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Cyprus Protests Flights by Turk Jets

NICOSIA — Cyprus filed a protest with the United Nations on Tuesday that three Turkish warplanes had flown through its airspace.

"Turkey has opted to go down the road of provocative moves and the violation of international law and order," said a government spokesman, Manolis Christofides.

Turkey is conducting air and naval maneuvers in the eastern Mediterranean, and the overflights were believed to be connected to the exercises.

Cyprus contends that the overflights are a violation of a moratorium on military planes overflying the island, which it agreed to in April under U.S. pressure. Turkey made no similar commitment. (AP)