AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AIRPORT REQUIREMENTS

The Israeli government plans to issue another international tender for a new airport north of Eilat, Israel's fast growing Red Sea resort city. The proposed facility is to be located 11 km north of the town and would be capable of handling all types of aircraft on a single runway. It will replace the existing facility which is on prime property in the center of town and can only handle small jet aircraft. At present, larger aircraft, operating primarily charter flights from Europe, have to land at an Israeli Air Force base 60 km to the north.

Earlier tenders for the airport were cancelled after the government ruled that the bids that were submitted were unsatisfactory.