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LLZZ/Israel From Jun 9, Israel will **ban all Indonesian passport holders** from entering the country. This comes after a recent incident where Indonesian authorities refused entry to a group of Israeli tourists, reportedly in response to recent events in Gaza.

MNZZ/Nicaragua At least 100 killed in Nicaragua as **political violence has intensified** over the past few days. Roadblocks by protestors have increased nationwide, including some roads around MNMG/Managua Airport.

LSGG/Geneva Runway repairs mean the **airport will be closed** each night Sun-Thu from midnight to 6am local time, Jun 17 - Aug 3. No evacuation possible, so airport can't be used for emergency

diverts, and should not to be planned as an alternate.

PHZZ/Hawaii Kilauea erupted again on Jun 7. A river of lava destroyed an entire neighbourhood, but ops not affected at Hawaiian airports. Volcanic ash cloud was initially reported up to FL100, but is no longer identifiable from satellite data. Check VAAC for latest at <https://goo.gl/JuS5VE>

WADD/Bali Runway repairs mean Bali's **airport will be closed** each night (except Wednesdays) from 02-07 local time, Jun 24 – Sep 22.

LEZZ/Spain That Barcelona **ATC strike announced in April**, and planned for Jun 20, **won't be happening**. Spanish controllers have decided there is enough strike action across the border in Marseilles.

MMZZ/Mexico Hurricane Bud is weakening, max sustained winds have decreased to near 60 knots with higher gusts. **Expected to become a tropical storm** late Weds, and forecast to still be a tropical storm when it reaches southern Baja California late Thursday.

ELLX/Luxembourg Saturday's **short-notice closure of Runway 06/24** was unplanned, and due to immediate repairs required to the surface. There were significant delays on reopening. Potential for further unplanned repairs, monitor.

VOGO/Goa Runway lights failed for three hours on Jun 9, closing airport. This is the second time in 3 weeks that this has happened. There are also **concerns over the runway surface condition**.

LGAV/Athens Airport will now **not accept any positioning flights** without pax on board, and no flights with ground time over 24 hours. PPR is required for all operations.

DNAS/Asaba Slowly **becoming operational again** after a 6 week closure to repair the main runway.

LGZZ/Greece The annual **weekend Greek Islands slot delays** are up and running. LGMK/Mykonos stand allocation computer has broken, high delays there, and also at LGSR (the worst), LGSA, LGIR, LGAV. This will be a normal situation during the summer, Saturdays are often the worst.

LFZZ/France The next round of French **strikes in the LFMM/Marseilles sector** is expected June 16-17. No official word yet, but it's expected to be similar to the recent strike over the weekend of June 9-10.

MNZZ/Nicaragua The latest indication of the worsening crisis - American Airlines have now cancelled all flights to Nicaragua due to **civil unrest across the country** that have claimed the lives of at least 139 people so far.

OLBA/Beirut On Jun 8, Lebanese media reported that **staffing levels at the airport are a cause for potential safety concerns**. There is a shortage of air traffic controllers and reports indicate there have been at least four potentially serious safety incidents since the beginning of 2018.

LTAC/Ankara More reports from Opsgroup members of **GPS jamming in Turkish airspace**, particularly around LTAC airport. "It was gone for a long while over Ankara city, but it seems that it has come back now, and it's worse than ever. Especially if you make an approach to Ankara (LTAC) rwy 21L/R from the East. Apparently the GPS signals get jammed by the military over Ankara city due to fear of attacks with precision guided missiles."

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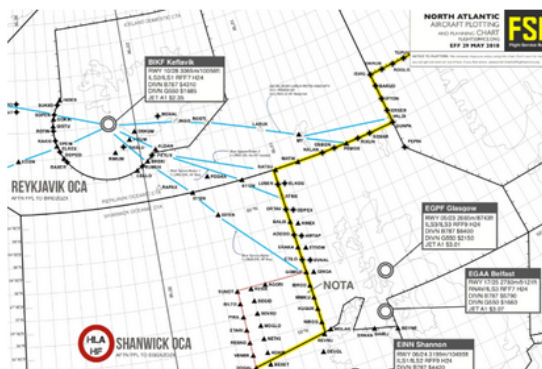
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LIZZ/Italy The **ATC strike** is still planned to go ahead on Jun 8 at all airports in Italy and all ACC's, from 11-15Z. Overflights, and intercontinental flights (eg US arrivals) are exempt. Expect disruption on the ground at all airports all day.

MGGT/Guatemala City The airport re-opened on Jun 4, following a **major eruption** at the nearby Fuego Volcano on Jun 3 which has resulted in the deaths of 70 people so far. Though volcanic activity has been declared over, there is potential for additional eruptions and mudslides.

SBZZ/Brazil No **fuel shortages** are being reported this week at any of the country's main airports, following the supply issues last week due to the nationwide trucker strike.

LFZZ/France Unions have called for **another French ATC** strike in the LFMM/Marseilles sector this coming weekend, Jun 9-10. Awaiting official confirmation by Notam.

ZSZZ/China Tropical storm Ewinar has made landfall in the Guangdong province in southern China just north of Hainan Island, with gusting winds of up to 50kts. The storm is not expected to have a major impact on Hong Kong, although thunderstorms alerts have been issued.

EGZZ/United Kingdom There are almost no options for London airports to land at **during the night** this summer. EGMC/Southend is probably the best bet, no restrictions there thus far. [More info here.](#)

EGPH/Edinburgh Due to **limited parking** expected until the end of Aug, the airport is only available for divers that are emergencies. Don't use EGPB as an alternate airport on your FPL.

EICK/Cork Night-time **runway closures** on various different dates throughout June. Check the Notams

carefully before planning the airport as a NAT alternate.

EINN/Shannon The **runway will be closed** from 23-04z each night on Jun 11, 12 & 13. For NAT alternates, consider EGAA/Belfast or EIDW/Dublin instead.

LLZZ/Israel Multiple reports last few days of **GPS outages** in the Tel Aviv FIR/landing in Tel Aviv. Example from A320 operator: In Nicosia area GPS was lost multiple times. TLV TMA using the RNP-X 30 approach. Contingency plans discussed (request LDA or RNAV-V (no GPS requirement) if GPS would not recover before TMA. Or visual approach if later. Approx. 20nm before LIMKO the GPS functioned normally again, and the decision was made to accept/proceed/continue with the RNP-X 30. At SOSOT, suddenly both GPS 1+2 lost, with many GPS PRIMARY / GPS PRIMARY LOST messages at split second intervals. Decision was made to disconnect AP + FDs immediately as visual with the field and in turn. ATC informed and re-cleared for visual approach. Rest of approach and landing uneventful.

UKDE/Zaporizhia Airport completely closed until Jun 14, due to runway repair.

CZZZ/Canada Canada has now expanded its ADIZ to include all its national territory in the Arctic Archipelago. [More info here.](#)

LFPB/Paris-le-Bourget The airport will be **closed each night** 20-04z, June 11-15, for taxiway repairs.

LBZZ/Bulgaria CPDLC will be **out of service** across Bulgarian airspace until Aug 30.

VICG/Chandigarh The airport **reopened** on May 31, after a 20-day closure for expansion and repairs. The expanded runway will be 12,400 feet long with effective take-off length of 10,400 feet.

ORSU/Sulaymaniyah Turkey still don't allow flights going to/from ORSU/Sulaymaniyah to operate over **Turkish airspace** – citing their ongoing concerns about terrorism in Sulaymaniyah.

SVMI/Caracas The US now **advises against all night-time travel** to/from the airport due to the risk of crime. We recommend to avoid planning tech stops in Venezuela altogether.

LEIB/Ibiza Lack of parking space on the apron expected over the **summer months**. Until Sep 1, the apron is limited to max 3hr stay for GA aircraft with a wingspan longer than 21 meters.

VABB/Mumbai Work to **upgrade the ILS** on the airport's main runway 09/27 has now been completed, and the new system is now in operation.

EGSS/Stansted There are now only 10 night-time slots available for GA/BA per week, and new noise restrictions mean that aircraft rated above QC1 are unlikely to receive slot approval at all during the night period. [More info here.](#)

UUZZ/Russia During the World Cup (Jun 13 – July 15), parking will be tight at all Moscow airports and in other cities where games are being played: ULLI/St Petersburg, UMKK/Kaliningrad, UWGG/Nizhniy Novgorod, UWKD/Kazan, USSS/Yekaterinburg, UWWW/Samara, UWPS/Saransk, URWW/Volgograd, URRP/Rostov-on-Don and URSS/Sochi. **All will require slots, and will want you to do drop-and-go's** and go elsewhere to park/fuel. At UUEE/Moscow Sheremetyevo, non-scheduled flights are banned unless they are transporting teams or groups of fans.

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia Another Houthi missile was intercepted over Saudi Arabia early on Jun 5, this time over the city of Yanbu, which is 150nm north of Jeddah, and 550nm north of the border with Yemen, making this one of the **farthest missile strikes** launched by the Houthi rebels so far.

RCSS/Taipei Due to runway repairs, Taipei's **second airport** will effectively be closed nightly between 2240-0630 local time from Jun 20 to Sep 15.

WSSL/Seletar The Trump-Kim meeting is planned for Jun 12 in Singapore. From 07-23 local time Jun 12 and 07-19 local time Jun 13, **Seletar Airport will be closed**.

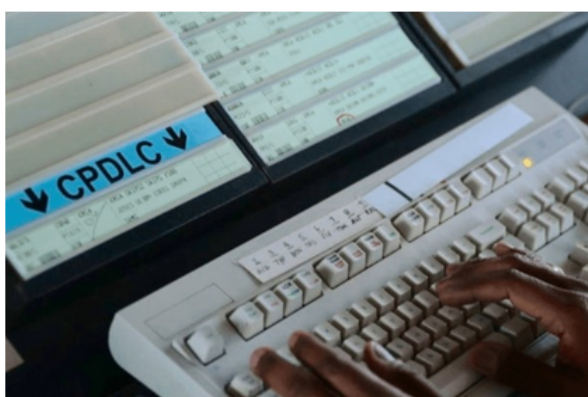
LGAV/Athens For July and August, **PPR will be required for GA/BA** aircraft wanting to park for more than 3 hours. But depending on the volume of traffic in the coming days, they may decide to implement this rule sooner.

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23MAY: Bad Notams at Hamburg, NAT CPDLC procedure starts tomorrow, FSB's new Daily

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New procedure on the NAT starts tomorrow



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KZZZ/USA Since May 3, all aircraft entering New York Oceanic (KZWY) and those departing Bermuda have been required to use a mach number instead of knots when filing their flight plans. The FAA has reported a low level of compliance since the Notam was issued.

EDDH/Hamburg In the last few days, both an A320 and a B737 have overrun Runway 05 at Hamburg. It's shortened, but clearly that information is not being effectively received by flight crews. The most recent incident occurred on May 15. [More info here](#).

LLBG/Tel Aviv In addition to the [standard daily restrictions on GA ops](#), on May 24 there will be no GA ops allowed from 04-12z.

EHRD/Rotterdam The runway will be closed for repair overnight from 22-04z on June 4, 11, 18 and 25.

WIZZ/Indonesia The Mount Merapi volcano in central Java erupted again on May 20, but the ash cloud has since dissipated, and operations at nearby WAAH/Yogyakarta Airport have not been affected.

LIML/Milan Expect delays on May 26 at both LIML/Milan-Linate and LIMC/Milan-Malpensa airports, as some ground handling staff will be on strike all day.

SBBR/Brasilia Fuel may not be available at the moment, due to ongoing tanker driver strikes. A Notam claims fuel is available on request until May 25, but local reports indicate this may not be accurate.

LKMT/Ostrava The airport will be closed for runway maintenance on the evenings of May 23 (20-04z) and 24 (2130-3z).

KGYG/Gary The main Rwy 12/30 has reopened after a three-week closure to rebuild much of it.

EGGW/Luton Strike action by airport staff originally planned for May 25-30 now looks to have been cancelled. Some ground handling staff are still planning to strike on May 26-27, but the airport expects only minor delays on those days.

VTZZ/Thailand Reports of at least 20 bombings by militants across Thailand's southern provinces on May 20. Travel warnings are in place for the entire region from VTSS/Hat Yai and VTSH/Songkhla airports in the north, to the Malaysian border in the south.

SVZZ/Venezuela Deepening crisis in Venezuela. Both the public and private medical systems can now provide only basic medical care. [More info here](#).

OEGN/Jizan Another missile attack launched from Yemen on May 21, this time targeting OEGN/Jizan Airport. Saudi media reports that the missile was intercepted. This was the third attack by Houthi rebels since the start of Ramadan, which started last week.

VABB/Mumbai No ILS until Jun 5, due to repairs. The airport has said if the visibility drops below 2400 metres, ops will switch to the secondary Rwy 14, and if the visibility drops below 1200 metres (the minimum requirement for that runway) then the airport will have to be closed.

HLMS/Misrata The airport reopened on May 21, having been closed for 4 consecutive days, as ground staff went on strike after an attack by local militia at the customs office on May 16.

DNZZ/Nigeria With concerns about Ebola spreading from DR Congo, screening measures are now in place at all of Nigeria's international airports: DNMM/Lagos, DNAA/Abuja, DNKN/Kano, DNPO/Port Harcourt, and DNEN/Enugu. Suspected passengers will now be quarantined in isolation clinics at the airside of these airports.

LYTV/Tivat The airport now requires PPR 36 hours prior to your flight. Email dispatch.tivat@apm.co.me, or call at +38232670976 for approval.

ULLI/St.Petersburg There have been reports of unstable GPS near the airport (within 70NM), so be prepared for vectoring if you lose coverage.

LDPL/Pula From May 17 until June 17, PPR is required 48 hours in advance due to congestion. Email operations@airport-pula.hr and ppr@airport-pula.hr for your PPR and parking assignment.

SAZS/San Carlos De Bariloche The GA parking will be limited to 2 hour stays during May 17 - Aug 17. If you want overnight parking, contact them 24 hours prior at brc-facturacion@aa2000.com.ar, or +5402944405016.

FZZZ/Democratic Republic of Congo The Ebola outbreak in the DR Congo has spread from the countryside into a city, prompting fears that the disease will be increasingly hard to control. It's now reported in FZEA/Mbandaka.

SAZZ/Argentina From May 21, Argentina will be implementing an Air Traffic Flow Management service (ATFM) in its northern SAEZ/Ezeiza FIR. [More info here](#).

MNZZ/Nicaragua Canada is now advising against all nonessential travel to Nicaragua due to civil unrest, which has been occurring throughout the country since April 2018.

OBZZ/Bahrain With the blockade of Qatar still ongoing, Bahrain has published some required routes for aircraft transiting its FIR, as well as routes to/from Bahrain airports that avoid the Qatar landmass. Check the OBBS Notams for details.

SKZZ/Colombia Canada has updated its warning for Colombia, advising against all travel to within 20km of the borders with Venezuela and Panama due to the risk of kidnapping and violent crime by armed groups in those areas.

KZZZ/USA There are some Presidential TFR Notams in place for New York on May 23. Basically, no GA ops allowed at KJFK/Kennedy from 1845-2000 local time, and at KLGA/La Guardia from 1500-1930 local time.

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

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Saudi Arabia added to warning list



Is North Korea safe to overfly again?

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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 its 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.

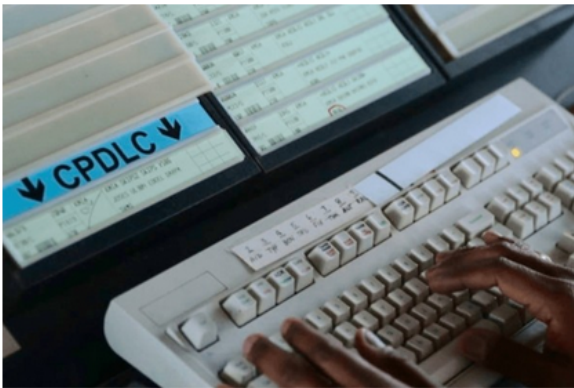
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03MAY: New NAT CPDLC procedure, Airlines still overflying Syria, ATC strikes in Italy & France

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New NAT CPDLC procedure coming soon



Which airlines are still flying over Syria?

