THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS GAINS NEW STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

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Paphos is emerging as an important hub for American military operations in the Eastern Mediterranean, as Washington expands facilities on Cyprus**(*)** amid Middle East instability.

Work has accelerated at Andreas Papandreou air base, where the United States is preparing infrastructure for at least seven C-17 transport aircraft and American F-16 and F-15 fighters.

Hellenic Air Force F-16s use the base on a rotating basis.

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