

EU urges airlines to avoid Lebanese and Israeli airspace

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Paris: Airlines must avoid Lebanese and Israeli airspace for the next month, European aviation authorities said on Saturday, amid intense airstrikes and rocket fire between Israel and Hezbollah.

The European Commission and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) warned in a statement of "an overall intensification of airstrikes and deterioration of the security situation", and issued an official recommendation "to temporarily not fly in the airspace of Lebanon and Israel at all flight levels until 31 October".

However, it may be reviewed earlier and adjusted or cancelled in line with the revised assessment.

EASA said it will continue to monitor the situation closely to assess whether there is an increase or decrease in risks for EU aircraft

operators as a result of the threat.

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