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LFZZ/France Yet another French ATC strike is planned for the LFMM/Marseille sector this coming weekend – from the morning of Sat May 5 until the morning of Mon May 7. [More info here.](#)

LIZZ/Italy All airports in Italy and all ACC's are planning a strike for Tuesday May 8th, from 08-16Z. Overflights, and intercontinental flights (eg US arrivals) are exempt. [More info here.](#)

LFZZ/France Air France have cancelled 15 percent of its flights today, May 3, due to ongoing staff strikes. Paris airports worst affected.

KHPN/White Plains On Sat May 5, the airport will be running a full scale plane crash exercise from 11am-1pm, which will close the second runway 11/29 between those times.

KSAV/Savannah Flight operations have resumed following the C130 crash on a nearby highway on May 2, which killed all nine people on board.

FTTJ/N'Djamena No jet fuel available until May 10 at the earliest.

OSZZ/Syria Overnight missile attack on a number of military sites in northern Syria on Apr 30, most likely carried out by Israel. Eurocontrol NM has updated the Syria 'warning' notice to read: "Taking account of potential military activity and the possibility of intermittent disruption of radio navigation equipment, appropriate risk assessment needs to be undertaken when planning flight operations in the Eastern Mediterranean area". [More info here.](#)

KJFK/New York Following the delays and baggage chaos caused by the January storm, the airport is introducing new rules for flights during winter storms – airlines will now have to get permission to land before the flight leaves its origin; and all six terminals will have to share equipment, staff and gates.

KBZN/Bozeman Between now and May 19, the main runway will be closed, and the only available runway will be 11/29 – which is only 5050 feet long.

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia Once again increased missile activity in the southwest of Saudi, with 35 missile launches this year by rebels in Yemen, 14 of them in April. About the same amount as Aug 2016 and Dec 2015, but most are now being shot down by Saudi Patriot missiles; only 3 have struck Saudi soil this year. OERK/Riyadh continues to be on the radar for the Houthis. Of most concern, an F-15 was hit by a SAM over Yemen on 21 Mar, fired from OYSH airport. There is definitely a risk to operations in Saudi airspace, even outside the Scatana area. [More info here.](#)

WAMG/Gorontalo Operational again after a 2 day closure, B737 removed after overrun.

HKNW/Wilson Potholes on the taxiways and part of the runway at Wilson – Nairobi's second airport. A DHC-8 Dash 8 recently got stuck in the mud, trying to avoid them. [More info here.](#)

YSCB/Canberra Canberra will have CAT II ILS from July. Some WIP on lights and systems in the interim.

VOGO/Goa Runway repair work means the airport will be closed each day from 6.30am to 12.30pm local time, May 1-6.

UDYZ/Yerevan Significant nationwide protests. Some roads from airport blocked. Most major streets in Yerevan also blocked, after government opposition leader called for a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience.

EPKK/Krakow LOT Airlines unions have called off a strike that was planned to start on May 1st, after airline management won a court injunction, arguing that the strike action was illegal.

VTUU/Ubon Ratchathani Operational again after a fire on May 1st forced the airport to close.

CYYG/Charlottetown The main Rwy 03/21 will be closed for repair until Jul 28. The other Rwy 10/28 will remain open, but has no ILS, so the airport has warned more planes may have to be rerouted this summer in the event of adverse weather and poor visibility.

EDDL/Dusseldorf GA Flights after 1900 local time, or GA flights to/from Non-Schengen countries need a PPR. Arrange this 24 hours in advance with PPR.DUS@jetaviation.de.

EFJO/Joensuu No Jet A1 available over the weekend May 4-6.

KIMT/Iron Mountain Airport closed until May 6 for runway repair. But even after that, the main runway 01/19 will be closed until May 15. In the meantime, the other runway 13/31 will be open, but that's only 3800ft long.

VTSP/Phuket The airport is not accepting any new requests for flights until May 7. This is due to congestion caused by the runway being closed for repairs each night, meaning all the airlines are having

to reschedule their flights.

OYZZ/Yemen You might come across this nasty little Notam issued by Yemen, cunningly set to a “PERM” validity – OYSC A0026/17 – advising pilots that “Sanaa FIR and Yemeni Airports are safe”. This is clearly not true. [More info here.](#)

HDAM/Djibouti Multiple reports in the last few weeks of a high-powered laser light near the airport, centred near Doraleh Port. This is not your average handheld laser, but if local reports are true, it’s the Chinese testing its use as a weapon. There is a mil Notam about this also.

KLGB/Long Beach The main runway 12/30 will be closed for repair on Mon-Thur nights from 2200–1400 local time (yes, 16 hours) May 14-25. The other runway 07L/25R remains open.

SCZZ/Chile LATAM Airlines are expected to resume normal flight schedules from May 3 after cabin crew ended their 18-day strike.

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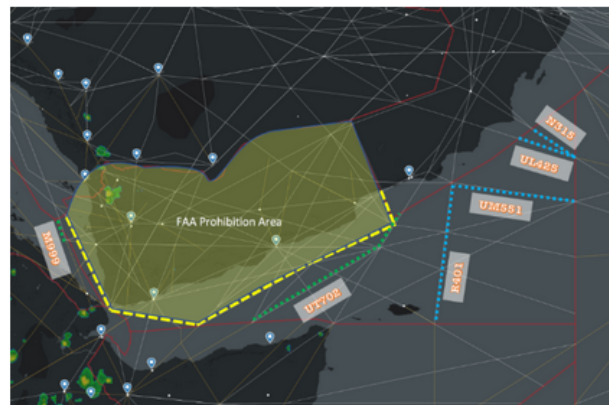
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LFMM/Marseille ATC strike



Saudi – Yemen Airspace Update

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EGGX/Shanwick Expect a new CPDLC procedure on the NAT sometime after May 24, designed to prevent pilots from acting on any old CPDLC messages that might have been delayed in the network. Aircraft will receive a message immediately after they enter each control area telling them to “SET MAX UPLINK DELAY VALUE” to a certain number of seconds. ICAO have published a new [NAT Ops Bulletin](#) with the details in full.

LIZZ/Italy Various aviation sector strikes planned for May 8. Some national ATC workers will be on strike from 8-16z, and some airport ground will go on strike at the following airports: LIML/Milan-Linate, LIMC/Milan-Malpensa, LIRP/Pisa, and LIRQ/Florence.

MTTP/Port-au-Prince On Apr 16, the US Embassy in Haiti issued a security alert warning of a rising number of violent armed robberies against US citizens after departing the airport.

HSZZ/South Sudan EASA has extended its warning for South Sudan to Oct 25. That includes the warnings issued by the US, UK, France and Germany, most of whom advise minimum FL260 for overflights. We think FL300 is more sensible. [More info here.](#)

KZZZ/USA Heavy traffic expected at KSDF/Louisville, KLOU/Bowman and KJVV/Clark County from May 2-6, for the Kentucky Derby on May 5. The FAA have published some [special procedures](#).

LFKF/Figari Possible delays with fuelling until the end of the month, due to some broken-down fuel trucks.

LIZZ/Italy From Apr 26 onwards, CPDLC is now available across all Italian airspace above FL285.

LFZZ/France More Air France strikes planned on May 3-4 and 7-8. Daily impact likely to be similar to

before – 30% of flights cancelled, with the Paris airports worst affected.

NWZZ/New Caledonia Around 20% of firefighters at the country's main international airport NWWW/Noumea have joined a strike by colleagues at the domestic airport NWWW/Magenta. So far no impact on international flights, although that could change if the strike persists.

DFFD/Ougadougou No jet fuel available until Apr 30.

MNZZ/Nicaragua Worsening violence over the past few days with riots resulting in 24 deaths. The US have warned access to MNMG/Managua Airport could be disrupted by the protests, and is now pulling out some of its embassy staff and advising against travel to the country.

ZKZZ/North Korea North Korean leader Jim Jong Un has said there will be no more intercontinental and medium-range missile tests, ahead of talks that are scheduled with South Korea in late April, and with the US in May. He said the country will now focus on economic development and peace talks instead.

LEZZ/Spain ATC strikes planned in the Barcelona ACC, which covers the eastern half of Spain and the Balearic Islands. No fixed dates yet, but if it goes ahead it would happen sometime after Jun 20, with each strike lasting 24hrs.

SCZZ/Chile LATAM has cancelled and rescheduled more flights through to May 2, due to the ongoing cabin crew strike. So far the airline has already had to cancel over 2000 flights because of the strike.

KZZZ/USA AOPA has published a list of the top 10 US airports where you're likely to get overcharged at FBO's: KACY/Atlantic City, KCPR/Casper, KCHO/Charlottesville, KMQS/Chester County, KHXD/Hilton Head, KIFP/Laughlin, KORF/Norfolk, KRST/Rochester, KBJC/Rocky Mountain, KISN/Sloulin Field. [Full details here.](#)

SMZZ/Suriname Ops normal with Suriname/Paramaribo ATC again as the system failure has been restored, the contingency plan cancelled, and Guyana are no longer providing ATS assistance.

HLLM/Mitiga On Apr 19, militants fired rockets at the airport yet again, this time causing damage to the airport building, parts of the apron tarmac, and a parked Libya Airlines A320 aircraft.

UIII/Irkutsk The airport will be closed for runway repairs each day Tue-Sat between 11-15z from May 5 – Jun 30. Not available as an alternate during these times.

WARR/Juanda The airport will be closed for everything except medevac helicopter ops, every night from 16-22z until Jul 3.

WSZZ/Singapore ASEAN Summit happening at the end of April. At WSSS/Singapore, no parking/slots available from Apr 23-30. At WSSL/Seletar, airport will be closed on Apr 27 0900-1400z, and Apr 28 0030-0730z.

VTSP/Phuket The airport will be closing from 1730-2330z each night from 26 Apr – 07 May, for runway repairs.

ORZZ/Iraq Following the Iraqi government's decision in March to re-open the Kurdish airports ORER/Erbil and ORSU/Sulaymaniyah to international flights, Iran has now lifted its own ban on international flights to these airports too. Commercial flights from OIIE/Tehran to ORER/Erbil are set to resume on Apr 27.

FEFF/Bangui The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) are now advising against travel to central Bangui between the airport and the Ubangi River – which is pretty much the entire riverside area of the city centre. The FCO advise against all travel to the rest of Bangui and the Central African Republic.

LLZZ/Israel Israel says its satellite surveillance has detected Iranian military activity at multiple airports across Syria. Israel has now placed its own military on high alert in anticipation of potential Iranian-linked

attacks, in retaliation for an Israeli attack on a military base in Syria on 9 April which killed at least three Iranian soldiers.

OPZZ/Pakistan All scheduled commercial flights will move over from OPRN/Benazir Bhutto International Airport to the New Islamabad Airport when it opens on May 3 (delayed from Apr 20). It will have the ICAO code OPIS, and will take over the IATA code ISB from Benazir Bhutto. Initially all GA/BA should continue to use the old airport, until procedures are in place for using the new one.

KZZZ/USA As Congress considers a new five-year FAA funding bill, GA advocates look to have fought-off attempts to privatize US ATC. [More info here.](#)

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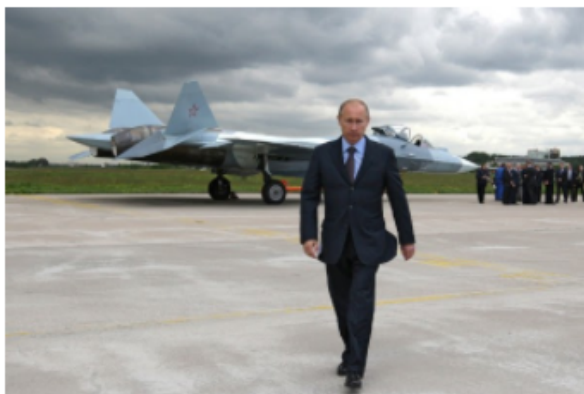
18APR: Expanded Syria airspace risk, Russia is not closing to US flights, Morocco's new Agadir ACC

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US updates its Syria airspace warning



Russia is not closing its airspace to American flights

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GMZZ/Morocco The new Agadir ACC is due to open on Apr 26. Within the GMMM/Casablanca FIR, the Agadir ACC will manage air traffic off the coast (a handful of airways linking Spain with the Canary Islands), whilst the old Casablanca ACC will continue to manage everything else across the rest of the country. The new AFTN code for Agadir ACC is GMACZQZX. More details will be published on the [Eurocontrol NOP Portal](#) by Apr 20. In the meantime, you can see the full AIRAC update [here](#).

OSZZ/Syria Reports of another missile strike over Syria on Apr 17 were denied by the Syrian military as a false alarm, but say their defence systems were triggered by an electronic attack on their radars by Israel and the US – both of whom deny the claim.

VTZZ/Thailand Most parts of northern and central Thailand, including Bangkok, will be affected by powerful tropical storms from Apr 17-19, marking the end of the Songkran holiday.

KCOS/Colorado Springs The airport has now re-opened, after a fire that broke out overnight on Apr 16 forced the main terminal to be closed and all commercial flights suspended.

HAAB/Addis Ababa Flights have resumed after a surprise ATC strike on the morning of Apr 17 brought airport activities to a virtual standstill for more than an hour. Unions have not ruled out further action if demands are not met.

HEZZ/Egypt As authorities continue to confront armed militants in North Sinai, the Nile Delta and the Western Desert, the state of emergency across the country has been extended for another three months – the fourth time since it was first declared last year.

AYZZ/Papua New Guinea The National Weather Service are currently on strike until Apr 25. METAR/TAF is still being provided at AYPY/Port Moresby, the country's main international airport. Other airports might not have any weather forecasts published.

AYBK/Buka Island Damage to the precision approach path indicator lights, blamed on vandalism. PAPI is now out of action until the end of May, and national carrier Air Niugini has suspended all flights at the airport until further notice.

GATB/Timbuktu Terrorist attack on the UN base near the airport on Apr 15, including a rocket and car bomb attack that left one UN peacekeeper dead, and over 20 others wounded. To operate to GATB, you need authorization from the Malian Air Force. Email them at panif.ccco@gmail.com, or phone +223 20221631.

ENTC/Tromso Airport's only runway will be closed overnight Sun-Fri 22-04Z due to construction from May 24-Sep 13. [Full details here.](#)

VNRB/Rajbiraj A new runway has been built, 1500 metres long and 30 metres wide, to replace the old grass runway – and the airport is now set to open to domestic traffic on May 1.

EGGX/Shanwick NAT has released a guidance document of Performance Based Separation Minima. There's nice information on specific requirements for airspaces. [Full details here.](#)

KGVT/Greenville The airport will close for runway repairs from Apr 28-30, and again from May 5-7. No NOTAM yet, so keep a watch out for changes.

PGUM/Agana A big TRA is active from Apr 15-22, which is centered on Anderson AFB, but does cover a lot of airspace north of PGUM airport, and extends from 2600-20000 feet. [Full details here.](#)

KBGR/Bangor All RVR at the airport will be out of service until Apr 20. During the same time, CAT II and III ILS won't be available on RWY 15.

NWWW/Noumea Airport is open, but backup power is out of service. Cannot be used as an alternate until Apr 20.

LCZZ/Cyprus Cyprus has restricted a section of airspace (LCD3&LCD4) just south of the island for the British Military. As of now, this area is reserved until May 12.

KZZZ/USA The FAA have issued a new Advisory with standardized guidance for operating at non-towered airports. [Full details here.](#)

ZUJZ/Jiuzhaigou The airport will reopen on Apr 18, after being closed since Aug 2017 due to a 7-magnitude earthquake in the nearby Jiuzhai Valley – a popular tourist destination in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

UUWW/Moscow A Moscow airspace closure SFC-FL100 means there will be no arrivals or departures allowed from any Moscow airports between 0740-0810z each day on Apr 16-19. Expect disruption before and after these times too. This closure is for rehearsals for the annual May 9 Victory Day parade and airshow.

