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A conference on civil aviation safety in Israel and new developments in the : כותרת:

Newscafter: A conference on civil aviation safety in Israel and new developments in the field is being held in Herzliya today. The gathering is organized by the Fisher Institute and the Civil Aviation Authority. Jackie Biochem .reports

Jackie Biochem: Following yesterday's closure of Ben Gurion Airport for several hours due to the fog, it must be a strange coincidence that today's conference discusses ,such topics as runway upgrading, a new air-navigation law safety reviews, aviation agreements, environmentally efficient aviation and aircrew fatigue management. Brigadier-general Assaf Agmon - Head of the Fisher Institute for Air and Space Strategic Studies - says that yesterday's closure

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.happens in airports the world over
Assaf Agmon: Yesterday it was an exceptional phenomenon
which most of the airports around the world would be
closed as well. Uh, you should know, and the audience
should know, that even if the electronically and the
instrument landing system and board man would be
operating, it will not change the situation yesterday among
of the aircrafts of the airline would be able to land
because the weather was 50 meters visibility, 50 meters of
visibility, which is unable to civilization airplanes to land
Jackie Biochem: But I believe that another report says they
have the facilities to, with the special equipments, to see
!less than 50 meters. Am I correct
Assaf Agmon: Very, very, uh, very very few airports in the
world have this facility and, I believe, that in country like
Israel, with our weather, it's something of luxuries, and it's
not something that necessary. It's a lot of money to invest
it on the airfield, it's a lot of money to invest, not every
aircraft is capable to do it. And very few pilots is capable
to do it, so it was, uh, not convenient. The 25 aircrafts
had to land in Larmaka, in Najeva airports in the... , but I

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,don't think this is a major event in aviation. It's, actually
when you look at Europe and at the States an other
.countries in the world, it's natural phenomenon in aviation
It's from time to time airports are closed due to weather
and in Israel we are lucky to have very very few days
.like this during the year

Jackie Biochem: As a reaction to yesterday's airport
closure, newspaper headlines today question whether Israel's
civil air-industry is still at third world standards. Agmon
.disagrees

Assaf Agmon: I think Israel has a very advanced aviation
industry, on one end. On the other end - for many, many
years we did not, we have not done all the regulations
and all the procedures that are necessary by modern
aviation. And the Israeli Aviation Authority is trying to
.improve all these things

Jackie Biochem: Do you think Eliezer Shkedi, who is the
manager-director of El Al, is right when he says that we
?need another airport

Assaf Agmon: Certainly we need an alternative or another
civil airport as an alternate Ben Gurion. We need to have

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such an airport. I believe that one of the, of the solutions
or one of the options is to build a new airport in the
south of Israel, what they call - airport in Timna. It's
something that all the planning was finalized and only they
are waiting for decision, a government decision, to go
ahead for this solution. I believe that this is the best
.solution for the Israeli civil aviation
Jackie Biochem: Brigadier-general Assaf Agmon - from the
.Fisher Institute and this is Jackie Biochem, reporting