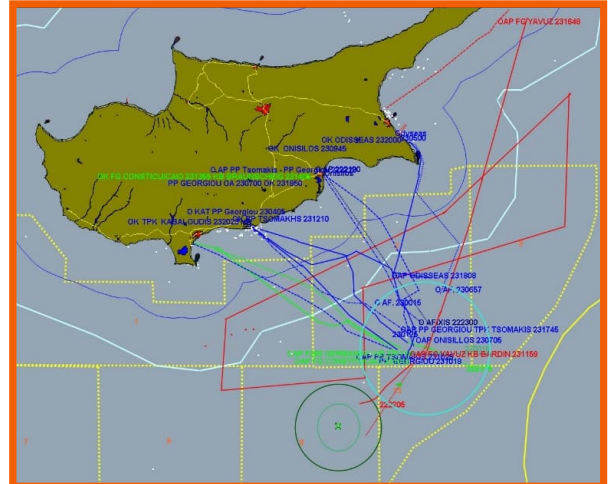
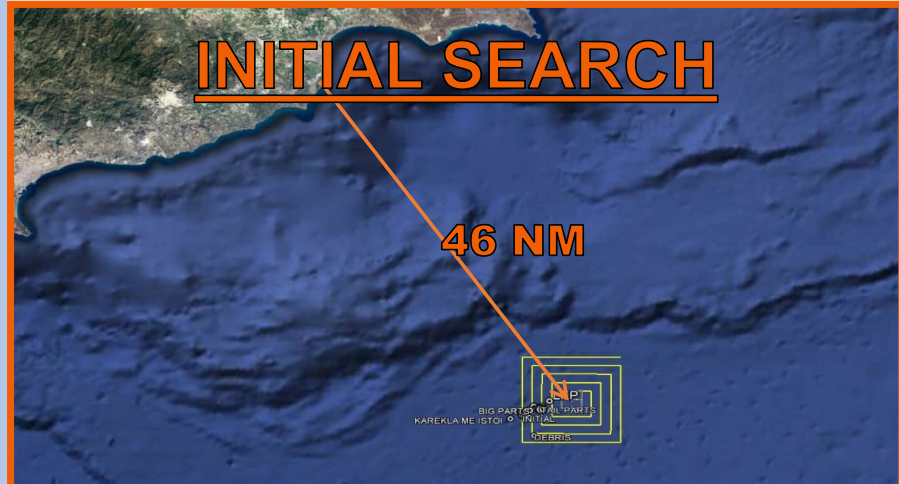
Diamond – DA42 Accident

- 22 October 2014
- General Aviation Flight
- Paphos to Beirut
- Crashed into the Mediterranean Sea 46NM south of Larnaca
- POBs 2, no survivors
- Cyprus SRR

- 4 Cypriot SAR Helicopters
- 4 SAR Vessels
- 1 Fixed Wing Aircraft
- 2 UNIFIL Vessels (BRZ, GER,)
- 1 Greek Navy Vessel
- 2 Israeli helicopters
- 1 Israeli Fixed Wing Aircraft



SAR OPERATIONS



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SAR OPS FROM 1995 - 2025