WMKK/Kuala Lumpur Possible delays over the next couple of months due to reduced runway capacity. Every night from 17-22z until the end of Apr, the airport will be closing one of its three runways – a different one each night. Then from May 11 to June 7, one runway will be closed completely.

OYSN/Sana'a On Apr 12, Saudi warplanes bombed the airport in the Houthi-controlled Yemeni capital city, in response to Houthi rockets launched towards Saudi targets on Apr 11. Saudi Arabia had attacked Sanaa airport in Nov 2017, damaging its ground navigation tower and parts of its runway.

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11APR: EASA missile warning for European

SVZZ/Venezuela The Venezuelan Government has lifted the ban on flights to/from the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. However, a new diplomatic spat has started with Panama, with Venezuela banning

Copa Airlines, and Panama banning several Venezuelan airlines in retaliation. So far, no restrictions announced for GA/BA flights between the two countries.

YBCG/Gold Coast Whilst the Commonwealth Games are going on, there's an ADIZ 90NM around the airport that will remain in place until Apr 15, and authorities are asking operators not to plan YBCG as an alternate. [Full details here.](#)

LFZZ/France More Air France strikes planned on Apr 10-11, 17-18 and 23-24. So far with these strikes the impact each day seems to be fairly similar – around 30% of all Air France flights get cancelled, with the Paris airports particularly affected.

NZZZ/New Zealand New Zealand will be implementing PBN procedures across its airspace from Nov 2018. [Full details here.](#)

EZZZ/Europe Military exercise 'Frisian Flag' will be taking place from Apr 9-20, mainly over Dutch/German airspace just off the north coast of Germany. Low impact expected overall, as exercise areas have been capped to FL240.

SCZZ/Chile The LATAM Airlines cabin crew strike will go ahead, from Apr 10-13, affecting all domestic flights and international connections in Chile.

OLZZ/Lebanon Possible new airspace safety risk in the OLBA/Beirut FIR, after the Syrian and Russian governments claimed that on Apr 9, Israeli fighter jets launched airstrikes on a Syrian military base from over Lebanese airspace. Israel has not yet responded to the claim.

KSBA/Santa Barbara The airport will be closed nightly from 5z-13z between Apr 9-13 for runway work.

RPZZ/Philippines The Philippine island of Boracay will be completely closed to tourists for six months, starting on Apr 26, following concerns of environmental damage. The government will use this time to clean up the island. All domestic carriers have already cut flights to Boracay's nearest airport, RPVE/Caticlan.

ENBR/Bergen From May 22 to Jun 15, the airport will be closed to all traffic, including emergency divers, each night from 2215-0400z Sun-Fri.

OAZZ/Afghanistan All flights need to file flight plans in advance to OAKXZQZX, OAKBZQZX, and OAKKZQZX for any flight in the OAKX/Kabul FIR.

EDDH/Hamburg PPR required for all flights with ICAO Aerodrome code C-F, except commercial flights. Call +49 40 5075 1110 or email at vvd@ham.airport.de. Will be in effect until Jul 4.

ZLLL/Lanzhou Airport to close daily from 1750-2230z, from Apr 11 to Jul 10.

VTZZ/Thailand Public holiday across Thailand from Apr 13-15, for the annual Songkran celebrations. The CAA will remain open throughout for issuing permits, but all Thai airports will be busy – apply for parking asap.

FAZZ/South Africa From 9-13 Apr, if you have any problems with slots, the phone numbers to contact will be different than normal. Call the Central Airspace Management Unit +27102072787 or +27822541955.

KCNY/Moab After being closed for three months of construction work, the airport is on schedule to re-open on May 1. The terminal is being upgraded, and the runway is being strengthened and widened from 75ft to 100ft.

DNAS/Asaba The airport will be completely closed for repair, from Apr 9 to May 15.

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05APR: Breathalyzer tests at German ramp checks, Himalayan routings, Europe fixes its big slot computer

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Expect breathalyzer during German Ramp checks



L888 - The Silk Road Airway

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EZZZ/Europe Normal operation has resumed after a day of disruption on Apr 3, due to a fault with the system that allocates ATC slots to flights, and therefore manages the flow of traffic across Europe. The system is now back online and working properly again.

LFZZ/France The ATC strike in the LFMM/Marseille ACC is still currently planned to go ahead – from 04z on Apr 7 to 04z on April 9. As usual, it won't be known until the day how many controllers go on strike, but expect disruption.

LIZZ/Italy More strikes planned by ground staff at airports across the country on Apr 13. The airports expected to be worst affected are: LIMC/Milan-Linate, LIML/Pisa, and LIRQ/Florence.

UMKK/Kaliningrad Russian military exercises planned over parts of the Baltic Sea from Apr 3-7, with airspace warnings issued for 6-18z each day, SFC-FL590. Main area affected will be the UMKK/Kaliningrad FIR, where half the airways will be closed. Small bits of airspace in neighbouring FIR's will also be affected, and Notams have been issued by EVRR/Riga, EPWW/Warsaw and ESAA/Sweden FIR's to show where the danger areas are.

KSDM/San Diego CBP have reached an agreement with the city, so no longer plan to close Customs at the airport. GA operators can therefore continue to use SDM as a port of entry.

KIMT/Ford The airport will be completely closed for runway repairs, from Apr 30 to May 14.

EGPH/Edinburgh Due to ongoing construction work to expand the terminal, no GA overnight parking allowed until Jul 3. The Signature FBO has three stands available for quick turnarounds during the day, but landing slots will be limited if those stands are occupied.

WSSS/Singapore From Apr 23, 2018, departure clearance via datalink will become possible on certain airways: A457, B466, B469, M751, B470. Full details [here](#).

VCBI/Colombo The strike by airport employees has been called off late on Apr 3, avoiding an indefinite strike.

VHZZ/Hong Kong In 2017, airspace safety incidents in Hong Kong airspace rose to a six-year high, following the introduction of a controversial new air traffic management system in late 2016. In 2017, there were 17 'loss of separation' incidents – up from 10 in 2016 when the old system was still in use.

TTZZ/Trinidad and Tobago CPDLC outage has been extended until the end of June. All voice comms must be made via New York Radio. Aircraft are requested to log on to TTZP for ADS-C position reporting. Also, include the AFTN address KNYCZZZX when filing your flight plans.

EGZZ/UK London Terminal ATC will be switching from paper strips to manual strips (called EXCDS) from Apr 4. 20% reduction in traffic for the first 10 days, then 10% for the next 10. Some delays expected. More info at: <https://www.nats.aero/excdfs/>

YZZZ/Australia Tropical Storm Iris is sitting off Queensland, forecasters uncertain as to tracking but warnings issued for Whitsunday Islands area. Max winds 40G55kts at 1800Z on Apr 5.

NFZZ/Fiji Heavy flooding on Apr 1, after Tropical Cyclone Josie passed by to the southeast of the island. The northern towns of Nadi and Ba are worst affected, where the floods killed four people. Many roads remain closed, although water levels have receded. Both NFFN/Nadi and NFNA/Nausori remain open and operational.

LFZZ/France More Air France strikes planned on Apr 7, 10 and 11. Impact likely to be similar to the ones held in March, which saw around 30% of Air France flights cancelled, with the Paris airports particularly affected.

HEZZ/Egypt The FAA has extended its airspace warning for the Sinai Peninsula by another year, due to continuing concern for flight safety. The updated Notam says US carriers should avoid overflying the Sinai Peninsula below FL260, and if planning to do so must provide 3 days notice to the FAA. More at: <http://safeairspace.net/information/egypt/>

VABB/Mumbai Expect disruption on Apr 9 & 10, when the airport will be closed each day from 0530-1130z (1100-1700 local time) for scheduled runway maintenance ahead of the monsoon season, which spans from May to September.

ESZZ/Sweden Sweden introduced a new passenger tax on Apr 1, for commercial flights departing Swedish airports on aircraft with more than 10 seats. For flights to European countries, the tax rate will be 60 SEK per passenger (\$7.50), and for pretty much all other destinations it will be 250 SEK per passenger (\$31.50). Foreign airlines and charter operators flying to Sweden must now apply for a Swedish company registration number, and register for aviation tax as soon as possible.

HLMS/Misurata On Apr 1, the airport briefly suspended operations and redirected flights to HLLM/Mitiga, when an armed group entered the airport, demanding the release of two members of a local militia.

OTZZ/Qatar The UAE has filed another formal complaint with ICAO, claiming that on Mar 26, Qatari fighter jets once again flew dangerously close to an Emirates scheduled passenger aircraft over Bahrain. Qatar deny the claim, calling it an attempt to cover-up previous violations by UAE military aircraft of Qatari airspace.

LDZA/Zagreb The airport's only runway will be closed to all traffic, including emergency divers, each night from Apr 4 to May 31. The closure times will be 2035-0435z, except on Mon & Fri when it will be 2200-0435z.

LDRI/Rijeka The airport will move to H24 ops starting Apr 4, to compensate for the nightly closure of LDZA/Zagreb.

EGFF/Cardiff The airport is closed nightly Apr 5-7 from 2200-0500z, but you can get PPR either side of that closure, between 2200-2320z and 0400-0500z.

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23MAR: Unsafe Airspace updates, Fixing

Notams NOW, new Greek rules

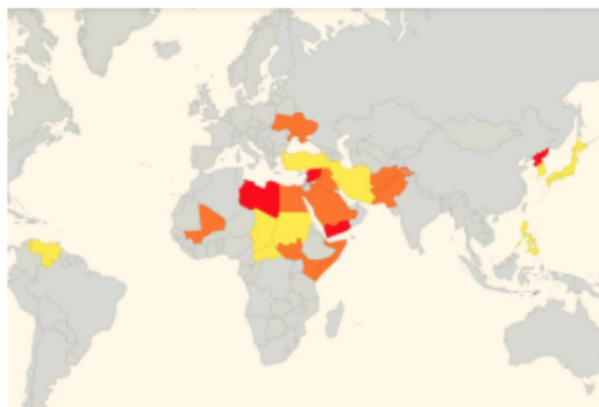
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Notams: We've started work



Updated airspace warnings effective March 20th

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LGZZ/Greece A new rule is set to be introduced on Apr 1 for charter flights to Greece on non EU-registered aircraft with up to 19 seats. In addition to having to obtain the standard landing permit, as well as the TCO approval from EASA, you will now need to apply for an annual **"Operating License" from the Greek CAA** too.

LCZZ/Cyprus Many recent reports of **GPS and ADS-B outages** in the airspace around the boundary between the LCCC/Nicosia and LLLL/Tel Aviv FIRs, in some cases lasting up to 30 minutes. Some aircraft only reported signal anomalies once ATC advised them they were off track. If you're headed this way - be aware.

ORZZ/Iraq The Iraqi Prime Minister has **lifted the government ban** on international flights to the Kurdish airports ORER/Erbil and ORSU/Sulaymaniyah. The central government will take full control of the airports and start allowing international flights to resume in the coming days. Both Iran and Turkey still have Notams in place prohibiting flights to these airports from using their airspace - we expect these to be updated soon to reflect the lifting of the ban.

YZZZ/Australia Cyclone Marcus hit Darwin on Mar 17 with winds of over 130kmh, causing widespread damage and temporarily forcing YPDN/Darwin Airport to close. The cyclone has since moved out into the

ocean off the coast of Western Australia, increasing in strength, with winds of up to 230kmh. It's forecast to slowly move southwards, potentially affecting Perth around Mar 26.

OOMS/Muscat The airport's **new terminal** opened on Mar 20, and all traffic must now go there instead of the old terminal which is now closed – although at some point it will be redeveloped to be used by low-cost carriers.

KZZZ/USA As advised by FDC NOTAM 6/7196, from Mar 29 onwards, pilots operating in the **Washington DC Flight Restricted Zone** (DC FRZ) must now file flight plans through the FAA's Washington Center Flight Data Unit (FDU), instead of filing a flight plan with the Washington Hub Automated Flight Service Station (Leidos AFSS), by calling 703-771-3476. This new requirement applies to flights to/from all airports in the FRZ, including KDCA/Washington.

OMZZ/UAE Long delays expected at all major UAE airports on the weekend of Mar 24-25, due to **spring break holidays**.

VOCL/Calicut The airport is about to start their **big runway resurfacing project**, which will close the runway each day between 0630-1430z from Mar 25 to Jun 15.

SAZZ/Argentina The Argentinian airline Aerolineas has suspended ticket sales to all of their destinations until Mar 25. They say multiple aircraft were recently damaged by hail in SABA/Buenos Aires, **during a storm**, which means they now need to reprogram their schedule until the aircraft get fixed.

KGYG/Gary The airport's long runway (**RWY 12/30**) **will be completely closed** for repair from Apr 20 to May 21. The short runway (RWY 02/20) will remain open throughout, but it's only 3600ft long. Gary supplements Chicago's major airports, KORD/O'Hare and KMDW/Midway – so expect those two airports to be busier than usual during this period.

ZSZZ/China There are **four airways over the Himalayas** (L888, Y1, Y2, Y3) which the Chinese authorities will only let you use if you have ADS, CPDLC and satellite voice communication, and operators need to verify their equipment with them at least 60 days in advance! So they recommend that only regular scheduled flights apply to use these airways.

FACT/Cape Town It's not showing up on the Notams yet, but all fuel suppliers at the airport are reporting that there's currently **no Jet A1 available** until further notice.

VCRI/Mattala At what has been dubbed "**the world's emptiest international airport**" and a failed vanity project by Sri Lanka's ex-president, there have been recent reports of herds of elephants, buffaloes and deer regularly invading the airfield from a nearby wildlife reserve.

FAOR/Johannesburg GA/BA crew and pax not wanting to have to go through the main terminal to clear customs and immigration can now do this instead at the airport's **dedicated GA/BA FBO** – Firebird Aviation.

TAPH/Barbuda The airport **re-opened to commercial flights** on Mar 18, having been closed since Sep 2017 following extensive damage sustained during Hurricane Irma.

EGGW/Luton A **new noise curfew** is being introduced, so from Jun 1 to Sep 30, arrivals/departures will be prohibited between 22-06z each night. Also between these dates, non-emergency diversions will be completely prohibited for the entire period, day and night.

GUZZ/Guinea More **protests are planned in Conakry**, including: a 'dead city' protest on Mar 20, and a rally along the Fidel Castro Highway on Mar 22. Following disputed elections held on Feb 4, there have been many sporadic demonstrations across the country, with reports of violent clashes, including some fatalities, in the northern suburbs of Conakry.

MKZZ/Jamaica Yet another '**state of emergency**' has been declared in Jamaica, this time around the Spanish Town area. It's set to last until Apr 4. A major security operation is now underway, in response to recent violence including shooting incidents. Travellers are being told to avoid the area.

RPZZ/Philippines Expect disruption to travel and business activity from Mar 25 to Apr 1 during a week of public holiday known as '**Holy Week**'. Make sure all hotels and local travel is booked in advance, and expect most government offices, banks and private companies to remain closed or to operate reduced hours.

ZSAM/Xiamen The airport will be **closed** from 1830-2130z every Sunday and Thursday from Mar 18 to Jun 7.

PGUM/Guam The FAA is initiating a **TFR from Mar 18 - Mar 25**, and one border runs parallel with the runways at PGUM. The TFR extends up to FL200, just north of the airport.

HAAB/Addis Ababa A **fuel shortage** is expected beginning Mar 19, due to protests by the delivery truck drivers.

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01MAR: Kenya airspace risk, Curacao rejecting overflights

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US changes boundaries of Kenya airspace warning



Curacao now denying overflights if not prepaid

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EZZZ/Europe Expect travel disruption across Europe until at least Mar 2, due to a plume of cold air blowing east from Russia. France, Ireland, Italy and the UK have been particularly affected. The Siberian weather system has brought sub-zero temperatures and heavy snow and ice – impacting air, rail and road transport.

GAZZ/Mali The U.S. have extended their Mali airspace warning to the end of Feb 2019 – avoid flying over or into Mali below FL260. If you plan to do so, notify the FAA 3 days in advance.

