09May: New Saudi Arabia warning, North Korea safe again?, more ATC strikes coming

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ZZZZ/Worldwide Ramadan will last from May 15 – June 14. Expect longer processing times for visas in the Middle East, North Africa, Turkey and parts of Asia, as most government offices will be working on reduced hours.

LFZZ/France It looks like there will be yet another ATC strike in the LFMM/Marseille ACC on May 12-13. If it goes ahead, it will be their third weekend strike in a row.

OERK/Riyadh An ongoing dust storm is still affecting ops at the airport today, where poor visibility has resulted in some delays and cancellations.

LPMA/Funchal Following a review, authorities say the restrictive wind limits for arrivals are set to remain the same. These limits have not changed since 1964. Funchal suffers from strong winds which frequently force aircraft to divert. **Read the article.**

KABQ/Albuquerque The airport's primary runway 08/26 has reopened after two months of repair.

SLAL/Alcantri The main international airport serving the city of Sucre continues to be closed, due to

ongoing protests and road blocks around the city. It's not yet known how long the protests will last.

KSFO/San Francisco Following a recent incident where an Air Canada flight lined up it's approach on a taxiway instead of a parallel runway, the airport has changed its rules for night landings – when the runway in use is parallel to another closed runway, it won't allow visual landings.

PHZZ/Hawaii The sequence of events on Big Island is now this: May 3 – eruption of Kilauea. May 4 – 6.9 mag earthquake, centred near Kilauea. PHTO airport has been inspected post earthquake and there is no damage. May 8 – two new volcanic vents erupted, leading to new evacuation orders in the area. No volcanic ash clouds have been reported. A new TFR exists around the volcano – 8/0671. Operations at other Hawaii airports are unaffected. There remains a high risk of further eruptions.

ZKZZ/North Korea Timezone has changed, effective May 4, North Korea is now on UTC+9. This matches the South Korea timezone.

CYXH/Medicine Hat The airport will be completely closed for runway repairs from May 7 to Jun 1.

KDFW/Dallas Increased congestion expected as the airport's primary arrival runway 17C/35C will be closing for repairs. Partial closure planned from May 24 to early August and a full closure from August to mid-November.

MKZZ/Jamaica The state of emergency that was declared for parts of St James (which includes Montego Bay) has been extended to Aug, to tackle recent violence including shooting incidents.

MPPA/Panama Reports that the airport is increasing its rates by 135%. The airline Viva Air Colombia have already announced they will be suspending flights to the airport from May 20 as a result of the price hike.

LFPB/Paris The airport will be closed for taxiway repairs each night from 20-04z, May 14-18, and June 11-15.

KPVG/Greenville Ongoing runway maintenance. From May 9-13, repair work on both runways will shut down the airport to all flights.

VICG/Chandigargh Airport to be closed from May 12-31 for runway repairs. VIDP/Delhi and VIAR/Amritsar will serve as alternates during this time.

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