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Celebrating air traffic controllers

Tomorrow, 20 October, marks the International Day of the Air Traffic Controller.

IFALPA would like to recognize the contribution air traffic controllers make to the aviation community through their exceptionally dedicated work. Air traffic control has developed from modest beginnings into a highly sophisticated and technology-dependent profession.

Each day, countless aircraft take to the sky, relying on the skill and expertise of air traffic controllers to guide them safely to and from their destinations. The success of flight crews largely depends on the professionalism of air traffic controllers and all those who work alongside them.

So, thank you to all those who consistently monitor our airways, keeping them safe; your hard work is tremendously appreciated by aviators and passengers alike.



EU bans Syrian airlines from its airports

Following Turkey's ban on Syrian aircraft from its airspace, the European Union (EU) has announced new sanctions that prohibit Syrian carriers from landing at any of its 27 EU member airports. Syrian Arab Airlines is currently the only Syrian airline operating flights to Europe, and the carrier will still be permitted to fly over EU airspace. The sanctions also exclude emergency landings.

The new measures are part of the EU's attempt to increase pressure on Syrian president Bashar Assad's regime over his government's violence.