VTSG/Krabi Expect delays until the end of March, as they'll be working to repair some cracks and holes on the runway caused by recent flooding. Don't expect to be given permission to park for more than a few hours, as priority is being given to scheduled flights.

LPАЗ/Santa Maria There will be no airport METAR/TAF provided between 01-07z each night until the end of March, due to staff shortage at the Santa Maria CMA MET service.

HAZZ/Ethiopia There is still an issue with traffic entering the HAAA FIR at waypoints MANDA (on the boundary between Eritrea and Djibouti) and PARIM (on the boundary between Yemen and Djibouti). Addis ATC controls Djibouti's airspace here, and they say they do not recognise airway W180, and that UA451 is

closed within Ethiopian airspace. So don't use those routes, as ATC won't accept any traffic due to safety concerns.

EHZZ/Netherlands A reminder that all CPDLC-equipped aircraft which enter Maastricht Upper Area Control Centre (MUAC) airspace must log on to EDYY as a secondary means of communication. That means anywhere above FL245 in the EBBU/Brussels UIR, EDVV/Hanover UIR, or EHAA/Amsterdam FIR. Aside from it being mandatory, if you're equipped and logged-on, you'll probably get a slightly better service in terms of requested levels/directs. If you want to chat with them about this, you can email muac.datalink@eurocontrol.int

VRMM/Malé The airport will continue to be closed overnight from 19-01z until Sep 30, for runway renovation that has been taking place since 2016.

LTFJ/Istanbul The airport will continue to be closed for repair overnight until the end of Oct. Slightly different times depending on the day of the week – more or less 2200-0330z. The other airport in Istanbul is LTBA – that remains open overnight, but expect it to be busy.

LFPG/Paris Charles de Gaulle The Runway Status Light System, with Take-off Hold Lights (THL) and Runway Entrance Lights (REL), is now operational. Pilots should remain clear of the runway when a REL on a runway access is illuminated red, and they should not take-off when a THL in front of them is illuminated red.

VIZZ/India Since India has introduced e-visas, they have stopped issuing visas on arrival. Crew must apply for the 'e-Business Visa', and passengers must apply for the 'e-Tourist Visa', on the government website: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>

VOGO/Goa Very busy until mid-May, when the winter season ends. Until then, there's no overnight parking available for BA/GA flights. Drop-and-go's are ok, but you need to get approval from the airport at least 48hrs in advance. Additionally, the airport is closed to all civil aviation from 03-07z & 10-11z Mon-Fri.

AYZZ/Papua New Guinea A 7.6 magnitude earthquake hit central Papua New Guinea on Feb 25. The extent of the damage is not yet clear, but regional AYXM/Komo Airport is now closed as half of the airfield has been destroyed. The earthquake did not affect the capital, Port Moresby, where the country's main international airport (AYPY) is open and operating as normal.

UTAV/Turkmenabat A new international airport has opened at Turkmenabat city, with a 3800 meter long runway. Foreign aircraft need special permission to operate there though, and it can't be used as an alternate.

HEAX/Alexandria Until at least the end of May 2018, no more international flights are allowed – the airport is for domestic and Egyptian military use only.

DNAK/Akure Cows on the runway is now almost a daily occurrence! The airport has no perimeter fence, so wandering herdsmen and their cattle have had unhindered access to the airport, and the authorities have so far been reluctant to tackle this problem as they are eager to avoid conflict with the herdsmen!

ZYHB/Harbin Overnight parking not available for GA/BA aircraft until May 23, due to stand shortage.

EIDW/Dublin The longer runway (10/28) will continue to be closed each night from 21-05z on an ad-hoc basis until April. During these times, the shorter runway (16/34) will be open, but they'll use 16 for both take-offs and landings – the LDA will be 1692m, and temporary runway end lights will be installed.

LEIB/Ibiza If you have to park on the commercial apron, there's a max limit of 3hrs for GA/BA aircraft between Mar 5-24.

WIZZ/Indonesia Poor visibility expected over the next few weeks across the Sumatra and Kalimantan (the

main two big islands in Indonesia) due to seasonal haze caused by land and forest fires. In recent years, this has led to flight cancellations at airports across the region.

LIBD/Bari The airport will be completely closed from Feb 28 until Mar 9 for runway maintenance. During the closure, the majority of flights serving Bari will be redirected to LIBR/Brindisi Airport, around 80 miles (130km) to the south-east.

NFTF/Tonga Cyclone Gita caused serious damage to Tonga, it's been recommended that travel there is avoided. There's an ongoing curfew from 20-08 local time in the central business district of the capital Nuku'alofa, which has been extended until Mar 5. In addition, a nationwide state of emergency is in place until 12 March to aid ongoing relief and reconstruction efforts.

EDZZ/Germany Sectors of airspace over southern Germany are ahead of schedule with plans to bring in Free Route Airspace (FRA). With effect from 1st March 2018, FRA will be implemented in the EDUU/Karlsruhe UAC, EDWW/Bremen ACC, and EDMM/Munich ACC above FL245.

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia New rules coming in for foreign-registered aircraft based in the country. You'll now need to register under a commercial Aircraft Operators Certificate if you want to do charter flights, or an Operator Certificate for private flights. Aircraft which do not join an AOC or OC by 1st March 2018 will not have their Saudi annual landing permits renewed, and will effectively be grounded.

HLLS/Sabha The airport has been closed since 2014 due to fighting in the area. A new Notam has been issued which officially extends the closure period to May 15, as talks continue between the authorities and local groups to find a way to re-open the airport.

WARR/Juanda The airport will be closed for everything except medevac helicopter ops, every night from 16-22z until Apr 3.

LFMH/St Etienne The de-icing equipment at the airport is out of service, so no deicing available until Mar 11.

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16FEB: Tonga Cyclone, Australia does RNP2, NAT PBCS change, are you an ATCO?

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Tonga battered by Cyclone Gita



Australia: we do RNP2

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EGGX/Shanwick When PBCS is implemented in the NAT HLA on Mar 29, we previously thought you would need to be compliant if you wanted to operate on any of the daily tracks between FL350-390. But in fact, there will only be a maximum of three daily PBCS-mandated tracks to start with. These will likely be the same tracks as we currently see being assigned as 'half-tracks' each day. Full details [here](#).

VOTV/Trivandrum Shortage of parking bays expected until mid-May. All non-scheduled flights intending to park overnight need to make sure they get permission at least 24hrs in advance from the airport authority.

MRLB/Liberia Overnight stay for General aviation not allowed from Feb 15-17, and again Mar 21-22.

HLLM/Mitiga Yet another closure on Feb 13 related to ongoing clashes between local militia. This time, reports say a mortar shell fell near the airport, and the ATC tower was evacuated, forcing flights to divert to HLMS/Misrata. The airport has since reopened, but our advice remains the same: avoid. More info [here](#).

WIZZ/Indonesia You now need ADS-B in Indonesian airspace (WIIF/Jakarta and WAAF/Udang Pandang FIR's) if you want to fly above FL290.

MBPV/Providenciales The airport will be closed for a full scale emergency exercise on Feb 26 between 01-04z. Only emergency divers accepted during those times.

VCZZ/Sri Lanka PBCS is also being introduced in Sri Lankan airspace too. So from Mar 29 onwards, reduced longitudinal separation minima of 50NM may be applied for RNP10-approved aircraft on ATS routes which either log on to CPDLC or are within VHF radio range as the primary means of

communication. For everyone else, it'll be 80NM (or 10 minutes).

EGKK/Gatwick It's been temporarily removed from the Notams, but expect it to re-appear soon... the main runway (08R/26L) will be closed every night from 2230-0600z until the end of Feb. During that time, the northern runway (08L/26R) will be open – the one that normally gets used as a taxiway. There's no ILS on this runway, so approaches must be DME/RNAV.

BGZZ/Greenland The BGGL/Sondrestrom FIR is changing its name to the 'Nuuk' FIR, effective Mar 1. So "Nuuk Information" is the new identification/radio callsign for the aeronautical station serving the Flight Information Centre in Greenland (whereas "Nuuk AFIS" will still get you through to the aerodrome flight information service at BGGH/Nuuk Airport).

VTBS/Bangkok Worsening air pollution in Bangkok and surrounding areas over the past week means levels are now considered 'unsafe' – according to criteria set by the World Health Organisation. There's no significant rainfall forecast until next week, so not much chance of the situation improving until then.

VICG/Chandigarh Airport will be completely closed until Feb 26, to allow for work to be completed extending the runway from 9000ft to 10200ft.

YZZZ/Australia RNP10 is supported in Australia, although RNP4 is preferred. Now they're introducing RNP2 for en-route and RNP1 for terminal operations. It's not mandatory for foreign operators, but if you want to benefit from these routes and procedures (and can't get RNP1/RNP2 approvals from your country of registry), you can notify CASA of your intent to use RNAV1/RNAV2 instead. To do that, email them at international_ops@casa.gov.au and ask for Form 0667.

FKKD/Doula Their fuel hydrant is broken, so priority for refuelling is being given to scheduled ops. It's not expected to be fixed until May, so expect delays until then.

DGAA/Accra Lots of building work going on at the airport at the moment. Until Mar 12, the stands are now only available for aircraft doing quick turnarounds. For longer stays you can still park-up on remote stands, but maximum ground time is now 3 days without special approval from the airport authorities.

LGKO/Kos Major overhaul of the airport has begun. The runway will have a reduced LDA of 1200m until Mar 3, and will then be closed completely from Mar 3-19.

WAZZ/Indonesia Bali's Mount Agung erupted again on Feb 13, just one day after authorities lowered the alert status for volcano. Ash cloud reported in the vicinity, but only up to FL150. This latest eruption caused no disruption at either WADD/Bali or WADL/Lombok airports, which have remained open since Dec 1, when volcanic ash emissions from Mount Agung reduced.

KBZN/Yellowstone A correction to the info in weeks Bulletin (as spotted by an Opsgroup member!) – although the main runway (12/30) will be closed for maintenance each day from Apr 30 to May 19 between 1230-2300 local time (1830-0500z), the next longest runway (11/29) will still be open throughout – and at 5050ft that should be long enough for most corporate aircraft.

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**The latest on the 2018 NAT
Changes**



**Dangerous airspace in the
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VGZZ/Bangladesh has decided to establish an ADIZ over the entire country, including a massive chunk of airspace off their south coastline that actually extends over much of the adjoining Indian VECF/Kolkata FIR. Aircraft intending to fly into, through, or within this new Bangladesh ADIZ must now obtain an ADC (Air Defence Clearance) number beforehand - they will send it to you by AFTN, after you file your flight plan. Make sure you write it down, as they will ask you for it on HF before you enter their airspace. If you don't have AFTN access, you can get the number by calling +880 2 8901081 or emailing adnc@baf.mil.bd. There are a bunch of airways over the ocean (P646, N895, M770, L524 AND W112) where you won't have to get this ADC number, unless you deviate towards the landmass of Bangladesh. Read the full AIC here: <http://www.caab.gov.bd/aip/sup/aipsup01-18.pdf>

VABB/Mumbai Ongoing runway maintenance until Feb 17. The main runway will be closed daily from 0430-1130z, except Wednesdays. The second runway will be open during this time, but expect delays due to volume of traffic.

MKZZ/Jamaica The state of emergency that was declared for parts of St James (which includes Montego Bay) has been extended to May 2. A major military operation is now underway, in response to recent violence including shooting incidents. Travellers are no longer being told to completely avoid the area, but just to limit their movements outside of resorts, and take particular care if travelling at night.

BKZZ/Kosovo Following reports revealing multiple breaches of security protocols, NATO peacekeeping troops have taken back control of the Air Traffic Tower of Kosovo's International Airport, ten years after transferring competencies to local authorities. Last year, the airport officials tested security – an armed man was able to reach a plane, someone else smuggled a suitcase bomb on board, and another individual was able to reach the radar room.

LLBG/Tel Aviv Syrian dictator Bashar Assad has threatened to fire missiles at LLBG airport if Israel carries out any further attacks on Syrian soil. Israel has struck both Syrian government and Hezbollah targets in Syria on numerous occasions recently, in an attempt to prevent the government from obtaining weapons from Iran and then passing them on to Hezbollah.

KZZZ/USA Flights across the south-western U.S. may get delayed over the next few weeks due to the massive annual 'Red Flag' military exercise that's going on out of Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. Navigation systems may be disrupted or jammed completely – at any altitude. The Las Vegas area will see most of the direct impact from the exercises, with some flights potentially being re-routed away from KLAS airport due to increased flight traffic in the area. Expect delays across the region of 30 minutes or more during peak exercise hours, and particularly on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The war games should be finished by Feb 16.

OYZZ/Yemen Heavy fighting has intensified in Aden over recent days, forcing OYAA/Aden Airport to close for three days, as separatist forces seized government buildings in what Yemen's prime minister called an attempted coup. The airport has since reopened, on Feb 1. The southern city has served as the government's de facto capital since 2014, when the Houthi rebels seized control of Sanaa in their fight against the state. OYSN/Sanaa airport is still controlled by Houthis, so that will remain closed to all flights for the foreseeable future.

CYZZ/Canada A strong winter storm is affecting flights across eastern Canada. On Jan 31, cancellations continue for a second day in a row at CYHZ/Halifax airport, where over 20cm of snow fell overnight. Schools, roads, businesses and government offices are closed across the region. Expect travel disruption over the next few days.

OJAM/Amman The city's second airport (OJAI is the main one) will now only be available to aircraft below a MTOW of 25,000 kg. (And remember, it will be closed to everything except emergency and VIP flights each day from 09-15z until Feb 16.)

SKZZ/Columbia A temporary ceasefire between the Colombian Government and the National Liberation Army (ELN) ended on Jan 8. The ELN has since renewed its attacks on the Colombian state. There were a series of bombings over the 27-28 Jan weekend in Barranquilla, which resulted in multiple deaths and injuries. The U.S. government has warned against travel to several departments throughout the country due to crime and terrorism.

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia On Jan 30, Houthi rebels in Yemen claimed they had launched a long-range ballistic missile at OERK/Riyadh Airport. So far there has been no corroborating evidence for this – there were no reported disruptions at the airport or any reports of a missile impact near Riyadh. But at least 3 other missiles are reported to have been intercepted by the Saudi air defence system so far in 2018 – none have resulted in casualties, but operators should consider carefully operations to Saudi Arabia.

RCZZ/Taiwan Some Chinese airlines have been forced to cancel hundreds of flights to Taiwan that were originally scheduled for the upcoming Lunar New Year holiday, after Taiwanese authorities refused to approve the flights. This is the latest in an ongoing airspace row between the two countries, after China opened up an airway close to the FIR boundary earlier this month – without consulting Taiwan.

RKZZ/South Korea The 2018 Winter Olympics will be taking place from Feb 9-25, in a remote area of northeastern South Korea, some distance from airports in the Seoul area. RKNY/Yangyang Airport is right next door to the venue: it's an AOE, it will be open 24hrs during the event, but GA/BA flights will be limited to a maximum of 2hrs on the ground. Best bet will be to drop-and-go, and reposition to either RKSS/Seoul or RKSI/Incheon for parking – those two airports should both have capacity, although RKSS is probably the better option, as overnight parking is more limited at RKSI with only three spots currently available for GA aircraft.

GOZZ/Senegal For flights to Dakar, from now on you'll have to use the new international airport they've recently opened 50km outside the city, called GOBD/Blaise Diagne International Airport. The old airport (GOOY/Dakar) is now just for military use only.

OIZZ/Iran A snowstorm has blanketed much of western and northern Iran, causing power outages and road closures. OIIE/Tehran airport was closed on Jan 28 as the runways had to be dug out from under 70 centimetres of snow, and OIII/Mehrabad was also temporarily closed. All airports have since re-opened, but expect travel disruption across the region over the next few days.

OTZZ/Qatar UAE military aircraft will now start flying alternative routes over Saudi Arabia in an effort to avoid contact with Qatari fighter jets which intercepted two passenger planes earlier this month. A spokesman from the UAE airforce has said: "We have directives from our leadership not to escalate the situation in response to the Qatari provocation in order to maintain regional peace and stability and ensure the safety of the international air navigation and lives of passengers and air crews."

