

Cyprus, Israel, Greece pledge deeper military ties

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Larnaca: The defence ministers of Cyprus, Israel and Greece are pledging to forge deeper military ties in order to better counter common threats and to help bolster security in a tumultuous region. Cypriot Minister Savvas Angelides and his Israeli and Greek counterparts Avigdor Lieberman and Panos Kammenos said Friday they also seek to expand cooperation on cybersecurity, joint military drills and search and rescue operations in the eastern Mediterranean.

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Cyprus hosted the second trilateral meeting between the three defence ministers. Kammenos also said that a eurozone decision paving the way for an end to Greece's eight-year bailout program will positively impact the country's armed forces.

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