OAZZ/Afghanistan There has been a marked surge of violence in Kabul with four major attacks in just over a week: an ambulance bomb, an attack on a military academy, an aid agency and a hotel. Don't consider landing or diverting anywhere in Afghanistan – nowhere is safe. Overflight advice averages out at a minimum FL250, though as with other mountainous countries we think FL320 is a better starting point.

SASA/Salta Argentina's main airport for visitors to the Andes, will be completely closed to everything except helicopter ops from Apr 15 to May 5 for runway repairs. During this time, flights will be diverted to SASJ/Jujuy instead.

RPZZ/Philippines After being temporarily closed due to eruptions from the nearby Mayon Volcano, RPLP/Legazpi airport has now reopened to commercial flights: VMC only, from 2130-1330z. Although there have been fewer reports of ash clouds in the vicinity at the higher flight levels, the volcano is still very much 'active', and more explosive eruptions are possible. RPLL/Manilla airport has implemented a five minute restriction for aircraft departing the airport on certain airways, due to the ongoing volcanic activity.

ZBAA/Beijing For charter flights, ZBAA airport authorities have said they will not accept any new requests between now and Mar 31, at the earliest. No official document has been published on this, and the authorities have said it will not be published on the Notams either. For GA flights, the same rules apply as usual: maximum 24hrs parking, no ops allowed from 23-01z, and an aircraft cannot have two peak hour slots between 01-14z during one day. Many operators choose to go to ZBTJ/Tianjin instead, or ferry there for parking.

KJFK/New York The airport authority has confirmed it will set up an emergency ops centre, so that during future severe weather events the 6 privately owned terminals can all assist one another when gates are scarce. There was no such coordination during the winter storm earlier this month, which resulted in total gridlock at the gates and some aircraft being stuck on the ramp for hours.

GBYD/Banjul Gambia's Tourism and Culture Minister has spoken out about "rampant corruption" at Banjul airport, with customs officers reported to be regularly stealing phones and money from some passengers arriving from abroad. The problem has apparently gotten so bad that many Gambian citizens who are resident abroad now choose to fly to Dakar in Senegal instead, when making trips back home.

UUZZ/Russia Russia's Federal Tourism Agency has reported that hotels in the 11 host cities for the upcoming 2018 FIFA World Cup are hiking their prices ahead of the tournament. Some hotels, even those with zero stars, have raised prices by more than 5,000 percent during the tournament, which will be taking place from June 14 to July 15. Russian authorities are also warning travellers to watch out for fake ATM's - only ones connected to banks should be used. Russia is expecting at least 1.5 million travellers to visit the country during the World Cup.

KMSP/Minneapolis There's a Super Bowl TFR Notam in place from 2130z Feb 4 - 0600z Feb 5. GA/BA that intend to operate into or out of the 10nm circle around the stadium must use either KMSP/Minneapolis or KTSP/St Paul airports, and have to register with the TSA by 0200Z on Feb 02 at the latest. Do that by calling 612-486-5453. Unless you're going for the game, best avoid the area completely during this period. Parking and services at the airports in the area will be challenging because of the amount of traffic expected. Full details of the TFR are here: http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_8_2612.html

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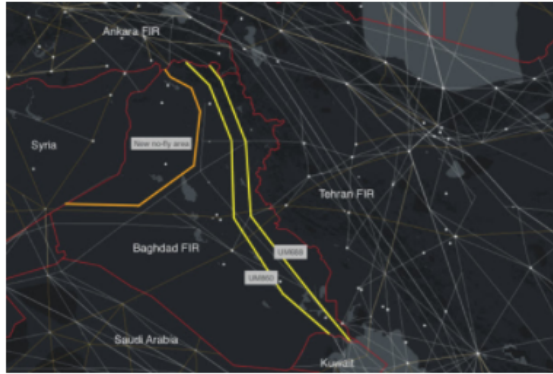
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That MMEL thing: here's an update



Western countries lift bans on Iraq airspace

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LFZZ/France The French ATC strike has been cancelled. It was planned to take place in the Marseille ACC (LFMM) from Jan 18-21, but was averted at the last minute as unions reached an agreement. ATC services will now be provided as per normal.

LTCG/Trabzon The airport has closed to all flights until Jan 19, as they work to remove the stranded Pegasus B737 that skidded off the runway on Jan 14 and came to a stop on a muddy cliff, with its nose almost in the sea.

OTZZ/Qatar The UAE allege that on Jan 15, Qatari fighter jets intercepted an Emirates aircraft in international waters just north of the tip of Qatar. Qatar denies the claim. Following the incident, the UAE CAA published a safety alert, warning about “unannounced and hazardous military activities within Bahrain FIR in airways UP699 and P699”, which they consider to be “a potential hazard to the safety of flight.” Qatar have filed a complaint of their own with the UN, claiming that UAE military aircraft have repeatedly violated their airspace during the ongoing diplomatic crisis between the Gulf states. All this complaining on both sides is much more likely to be political wrangling, rather than any kind of genuine airspace safety issue. [\[Full story\]](#)

FIMP/Mauritius and **FMEE/Reunion** have both escaped a direct hit by tropical cyclone ‘Berguita’, which is passing just south of the islands as it continues to track south-westwards. FIMP reopened on Jan 18, and Reunion is set to open on Jan 19 at 0400Z.

EZZZ/Europe Last year, EASA began requiring all aircraft transiting European airspace to have an approved Minimum Equipment List (MEL) for each individual aircraft. An MEL that references the MMEL was not acceptable. EASA follows ICAO guidelines, and ICAO does not recognise MMEL as MEL. Now a joint

EASA/FAA workgroup has been established, to try to sort out this mess. It looks like the FAA will soon issue a notice requiring international operators to obtain new D195 LOA's, and EASA will halt any findings for a period of 12 months to allow for these new LOA's to be issued.

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia A missile launched by Houthi rebels in Yemen was intercepted over the Saudi city of Jizan, near the Yemeni border, by the Saudi air defense system on the night of Jan 16. Houthi rebels stated that an airport in the region of Jizan was the intended target of the ballistic missile. This is the third Houthi missile to be intercepted by the Saudis in 2018 – none have resulted in casualties, but operators should consider carefully operations to Saudi Arabia.

EDDM/Munich Two big events coming up: the Davos World Economic Forum from Jan 22-26, and the Munich Security Conference from Feb 14-18. The airport will be busy for both, so best get your parking requests in early. Also bear in mind that all GA flights will need to get special permission to land at EDDM during these events. For PPR contact +49 89 975 21132 or email specialoperations@munich-airport.de

FACT/Cape Town After an unprecedented three years of drought, Cape Town has less than 90 days of water left in its reservoirs. The airport has published a Notam requiring all flights to tanker in water – don't expect to be able to uplift any at the airport for the foreseeable future.

ORZZ/Iraq Expect ORER/Erbil and ORSU/Sulaymaniyah to re-open to international traffic soon. The Kurdistan Regional Government and Baghdad have reached an initial agreement to lift an international flight ban imposed on the autonomous Kurdish region by the Iraqi central government last year. No official date set yet.

VTSP/Phuket The runway will be closed overnight from 19-00z until at least Jan 21. There are also ongoing issues with BA/GA aircraft being unable to secure parking for longer than a few hours. Most are having to drop-off pax and then reposition elsewhere.

ESZZ/Sweden ESNM/Sundsvall has become the country's second airport to have remote air traffic control, after ESNM/Ornskoldsvik made the switch back in 2015. So the local tower is now officially closed, and air traffic control service has been transferred to one of the country's national control centres. ESSM/Linköping airport will be the next one to be transferred to remote ATC later this year.

UUWW/Samara has put one of its two runways back into operation following reconstruction. The renovated strip is 3,000 meters long and 45 meters wide, and is capable of receiving Boeing 777 and Airbus A340 widebodies.

SBGL/Rio De Janeiro The annual Carnival will be taking place from Feb 9-13. Road closures and major travel disruption expected across the city. An estimated 6 million people, including 1.5 million foreign tourists, are expected to participate in the celebrations. The mayor of Rio has requested federal troops to provide support to local security forces to maintain order during the carnival period. So far, no special restrictions or procedures have been announced for SBGL airport, but it will be busy, so get your parking request in as early as possible.

HLLM/Tripoli Mitiga Heavy clashes broke out in the Libyan capital Tripoli on Jan 15, leaving at least nine people dead and forcing the airport to suspend all flights until further notice. Our advice: don't land at any airport in Libya, don't even overfly the country.

HEZZ/Egypt On Jan 13, Egyptian authorities imposed indefinite night-time curfews on areas of North Sinai province, including the cities of Rafah and Al-Arish. The Sinai region has suffered frequent terrorist attacks in the past few years. On Dec 19, militants fired artillery at HEAR/El Arish Airport in North Sinai, killing one army officer and wounding two others. There are still overflight warnings in place for the entire Sinai Peninsula below FL260.

SPZZ/Peru Airports in southern Peru are reported to be running as normal, following the 7.1-magnitude earthquake that shook the country on Jan 14, leaving at least one person dead and 65 injured in the cities of Arequipa, Ica and Ayacucho.

RPZZ/Philippines Volcanic earthquakes, rockfalls, and a number of steam-driven eruptions have shaken the summit of the Mayon volcano in the Philippines. More than 12,000 people have been ordered to leave a 7km evacuation zone around the volcano, which is located around 15km north of RPLP/Legazpi, and around 330km south of RPLL/Manila. There are warnings of destructive mudflows, and ash cloud around the volcano has been reported up to FL170.

MMTO/Toluca The runway will be closed overnight from 04-12z on the following dates in January: 20-22, and 27-29.

FQMA/Maputo The airport will be closed overnight from 21-04z for runway repair, until Feb 28.

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia has issued an extension of the policy that requires all aircraft with a destination in Yemen to first land in OEBH/Bisha – through to Apr 13. The only exceptions are the UN, Red Cross, and MSF.

MMZZ/Mexico The U.S. State Department has issued its highest “do not travel” warning for five states in Mexico: the Pacific coast states of Sinaloa, Colima, Michoacan, Guerrero, and Tamaulipas on the eastern Gulf. The advisory says that “Violent crime, such as homicide, kidnapping, carjacking, and robbery, is widespread.” This latest advisory ultimately classifies these regions at the same level of danger as Syria, Yemen, and Somalia.

URSS/Sochi The Russian Investment Forum will be taking place from Feb 13-17. During that time, charter aircraft with wingspan over 24 metres will be limited to a maximum of 2hrs on the ground. Make sure you get your slots in advance through your handler.

ORZZ/Iraq Back in December 2017, the U.S. FAA partially lifted the ban on the Baghdad FIR and started allowing U.S. operators to overfly Iraq at or above FL260. Now the three other big countries that regularly publish airspace safety information—France, Germany and the UK—have followed suit with new advice of their own. France recommends that overflights should only be on airways UM860 and UM688, and should be at or above FL320. The UK says that overflights should only be on airways UL602 to ALPET, UM860 and UM688, and should be above FL250. And Germany just say that overflights should be at FL260 or above.

TVZZ/St Vincent & Grenadines Reports of low fuel levels on the islands at the moment, so make sure you tanker in.

LIPZ/Venice The Carnival of Venice will be taking place from Jan 27-Feb 15. The general aviation terminal (GAT) is open daily 05-21z, with overtime available upon request, but bear in mind that both runways are closed for maintenance Mon-Sat 2330-0350z until Mar 24. PPR required at least 24hrs in advance – do that through your handler or call the airport PPR office direct: +39 041 260 6906. Currently there are only two large aircraft GA parking stands available at the GAT, and although parking may be possible on the commercial apron, it’s not guaranteed, so best get your request in asap.

EDDK/Cologne The airport’s two shorter runways (06/24 & 14L/32R) are both closed until the end of March, which is causing a few delays. And then on Jan 8, the airport had to suspend ops for a few hours due to emergency repair work which needed to be carried out on the only operational runway (14L/32R). It should be noted that all non-scheduled and GA flights must get PPR confirmed in advance, either through your handler or by calling the airport PPR office direct at: +49 2203 40 4310.

LSZH/Zurich The World Economic Forum is on from Jan 23-26. LSZH will be congested, so apply for slots early if you’re actually planning on stopping there. Earliest non-scheduled landing for a wide body aircraft without parking permission will be 1300z daily, Maximum 3 hour ground time for general aviation without

parking permission. Also, you will not be able to use LSZH as an alternate to flights going to LSZS/Samedan. Note that LSZH operates from 05-21z daily, and overtime is not available – make sure you land before closing time or you'll get diverted to another airport.

HCZZ/Somalia Somalia's Civil Aviation and Meteorology Authority (SCAMA) regained control of Somali airspace on Dec 28, after 27 years of management by the ICAO regional office in Nairobi. The airspace will now be controlled in Mogadishu as the country has installed new air traffic control facilities at HCMM/Mogadishu Aden Adde airport.

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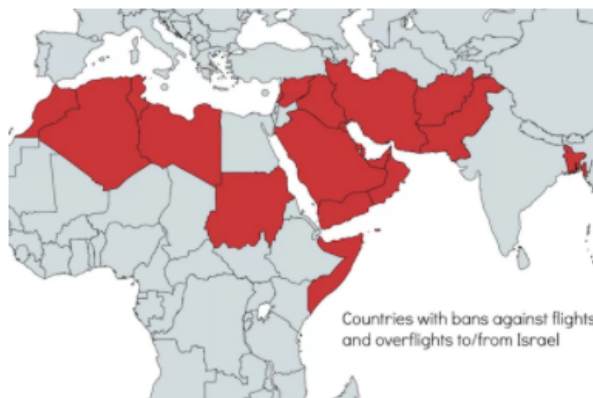
5JAN: Overflights enroute Israel, 8.33 Europe, Winter weather

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8.33 Radios now needed everywhere in Europe



Latest list of countries that ban flights to Israel

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KZZZ/USA A front of arctic air is moving in behind yesterday's storm on the East Coast, so expect extreme wind chill values as freezing temperatures plummet even lower today. Expect continued disruption from yesterday's storm: more cancellations and ground stops, with gusting winds and snow across the northeast. KBOS is starting out with one runway and hopes to have a second runway by mid-morning. KLGA single runway operation with no major concerns until the afternoon. JFK also single runway with secondary expected after 17z. KIAD west runway closed due to diversions from yesterday.

EGKK/Gatwick Slight change to the overnight runway closure times... The main runway (08R/26L) will be closed every night from 2230-0600z until Feb 10. During that time, the northern runway (08L/26R) will be open – the one that normally gets used as a taxiway. There's no ILS on this runway, so approaches must be DME/RNAV.

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DTZZ/Tunisia The United Arab Emirates has said it will resume flights to Tunisia, following an agreement between the two countries to share security information. Tunisia had previously banned flights from Dubai carrier Emirates to Tunis on Dec 24 after the airline refused to carry Tunisian women. Reports suggest Emirates had intelligence that female jihadists returning from Iraq or Syria might try to use Tunisian passports to stage terrorist attacks.

FMZZ/Madagascar Tropical cyclone 'Ava' has strengthened into the equivalent of a Category 1 hurricane off the east coast of Madagascar. It looks set to move slowly south along the coastline over the weekend, bringing heavy rain and gusting winds of over 100kts. The cyclone has already forced the closure of FMMT/Toamasina Airport, which is planning to remain shut until at least 19z on Jan 7. FMMI/Antananarivo Airport is still open and operating for now, though that may change. There is a high risk for major flooding and mudslides across the region.

MHZZ/Honduras Expect daily protests in the capital Tegucigalpa, and other urban areas, to denounce the results of the Nov 2017 presidential elections. The recent wave of protests in Nov and Dec resulted in widespread violence, looting, and roadblocks, particularly in urban areas. Government opposition have warned that civil war is possible if new elections are not held.

OIZZ/Iran Anti-government protests continue across the country, including in the capital Tehran. In some areas, police have used live ammunition to disperse crowds – according to state television, at least 22 people have been killed. Pro-government supporters are now expected to hold a series of rallies in response to the anti-government protests. Expect more gatherings and protests over the coming days, and a heightened police presence in public areas.

VNZZ/Nepal Further protests expected over the coming days in Kathmandu due to recent increases in fuel prices. On Jan 1, the state-owned oil monopoly hiked fuel prices for the third time within a month.

FMZZ/Madagascar Tropical cyclone 'Ava' still looks set to make landfall near FMMT/Toamasina late today, with winds gusting up to 50kts, before tracking west towards FMMI/Antananarivo tomorrow.

VVZZ/Vietnam Storm 'Bolaven' weakened into a tropical depression as it made landfall in Vietnam today

just north of VVCR/Cam Ranh airport. Gusting winds are not expected to get any higher than around 30kts now, and the storm should dissipate over the next 48hrs.

SBFN/Fernando de Noronha The airport will be closed overnight for runway repair from 02-08z until Feb 17, then from 03-09z until Sep 9. The airport is on an island off Brazil's northeastern coastline, and is a popular ETOPS alternate for South Atlantic crossings.

EHAM/Amsterdam KLM cabin crew based at EHAM are planning a 24hr strike on Jan 8. Should the strike go ahead, few or no KLM flights will depart from the airport that day.

UKZZ/Ukraine Biometric control systems have now been installed at all border checkpoints in the country. Foreign nationals from 70 countries that could pose a threat to Ukraine's national security will now have to submit their fingerprints on entry. However, the list of countries does not include those in the European Union, the U.S. or other Western countries.

FMZZ/Madagascar Stormy conditions from northern Madagascar to the islands of Reunion and Mauritius over the next few days, as Tropical Cyclone 'Ava' sweeps in from the Indian Ocean. It's expected to make landfall near FMMT/Toamasina late on Jan 4, with winds gusting up to 50kts, before tracking west towards FMMI/Antananarivo.

LLZZ/Israel The list of countries which have banned both direct flights and overflying traffic to/from Israel are as follows: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, Yemen.

LLBG/Tel Aviv Until Mar 22, GA aircraft are generally not permitted to land between 0330-0600z and 2201-2340z Sun-Fri. Then between Mar 23 to Oct 26, these times change to 0200-0500z, 1100-1500z and 2101-2240z.

VIDP/Delhi There have already been several cancellations and delays this week due to heavy fog. Expect intermittent fog and poor weather conditions during the ongoing winter season, which will last until Feb.

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TNCA/Aruba The airport's only FBO has now been taken over by W Aviation, after Universal Aviation decided not to renew their 12-year lease. The new operator has announced they will invest \$1.8 million to upgrade the existing facilities at some point this year. Operating hours are still the same: 13-01z (09-21 local time). To arrange handling, email: csraruba@waviation.net

PLCH/Kiritimti Fuel is only available for scheduled flights until mid-Jan due to supply issues. Maximum uplift is 5000 litres per aircraft, so tanker in as much as possible.

EZZZ/Europe For aircraft operating in Europe above FL195, the carriage of 8.33 kHz channel spacing capable radio equipment has been mandatory since March 2007. But from Jan 4, this regulation has been extended to the lower flight levels below FL195 across various parts of European airspace. Eurocontrol have build a handy webpage that shows exactly what is required for each bit of airspace, and at what flight level: https://ext.eurocontrol.int/833/Airspace_8.33kHz_Radio.html

ORZZ/Iraq Last week the central Iraqi government extended the ban on international flights to and from ORER/Erbil and ORSU/Sulaymaniyah airports in the Kurdistan region until Feb 28. Turkey have now confirmed that traffic to/from these airports (including flights using these airports as an alternate on their FPL's) are banned from Turkish airspace

MTTP/Port-au-prince The airport will be closed for runway repair from 02-10z Mon-Fri until the end of Oct.

VGHS/Dhaka There were several cancellations and delays on Dec 28, due to heavy fog. Expect intermittent fog and poor weather conditions during the ongoing winter season, which will last until Feb.

MMTO/Toluca The runway will be closed overnight from 04-12z on the following dates in January: 13-15, 20-22, and 27-28.

VIDP/Delhi Due to Republic day celebrations, no landings or take-offs allowed daily from 0505-0645z from Jan 18-26.

KZZZ/USA The 2018 Super Bowl will be held at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Feb 4. The FAA estimates up to 1600 additional aircraft will be in the state for the event, and they have established a slot system to eliminate congestion and route some planes to other airports. For everything you could possibly need to know about this, and to sign up to the slot system ahead of time, head over to the FAA's special website they have created: fly2sb52.org

KSMO/Santa Monica The airport is now open again, after a 10-day closure period where work was undertaken to shorten the runway to 3500 ft. The goal is to reduce air and noise pollution by reducing overall traffic.

NFFN/Nadi The ongoing strike by some airport workers is reported to not be seriously affecting ops. Around 250 catering, baggage handling and engineering workers who were suspended due to illegal strike action are now camped outside the airport, in a peaceful protest to try to go back to work. The airport has brought in largely untrained workers to replace these staff.

AGGH/Honiara The Solomon Islands is a bit short on fuel at the moment, as they're waiting for their next tanker to arrive. So until Jan 10, all international flights to AGGH will need to confirm their fuel requirements in advance with the fueler: tel +677 36142 or +677 22974.

WARR/Juanda The airport have extended their night-time closure of the runway for ongoing maintenance – the end date for that is now Apr 03.

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21DEC: A330 shot at, Saudi missile

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A330 hit by gunfire at Tripoli



Second missile reaches Riyadh

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LLER/Ramon Israel's second international airport is set to open in April 2018, in the city of Eilat. The new airport is located 8nm north of the city centre, and will have an 11,800ft runway. The airport is designed to replace the two airports that currently service the city: LLET/Eilat – the small airport in the city that currently serves domestic flights from Tel Aviv and Haifa; and LLOV/Ovda – the military airfield 30nm away that is used for some international flights.**LFSB/Basel** Both runways will be closed overnight from 23-04z until Dec 22.

MHZZ/Honduras Expect further demonstrations this week as the government opposition candidate has called for protests from Dec 18 against alleged election fraud. Demonstrations are expected in the capital Tegucigalpa, and other cities.

VHHH/Hong Kong The runway resurfacing project continues. Every night between 1730-2345z, one of the airport's two runways will be closed, meaning it is even harder than usual to get a slot during these times. The airport authority doesn't expect their runway resurfacing project to be finished until April 2019.

ZKZZ/North Korea Singapore Airlines has announced it has now changed the flight path of its daily WSSS/Singapore to KLAS/Los Angeles service to avoid the Sea of Japan where North Korea conducts missile testing – they will now fly to the west of Japan instead.

GOBD/Dakar A strike by ATC workers at the airport just days after the newly built airport opened on Dec 7, has now been suspended, following negotiations with the government. The union is demanding subsidised transport for employees to get to the airport, which is located 45km away from the city centre. They also complain they haven't been properly trained on all the new equipment yet. They say they may strike again if their terms are not met.

LDDU/Dubrovnik Work has commenced on overhauling the airport's runway. Until the end of March, the runway will be shortened from 3300m to 2100m, there will be no ILS on RWY12, and the opening hours will be 05-21z.

DNMM/Lagos Security concerns at Lagos Airport, as an aircraft was reportedly robbed whilst taxiing to the hangar. The Vistajet aircraft had just landed at the airport on Dec 12 and was attacked on the RWY 18R by unknown bandits when taxiing to the hangar of Evergreen Apple Nigeria (EAN). The pilot reported that the rear door was opened whilst taxiing, and a bag belonging to one of the cabin crew was missing.

KATL/Atlanta Power outage all day on Dec 17 disrupted air travel across the country and led to cancellations of more than 1000 flights. The power has now been restored, but expect more delays and cancellations over the next few days as airlines work to clear the backlog.

LEJR/Jerez No flights are allowed (aside from scheduled) between 1700-2130 daily, Dec 27-30, and again on Jan 02-03.

OIZZ/Iran Unhealthy levels of air pollution in Tehran and surrounding areas. Expected to last until at least Dec 23. Authorities have reinforced traffic restrictions and have ordered some factories to close. Schools have also been temporarily shut and officials have advised people in high-risk groups to stay indoors.

HLZZ/Libya is once again pumping out Notams advertising the country's airports as being "available H24 for international flights and en-route diversions". However, our advice hasn't changed: Libya is still a desperately unstable country – don't overfly or enter their airspace, and don't land at any Libyan airports.

FZZZ/Democratic Republic of Congo A series of pro- and anti-government rallies are scheduled to take place nationwide from Dec 19 to Jan 2. The security situation remains volatile across the country: frequent clashes between the Congolese Army and militia groups in the South; continued reports of kidnappings, including of staff from international NGOs; frequent protests which have resulted in an increased military and police presence in Kinshasa and other major cities. Avoid.

SVZZ/Venezuela A power cut hit parts of the Venezuelan capital Caracas and surrounding areas for around five hours on Dec 18. This also affected SVMI/Caracas Airport, where some flights were grounded. Venezuela has suffered frequent power cuts in recent years, following lack of investment in the electricity sector since its nationalization in 2007.

SAZZ/Argentina A controversial pension reform bill has sparked violent protests across the country. Argentina's largest union also called a 24hr strike that has grounded hundreds of flights. LATAM expects its flight schedule will slowly return to normal from Dec 20 onwards.

NFZZ/Fiji Ongoing strike by some airport ground staff could cause some travel disruption. Fiji Airways have already warned they will have limited catering onboard flights departing from NFFN/Nadi during the strike.

DNZZ/Nigeria Seasonal dust haze is forecast across the country over the next few weeks. Nav aids at Nigeria's airports are notoriously poor – so make sure you check the landing minimums before launching.

HEZZ/Egypt If you're flying to Egypt, or even just overflying the country, the authorities now want you to list in the RMK section of your flight plan BOTH the permit number and the name of the agent who got you the permit.

PAZZ/Alaska If you're flying anywhere in either the Anchorage Arctic FIR or Oceanic/Continental FIR, make sure you file your flight plan to both PAZAZQZX and PAZNZQZX. If you're going over the water, remember to copy the HF Radio Stations too: use CYQXYFYX for flights plans entering the Arctic FIR, and KSFOXAAX for those entering the Oceanic FIR.

WMZZ/Malaysia Tropical Storm 'Kai-Tak' continues to move westward towards the east coast of Malaysia, and is expected to make landfall some time Dec 22-23. Only the coastal airports are likely to be affected (WMKC/Kota Bharu, WMKN/Kuala Terengganu, WMKD/Kuantan), as the storm is expected to have weakened to gusting winds of around 30kts by that point.

HEAR/El Arish Militants fired artillery at the airport on Dec 19, killing one army officer and wounding two others. The attack reiterates the volatile security situation in the Sinai Peninsula, which has been a target of various attacks by Islamic State (IS) militants since 2013. The risk of terrorism in the region has increased recently, as IS's major territorial losses in Iraq and Syria have caused many of its militants to come over the border to Egypt. There are still overflight warnings in place for the entire Sinai Peninsula below FL260, and Germany even makes a point of warning against making any landings at the airports in the region: HEAR/El Arish, HEGR/El Gora, HETB/Taba, HESC/St. Catherine, HESH/Sharm-el-Sheikh.

EHZZ/Netherlands Some public transport workers have threatened a 24hr nationwide strike on Jan 4.

ZZZZ/Worldwide EASA have updated their advice about the carriage of Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs), as recent testing by the FAA has shown that most cargo compartments have only poor chances of containing fires caused by PEDs in checked baggage. Passengers should carry PEDs with them in the cabin wherever possible.

VECC/Calcutta Expect delays over the next few days as heavy fog is forecast to continue. They're currently using the secondary runway at night, as maintenance continues on the primary runway to increase it from CAT II ILS to CAT III-B. That's not expected to be completed until Jan 4. The secondary runway only has a CAT I system with a visibility limit of 550m.

LSGG/Geneva Ski season has officially started, which means you can't plan Geneva as an FPL alternate at any point on weekends, until Apr 15.

SVZZ/Venezuela President Maduro has threatened to close the border with Colombian cities of Cúcuta and Maicao, and cut ties with the islands of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao. Venezuela is facing an ongoing political and economic crisis. Shortages of many basic goods have been reported across the country. Thousands of Venezuelans regularly cross the border into Colombia legally purchase goods not available in their country.

KZZZ/USA From Jan 2, the FAA will impose a filter for aircraft found to be broadcasting inaccurate ADS-B info. They will be blocked from transmitting ADS-B info to ATC, and will have to receive ATC services using secondary radar instead.

LEZZ/Spain Strikes planned over the festive period at LEBL/Barcelona and LEMD/Madrid airports have now all been called-off. At LEBL/Barcelona, around 2000 ground staff, check-in and cabin crew for the IAG group, which includes Vueling, Iberia and British Airways, have cancelled their strike originally planned for Dec 21-24. And at LEMD/Madrid, security staff have cancelled their strike originally planned for Dec 22 - Jan 8.

HEZZ/Egypt The new Sphinx International Airport is due to start operating in Jan. The airport has a 3650 metre runway, and is adjacent to and shares some infrastructure with HECW/Cairo West Air Base, around 20nm from Cairo city.

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14DEC: Iraq overflights, Afghanistan/Pakistan border changes

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FAA removes Iraq overflight restriction



Afghanistan/Pakistan border waypoint name changes

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LSGG/Geneva Due to continued slot misuse, the airport have decided to reduce the period for PPR reservations from 21 days to 5 days. You can still view the available capacity up to 21 days in advance, but you can only apply within a period of 5 days before your flight. But watch out! In 2018 they're going to start making operators file an FPL prior to applying for PPR! The PPR and FPL will then be matched and approved and any PPR that does not have a valid FPL will be cancelled.

LGAV/Athens Transport strikes on Dec 14 mean there will be no train service to the airport all day.

HEZZ/Egypt Russia and Egypt are expected to agree a new security agreement this week, which would mean flights between the two countries could resume as early as Feb 2018. Russia stopped all civilian flights to Egypt in Oct 2015 following a suspected terrorist attack on a Russian Metrojet flight leaving the tourist resort of Sharm el-Sheikh which killed all 224 people on board.

LFPO/Paris Only Baggage handlers are planning to strike each day from 10-12z & 16-18z from Dec 22 to Jan 5.

EBZZ/Belgium ATC at Eurocontrol's Maastricht Upper Area Control Centre (MUAC) have started operating free route airspace over Belgium, north-west Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands above FL245. For now, it will only be available overnight between 22-04z, but they intend to make free route airspace available at all times by Spring 2020.

KZZZ/USA The FAA has issued a new safety warning about high-risk runway incursions and potential collisions. Read it here:
https://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/safo/all_safos/media/2017/SAFO17012.pdf

LIZZ/Italy Travel disruption expected on Dec 15. ATC are planning a strike between 12-16z, although this should only affect the smaller airports. Overflying traffic should not be affected, and no big impact is expected for the major international airports – at worst just some flow rates imposed. Strikes also planned by some Ryanair and Vueling crew for few hours during the day, and by most Alitalia employees for the entire day.

RPZZ/Philippines Tropical Cyclone 'Kai-Tak' is forming off the east coast of the central Philippines. There are no international airports in the region. The storm is expected to weaken as it moves west-northwest toward Eastern Samar province over the next few days. It will then pass approximately 150nm to the south of RPLL/Manilla on Dec 18, by which time it should have died down to gusting winds of around 35kts.

OMZZ/UAE Potential for delays at airports across the country from Dec 15-18 as strong winds, dust clouds, and heavy rainfall are expected.

EGPH/Edinburgh The airport will be closed for runway repair from 0310-0525z Dec 18-23.

FEZZ/Central African Republic The security situation in the country is worsening. Widespread violence as armed groups are fighting across 80% of the country, and the UN now says almost half the population is dependent on aid. FEFB/Bangui Airport now has a curfew in place: no ops between 22-05z until Mar 14.

LLBG/Tel Aviv The national labor union are planning to stage a 4hr strike on Dec 17 from 06-10z. If the strike goes ahead, this would effectively completely shut down the airport to all traffic between these hours.

LEBL/Barcelona Strike planned for Dec 21-24 by around 2000 ground staff, check-in and cabin crew for the IAG group, which includes Vueling, Iberia and British Airways. There will be limited service during three periods on each of the four days.

RPZZ/Philippines Martial law will remain in place over the island of Mindanao until the end of 2018. Expect checkpoints, vehicle searches, short-notice curfews and restrictions on movement, particularly in urban areas. Flight operations to airports in the region remain normal, with no restrictions imposed on air travel by the authorities.

ZZZZ/Worldwide Rockwell Collins has fixed the software problem which led to more than 10,000 instrument approaches being removed from the database last month. They expect to release the updated database to subscribers on Dec 14. However, they are warning operators not to use the software for temperature compensation for low temperature approaches – this must be done manually.

VICG/Chandigarh Airport will be completely closed from Feb 12-26, to allow for work to be completed extending the runway from 9000ft to 10200ft.

MHZZ/Honduras Spontaneous demonstrations and roadblocks are likely to continue in the coming days, following the recent disputed presidential election. The last remaining curfews across the country ended on Dec 10. Operations at international airports have returned to normal.

OPZZ/Pakistan Reports of critically low jet fuel supplies at all airports in Pakistan, as several refineries have stopped producing, due to a recent government directive. There's now no fuel available for ad-hoc flights at OPLA/Lahore and OPRN/Islamabad until further notice. There are currently no such restrictions at OPKC/Karachi, though that may change.

ORZZ/Iraq As expected, the FAA have now issued Notam KICZ A0025/17 which lifts the full ban on the Baghdad FIR and allows U.S. operators to overfly the country at or above FL260.

KLAX/Los Angeles Dry conditions and Santa Ana winds have caused multiple fires in the Los Angeles area. A state of emergency has been declared for Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Paula, San Bernardino, and surrounding cities. However, most airlines have reported that they do not expect the fires will affect flights in and out of Los Angeles International Airport. KLAX/Los Angeles International, KBUR/Burbank and KLGB/Long Beach are all still open and operating as normal, although travel times to and from the airport are longer than usual due to road closures.

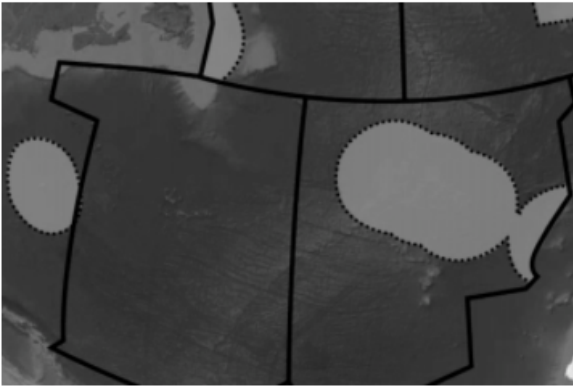
EHAM/Amsterdam The transport ministry are considering forcing all airlines with flights to "leisure destinations" to move those flights to EHLE/Lelystad when it opens to charter flights in two years time. The Schiphol ban would apply to destinations which are not capital cities and which lie between 700 and 4,000 kilometres from Amsterdam – that would include all Greek, Portuguese and Croatian destinations apart from Athens, Lisbon and Zagreb as well as many cities in Turkey, Spain and Morocco.

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North Atlantic changes today



Honduras Ops affected by crisis

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SOCA/Cayenne Due to the ongoing ATC strike, the airport will be limited between 01-11z daily, until further notice. This means you can't file as an alternate, and if you want to arrive or depart during these times, you'll need to call ATC for PPR in advance at +594 35 92 72, or +594 39 93 02.

VTZZ/Thailand Most of southern Thailand has been declared a disaster area after flash floods in the region killed 15 people in the past two weeks. Heavy monsoon rains since late November have affected more than 1.5 million people across nine southern provinces, with some areas reporting floodwater as high as two metres. The only airport currently affected is VTSF/Nakhon Si Thammarat, which will be closed until at least Dec 8 due to flooding. However, more rain is forecast in the region through to next week.

DISP/San Pedro Local sources have confirmed that the airport remains closed as of Dec 6, as runway repair work which was supposed to be completed by the end of Nov is still ongoing. No news yet when the airport will re-open.

FQZZ/Mozambique Make sure your travel visa is in order, and expect strengthened border control measures over the festive period, including at the country's main airport FQMA/Maputo. Mozambique provides an easy entry point for illegal immigrants to neighbouring South Africa. Since the end of November, at least 95 foreign nationals have been denied entry to Mozambique on the grounds of alleged ambiguity over the purpose of visits, visa-related irregularities and other discrepancies.

VIDP/Delhi From Dec 15 to Feb 15, you can't use VIDP as an alternate if visibility at the airport is less than 550 metres. This is the time of year when the city is regularly blanketed in smog, so check the latest METAR before filing.

UZZZ/Russia From 29 Mar 2018, Russia are introducing RNAV routes in their oceanic airspace above

FL265. RNAV 10 out in the oceanic parts of Murmansk and Magadan FIRs (i.e. the area covering the entire northern coastline stretching from Bodo to Anchorage), but RNAV 5 over landmass.

EGMC/London Airport fire workers are set to go on strike between Dec 22 and Jan 6. If the strike goes ahead, this would effectively mean the airport would not be able to operate between these dates.

VNZZ/Nepal Election on Dec 7. Election-related violence, particularly small bombings, has intensified in recent days. Authorities have already sealed a number of land borders with India and China. Expect heightened security measures, checkpoints, patrols and spot-checks.

EGZZ/UK Storm Caroline will bring winds of up to 90mph to northern parts of Scotland on Dec 7, as well as snow and ice to large parts of the UK on Dec 8-9. Authorities have warned that the storm could bring storm surge and potential flooding to coastal areas. Airport ops are expected to be significantly affected only at airports in Northern Scotland.

HTZZ/Tanzania has published a new rule effective December 6th, requiring all travelers to have a Yellow Fever cert, regardless of departure country. Previously, only travelers arriving from affected areas were required to have this.

WAZZ/Indonesia Although Mount Agung has now stopped emitting ash, another large eruption is still likely. The local monitoring agency are registering powerful and continuous tremors, and authorities have ordered locals and journalists within 10km of the volcano to evacuate. All airports in the region have now re-opened and are operating as normal – but check the Notams for some nighttime closures for runway repair at WADD/Bali and WARR/Juanda throughout December.

EGKK/Gatwick The main runway (08R/26L) will be closed every night from 2300-0530z until Dec 20, then again from 2330-0600z Jan 2-31. During that time, the northern runway (08L/26R) will be open – the one that normally gets used as a taxiway! There's no ILS on this runway, so approaches must be DME or RNAV.

KZZZ/USA The US Supreme Court has allowed President Trump's revised travel ban to go into effect – banning nationals of Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen and North Korea (plus certain government officials from Venezuela) from entering the US. Judges have said the ban can take full effect straight away, even though legal challenges continue in the lower courts. The U.S. will now refuse entry visas to prospective travellers from these countries, regardless of whether they have "bona fide" links inside the U.S. such as business links or close family relationships.

LEMD/Madrid Sporadic strikes planned by security staff at Madrid airport from Dec 22 to Jan 8. Expect longer queues to get through departures if the strike goes ahead.

EHAM/Amsterdam KLM cabin crew strike planned all day on Jan 8, means potentially no KLM flights will depart from the airport that day.

UZZZ/Russia is expanding its free electronic visa program to all of its Far East international airports by the end of the year. The system allows citizens of the following 18 countries to obtain a free visa online for stays of up to 8 days: Brunei, India, China, North Korea, Mexico, Singapore, Japan, Algeria, Bahrain, Iran, Qatar, Kuwait, Morocco, UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Turkey.

URRP/Platov The new airport in Rostov will officially open on Dec 7, replacing the old airport, URRV/Rostov. By 08z on Dec 7, all airlines will switch to the new airport. The old airfield will officially close to all traffic from March 1, 2018.

UHPP/Petropavlosk Mt Shiveluch in the far-east of Russia has erupted again, ash cloud currently up to FL330, moving south-east out over the Pacific Ocean at 20 knots.

GOBD/Dakar New international airport set to open at Dakar, called GOBD/Blaise Diagne International

Airport. From 1430z on Dec 7 onwards, all scheduled operations will switch to there from the current airport – GOOY/Dakar. However, possible travel disruption on Dec 7 itself, as there's a protest by local residents set to take place on the road to the new airport on the opening day.

LATI/Tirana Severe flooding across the country, including the capital, Tirana. Over 120,000 households are without power, and the army has now been sent in to evacuate people. Flights to and from the airport were temporarily suspended over the weekend.

ZKZZ/North Korea Cathay Pacific crew onboard a flight from San Francisco to Hong Kong on Nov 29 witnessed the re-entry of North Korea's latest missile near their position. They said they saw it "blow up and fall apart near our current location", highlighting again the danger posed to aircraft in this region from debris fields of missile fragments.

LGTS/Thessaloniki Chaos at the airport the moment, as both of the main runways are closed, and the parallel taxiway "F" of RWY 10/28 has established as the only functioning runway – they've called it RWY 10L/28R. There's currently no radio control facility, and there's a whole bunch of obstacles which are affecting the take-off flight path area and the visibility of the runway lights (check the Notams for those). Easyjet have already cancelled flights to the airport, as it no longer meets their safety standards. If you're planning on operating there any time soon, you'll want to read their AIP SUP 04/17 for full details, plus all the charts you need. The runway repair work is not expected to be finished until around March next year.

WARR/Juanda Airport will be closed for runway repair from 16-22z daily until Jan 06.

WADD/Denpasar Bali's airport will be closed for runway repair from 18-23z daily (except Saturdays) until Dec 31.

OYSN/Sanaa Worsening fighting over the past few days is now moving toward the airport. Last week, the Saudi-led coalition said they would resume issuing clearances for humanitarian aircraft to land at the airport, but so far they have not done so, and the UN have been unable to evacuate staff from the city.

FSZZ/Seychelles has lifted the travel restrictions it imposed last month against flights to/from Madagascar, following the plague outbreak there. No more 7 day quarantine for incoming passengers any more. Air Seychelles are set to resume flights to Madagascar on Jan 12.

DNZZ/Nigeria Long lines at filling stations reported across the country as people are panic buying fuel. Fuel shortages and the subsequent hike in prices seems to happen around this time every year in Nigeria. Shortage of Jet A1 fuel is a common problem here, and often leads to grounding of flights. International operators are being advised to tanker wherever possible, particularly over the coming festive period.

LIZZ/Italy Alitalia services likely to be disrupted on Dec 15, as some staff will be on strike all day. And expect some delays on the trains across the country on Dec 17, when some staff are planning an eight-hour strike from 9-17 local time.

KPHX/Phoenix Expect delays from Jan 8 – Feb 21, as RWY 8/26 will be closed for repair. The airport will be operating with lowered arrival and departure rates during this time. The most likely periods for delays will be during IMC conditions: 07-10 and 17-20 local time (14z-17z and 00-03z).

CYYZ/Toronto Since More reports of laser strikes on arriving aircraft. Since mid-November, there have been 23 laser strikes on commercial jets in the Toronto area.

KBUR/Burbank is close to the California wildfires affecting the region at present, but airport ops are normal. Transport to/from is affected, some trains/buses cancelled as not able to operate. No delays or restrictions at the airport itself. That said, there is smoke in the METAR, so it may change.

KZZZ/Worldwide The latest Unsafe Airspace Summary is available to members [here](#), published 29NOV –

edition JULIETT. Primary changes Iraq, North Korea, Saudi Arabia.

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29NOV: WE QUIT. Unsafe airspace warning, Bali volcano, Shanwick changes

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Bali volcano - the latest on airspace and airports



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EGGX/Shanwick From **December 7**, you'll need datalink in most of the NAT Region between FL350-390. After **Jan 4**, you can expect additional RLAT tracks, and in March, PBCS. Need more on that? Read our [NAT Changes 2017](#) page. Confused? Read our [NAT: Choose your own Adventure](#) guide to figure out what happens if you don't have HLA approval, RVSM, TCAS, RNP4, Datalink, or enough coffee on board.

ZKZZ/North Korea. On November 3rd, the FAA published Notam 23/17, which now prohibits US operators from entering any of the Pyongyang FIR. replacing SFAR79 and previous advice to 'exercise caution'. The situation remains tense, and as highlighted by FSB in September, the western portion of the Japan FIR is a risk area due to multiple missile re-entries into the same portion of Japanese airspace. [Updated UAS 29NOV](#).

GAZZ/Mali The conflict in Mali is ongoing. Germany added a new specific warning for GAKL/Kidal on 15 Nov, in addition to GATB/Timbuktu and GAGO/Gao. [Updated UAS 29NOV](#).

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia is now at Level 2 – assessed risk. Due to military activity related to the involvement in Yemen, it is suggested to avoid the southwestern region of the Jeddah FIR. On Nov 4 a missile launched from Yemen reached Riyadh Airport. Saudi sources say missile was intercepted, this is not yet confirmed. Threats have been made by Yemen of further strikes. [Updated UAS 29NOV](#).

OAZZ/Afghanistan The situation in Afghanistan remains similar. On November 15, Germany removed wording to maintain FL330 or higher, no altitude advice now exists, but they recommend against landings at Afghan airports. [Updated UAS 29NOV](#).

SOZZ/French Guyana There seems to be no end in sight for the French Guiana ATC strikes. Here's the current situation: SOOO FIR: the entire airspace will be uncontrolled from 00-11z until further notice (extended beyond 01Dec). That means there will be no ATC staff on duty during these times. Basically, during the closure, there's a contingency plan in place: so if you want to cross this bit of airspace, there are now very specific routes and levels you have to fly at. Check these carefully prior to ops, and make sure you're at the right flight level before crossing the FIR boundary. Once you're inside the FIR, don't change your speed or level. [Read the article](#).

ORZZ/Iraq has [reopened to international carriers](#) for overflights, or, better put, international carriers are starting to overfly again. **Emirates was the first international airline to resume overflights of Iraq**, with the first flights through the Baghdad FIR on Monday Nov 27, followed closely behind by Turkish Airlines. According to FSB sources, the GCAA authorized UAE based airlines to use this airspace, after several years of restrictions. Emirates anticipates that about 150 flights a day will now route via Iraq, rather than having to take longer routes via Saudi Arabia or Iran. This is the first in several steps we expect will lead to almost full resumption of overflights over Iraq, meaning operators will have shorter routes through the Middle East available once again. The next step will be for the **FAA to authorise US carriers to overfly Iraq – most likely at FL260 or above**. That approval was initially slated for [the end of October](#), but was held back after events on the ground posed a security concern for UM860 and UM688 – the two main routes through the Baghdad FIR to Europe and vv.

EHAM/Amsterdam New time slot system currently being trialled, where passengers travelling within the Schengen area can reserve a spot at a certain time to pass through security. The system is designed to reduce the huge queues at peak travel times.

DXZZ/Togo Further anti-government protests planned on Nov 29-30 and Dec 2 in the capital Lome and other urban centres. Authorities have said they may temporarily suspend SMS and internet services during the protests.

MMZZ/Mexico From Dec 7 onwards, HF radio in Mexico's oceanic FIR MMFO/Mazatlan will be provided by San Francisco Radio, for all flights above FL195. So for all position reports or route/level change requests, contact them on any of the following: 3413, 5574, 8843, 8915 or 13354 KHZ.

VGZZ/Bangladesh Nationwide strike planned for Nov 30, protesting against recent electricity price hikes. In the capital, Dhaka, expect increased security, transportation disruptions, and possible protests.

LLBG/Tel Aviv Airport workers are planning to stage a 24hr strike from Fri to Sat evening, Dec 1-2. If the strike goes ahead, this would pretty much completely shut down the airport – only a skeleton staff would remain at the airport to deal with emergencies.

SBZZ/Brazil is launching a new e-visa program. From Jan 15, travelers from the US, Canada, Australia, and Japan can apply for visas online. The issuing process should take around 72hrs.

ZZZZ/Worldwide FSB made a [permit map](#). It's new. It will give you a quick summary of overflight and landing requirements for each country. If you want the full bible, then you can buy the new FSB [Permit Book](#) that goes with it. [Try the map](#).

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23Nov: NAT changes in 2 weeks, new Overflight Permit map, airspace update

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North Atlantic region changes - 3 big ones for Shanwick, Gander, Iceland



Worldwide permit map released - and a new book

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GOZZ/Senegal They've built a whole new international airport at Dakar, called GOBD/Blaise Diagne International Airport. On Dec 7 at 12z, all scheduled operations will switch to there from the current airport - GOOY/Dakar. After that, they plan to close down the old airport. No official word yet on when exactly that will happen.

OYSN/Sanaa The Houthi-led government which runs the capital city has said that Sanaa Airport is now repaired and ready to receive international flights, after being damaged by a Saudi airstrike on Nov 14. The Saudi-led coalition will re-open the airport to aid flights on Nov 23, but there is still a ban on commercial traffic.

LTZZ/Turkey US nationals arriving in Turkey on flights originating from outside of the US used to be issued a visa sticker on arrival, no questions asked. Now that's all changing - you'll need to prove you have legal residency in a country other than the United States. The U.S. and Turkey both massively reduced issuance of visas for each other's countries in October, following the arrest of a U.S. consulate worker in Turkey.

LIZZ/Italy More strikes and travel disruption throughout Dec. On Dec 1, some airport workers will strike for 24 hours at airports in Milan: LIMC/Malpensa and LIML/Linate. Nationwide, some Alitalia staff will be on strike all day on Dec 7 and Dec 15. And expect some delays on the trains across the country on Dec 17, when some staff are planning an eight-hour strike from 9-17 local time.

WADD/Denpasar There was a small eruption at Bali's Mount Agung on Nov 21, with volcanic ash being reported up to FL130. So far no disruption to ops, however the forecast upper level winds in the next 24hrs

may push the cloud south towards the airport.

KSMO/Santa Monica The airport will be completely closed from Dec 12-23, as they'll be pressing ahead with their runway shortening project, despite ongoing litigation by NBAA and other parties against this. The airport's only runway will be shortened from 4,973ft to 3,500ft.

NGFU/Tuvalu has signed up to the Chicago Convention, and is set to become the 192nd Member State of ICAO on Dec 18.

SOZZ/French Guiana Continuing ATC strikes. Airspace will be uncontrolled from 00-11z across the entire SOOO FIR. All airports in the country, including SOCA/Cayenne, will now be closed each day from 0000-0300z and 0630-1100z until Dec 1 due to the strike action.

EGKK/Gatwick Every night from 2300-0530z until the end of Nov, the main runway (08R/26L) will be closed. During that time, the northern runway (08L/26R) will be open – the one that normally gets used as a taxiway! There's no ILS on this runway, so approaches must be DME or RNAV.

KPBI/Palm Beach A Presidential TFR is in place at KPBI/Palm Beach for the entire Thanksgiving period, meaning no GA arrivals from 1715 local on Nov 21 to 1930 local on Nov 26. If you need to get to the area during those dates, gateway airport procedures are in place for arrivals to KMCO/Orlando, KFLL/Fort Lauderdale, KIAD/Dulles, KTEB/Teterboro and KHPN/Westchester. For gateway screening, make sure you register with TSA at least 24 hours prior to departure by calling them at 561-616-9650.

MHZZ/Honduras Expect heightened security and travel disruption over the next week, in the lead up to national elections on Nov 26. More than 30,000 military personnel will be mobilised across the country from Nov 20 onwards, to help maintain order. Rallies are likely in the major urban centres.

CYYR/Goose Bay Both runways are now open and the airport has returned to full operations, following a full airport closure earlier this month when a problem was spotted with runway sealant which was causing the surface to be 'sticky' in places.

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16NOV: Scam Invoices, Yemen airport bombed, France ATC strike, North Korea

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New rules for flying to Cuba



Zimbabwe Coup: Airport update

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LFZZ/France ATC Strike ongoing. Impact: latest on the Eurocontrol [NOP](#), this little French [ATC page](#), as well as in [OpsGroup Slack](#). Reroutes: Shanwick says: T9 and T213 available for suitably equipped aircraft. Algeria says: Algerian airspace available without special permission but file FPL to DAAAZQZX. Tunisia says: Tunisian airspace available without special permission but file FPL to DTTCZQZX and DTTCZRZX. [Read full article](#). **OYSN/Sanaa** The Saudi Coalition bombed the airport on Tuesday, which is currently controlled by rebel forces. VOR/DME destroyed. UN staff report runway, taxiway, ramp, terminal and ATC tower not hit and in good condition. The Coalition closed the airport in August 2016 to all but a few UN aid flights. The Saudi coalition have allowed OYAA/Aden Airport to re-open today, after it was closed following the missile strike on Riyadh Nov 4.

CYYR/Goose Bay One runway has been returned to full service (16/34, 9580ft), following a problem last week with sealant which caused it to be sticky in places. Cleanup will now commence on the second runway (08/26), although there is no timeline for its reopening.

DAAG/Algiers There will only be one runway in operation from now until Feb. Expect delays at peak times.

ZKZZ/North Korea Mainstream media says "tensions are high" in the region, with potential for another

missile launch. Maybe. At the very least, read up on where these missiles have been ending up in the [Sea of Japan](#). We suggest you read the FSB [original version](#) rather than the somewhat sensational [Daily Express](#) version of our guidance.

ZZZZ/Worldwide Couple of scam warnings, to keep you out of trouble this week. First, if you haven't gotten a fake Eurocontrol invoice, you'll [get one soon](#). Check carefully. The real ones come from [eurocontrol.int](#). The others will send your money to Nigeria. Second, if you're a contract pilot, and the rate you're getting for a new gig seems too good to be true, it is. If it's an LN- reg Hawker 800 out of LFML, they want your bank details and the direction of funds won't be in your favour. Know of more? [Tell us](#).

VIDP/Delhi Air quality improving, smog still causing some issues though. Some operators had cancelled international ops, those flights now resumed.

WADD/Denpasar Volcanic activity at Bali's Mount Agung has decreased, but an eruption remains possible. When it does erupt, WADD/Denpasar will close, and the Indonesian authorities will turn to their contingency plan they have prepared to divert international traffic to other airports. Scheduled operators are still carrying additional divert fuel into WADD.

KZZZ/USA The FAA has published a ton of information on Thanksgiving and Snowbird routes for the upcoming holiday season. Everything you might need is [here](#).

EGGW/Luton As runway repair work continues, the airport will be closed to all movements overnight from 0000-0530z until Dec 6, and then again from Jan 6-14.

TJZZ/Puerto Rico Temporary ATC towers are operational at TJRV/Ceiba – call 122.7 15nm out, and TJPS/Ponce – same frequency, and ground on 119.25. ATC at Ponce is operating 10-22Z.

KZZZ/USA The FAA has updated the rules for EFB's, new AC [here](#). Key change is it is now allowing "Own Ship" display, ie. geo-referencing of your position onto a chart. Have a read.

HKJK/Nairobi Possible delays tomorrow (Friday). Large public rally planned in the city to welcome home a Kenyan politician. Supporters plan to march to the airport on Friday morning to receive him. Expect heightened security at the airport and travel delays to the city.

NZAA/Auckland only has one runway – 05R/23L – and they're going to be upgrading its ILS. So from Dec-Feb, there'll be no ILS on 23L, and then from Mar-Apr there'll be no ILS on 05R. Look out for Notams which will be published soon with the exact dates of the closures. VOR/DME and RNAV approaches will still be available throughout.

SPZZ/Peru With the rainy season about to begin, a preventive state of emergency has been declared for the next 60 days, for pretty much the entire region from SPJC/Lima up to the border with Ecuador in the north.

HUEN/Entebbe A criminal ring operating at the airport has been stopped. The ring included senior members of the police force, 8 officers arrested. Immigration, clearing and cargo handling crew members were also involved in the illegal activities, including drug smuggling, human trafficking, the sale of rhino horns, aiding and abetting tax evasion and extorting money from travelers.

SAZZ/Argentina An Air France crew was arrested on arrival in Argentina last month for not upgrading a passenger with government connections on the inbound flight. Sounds crazy, but they went to court. TIA = This is Argentina? [Story here](#).

WMZZ/Malaysia The nighttime curfew in the waters of the Eastern Sabah Security Zone (Esszone) extends to 30 November. The 1800-0600 curfew, which was set to expire on 15 November, applies to seven districts in the zone, police advised people living in these districts to remain indoors during the

scheduled curfew, due to the persistent threat of kidnapping by terrorists in the Sulu Sea. The curfew is intended to help law enforcement monitor vessel movements in the area in order to protect international researchers and tourists on nearby resort islands.

HKZZ/Kenya Officials are warning about a number of fake e-visa sites. The only one you should be using is the official one: <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

OPZZ/Pakistan On Nov 9, at bomb attack approximately 4nm east of OPQT/Quetta Airport killed 3 people. The security situation remains unpredictable across the whole of Pakistan, including the high threat of terrorist attack. The authorities have announced increased security measures in all major cities today, Nov 10, where major religious processions will be held.

FQZZ/Mozambique The national airline LAM has raised concerns about airport security in Mozambique, citing deficiencies in access control, inefficient passenger and worker scrutiny, absence of officers at checkpoints, broken scanning equipment, absence of scrutiny at some freight terminals, lack of scrutiny in VIP rooms, and lack of training in police security, adding that it was concerned that they compromised the safety and security of air passengers and crew members.

KZZZ/USA According to a bulletin from the DHS, officials believe that terrorist groups are seeking alternative methods to carry out attacks against the U.S., including drones. Some terrorist groups overseas are using battlefield experiences to pursue new technologies and tactics, such as unmanned aerial systems and chemical agents that could be used outside the conflict zones. Additionally, terrorists continue to target commercial aviation and air cargo, including with concealed explosives.

VMMC/Macau Until the end of the year, the airport's only runway will be closed for two hours between 20-22Z each Tue, Thu & Sun.

RKZZ/South Korea is opening a new ACC in Daegu. From Dec 6, Incheon ACC will continue to control airspace in the northern half of the country, but Daegu ACC will control airspace in the south.

TAPA/Antigua The runway will be closed for repair overnight Mon-Fri 0230-0900Z until the end of November.

EIDW/Dublin The longer runway (10/28) will be closed each night from 21-05Z until at least Nov 19. During these times, the shorter runway (16/34) will be open, but they'll use 16 for both take-offs and landings - the LDA will be 1692m, and temporary runway end lights will be installed.

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09NOV: UAE and Saudi threat, CYYR closed, Italy strike, Polar alternates

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CYYR/Goose Bay closed because of ... sticky runways



Missile attack on OERK/Riyadh was "warning shot"

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ENSB/Svalbard Discussions complete with the Norwegian CAA! You can continue to use ENSB as an ETOPS or emergency alternate. When the airport changed to domestic status in October, it meant that operators could no longer file ENSB as a destination alternate. But, CAA says that it will remain available H24 for emergency divers, and RFF8 is the normal fire category. If you want to confirm any details, chat with ATC there at +47 67 03 54 25. [Full article](#).

VIDP/Delhi A double whammy of delays at Delhi Airport at the moment. One of the airport's three runways is already completely closed for repair until 0130Z on Nov 10, but now extreme smog is causing extra delays as flights are having to be staggered. Avoid VIDP for the next few days if possible. [FSB Blog](#).

LIZZ/Italy The National ATC Strike planned for Friday from 12-16Z, has been cancelled. Ops normal, apart from some potential local stoppages at LIRF and LIPO. No further dates for strikes set. [FSB Blog](#).

SBGR/Sao Paulo New long term parking procedures are in effect at SBGR – if you want to stay for longer than 3 hours, you'll have to go park over in the Open Air Hangar (OAH) area, rather than just on the apron as before. The **F1 Grand Prix is coming up** there again on Nov 11-12; last year they were turning away

lots of aircraft because they had no space to park them – this year, that won't be a problem. The bad news is it's probably going to cost a fortune to park on the OAH – expect around \$2000 USD per 24 hours (without any serious price reductions if you stay for less time), and a mandatory towing charge of \$300 USD each way. [FSB Blog](#).

OYZZ/Yemen The Saudi Arabia coalition has [closed all air, sea and land borders](#) with Yemen after the missile strike on Riyadh on Nov 4, effectively closing all airports in Yemen. Yemenia airlines said Monday that the coalition, which controls Yemen's airspace, had declined it permission to fly out of Aden and Seiyun, the only two remaining functioning airports. OYSN/Sanaa has been closed since August 2016. All UN humanitarian flights to Yemen, one of the few international operators, have been cancelled after flights were no longer given clearance from the Saudi-led coalition to land in the country. [Full article](#).

ORZZ/Iraq Local ATC controllers tell us that the [strike is over](#) – they are running what they call 'ops normal' for two weeks, before they will/may strike again as negotiations continue. Inside word is that a number of local controllers have been fired, and Serco were providing most of the staff to cover the centre. Baghdad FIR Control Centre and Iraqi Airports are running normally – for now.

DNZZ/Nigeria A shortage of Jet A1 is affecting operations in Nigeria, especially affecting DNMM/Lagos and DNAA/Abuja. This has happened in previous years also, with local comment that it may be artificially created. Check before operating or using DN as RALT.

SOZZ/French Guiana The [ATC strike](#) has been extended to Nov 15. Airspace will be uncontrolled during the daytime hours 1100-2030z, but ATC will be working at night – unless you see any last-minute Notams saying otherwise. During this time, if you want to cross this bit of airspace, there are now very specific routes and levels you have to fly at in their [contingency plan](#). Once you're inside the FIR, don't change your speed or level. ATC staff at SOCA/Cayenne airport are not part of this strike, but check airport Notams for various runway closures throughout November.

RPZZ/Philippines ASEAN Summit coming up this Friday, more restrictions announced. RPLB/Subic Bay will be completely closed to civilian ops until Nov 15. Expect it to be especially busy at RPLL/Manila. Nov 12-15 only allowing departures from 13, and arrivals on 31, and GA banned unless connected to the event. [FSB Blog](#).

OMDW/Dubai The Dubai Airshow will be taking place between Nov 12-16 at Dubai's second airport, Al Maktoum International. However, with all the rehearsals they'll be doing, the airport will be closed to non-airshow traffic at various times each day starting from Nov 8th. So if you're headed there, check the Notams carefully. [FSB Blog](#).

SUZZ/Uruguay The ATC strike has been extended, with three more days of 2 hour stoppage action added – Nov 12, 14 and 16. Only departures affected.

MMOX/Oaxaca Significant disruption from [ongoing roadblocks](#) by transport workers. Blockades have reportedly been erected on some roads heading towards Xoxocotlan International Airport (OAX).

FAOR/Johannesburg Another 'Follow-home' robbery on Nov 2. Three foreign travellers were robbed after being followed from [OR Tambo airport](#), and used Police ID to stop the vehicle. Persistent crime threat, crews should be aware.

LEZZ/Spain Roadblocks reported around **Barcelona**, blocking Via Laietana, Travessera de Dalt and Gran Via avenue. and on the C-17 motorway. Protesters are reacting to the arrest of Catalan leaders by the Spanish authorities, following the region's unilateral declaration of independence on 27 October. Major demonstrations are planned for Nov 11-12. [FSB Blog](#).

EHRD/Rotterdam Closed for runway repair from 23-05z each night until Nov 12, and then the airport will be **completely closed** for three full days from Nov 13-16. [FSB Blog](#).

URRR/Rostov A new airport has been built, called Platov International Airport, and it's set to open on Dec 1. ICAO code will be URRP, and the longest runway is 3200m. This will replace the old URRR/Rostov Airport, which is expected to close by March 2018.

KZZZ/USA The FAA has published a ton of information on Thanksgiving and Snowbird routes for the upcoming holiday season. Everything you might need is [here](#).

OEZZ/Saudi Arabia Several press reports quoting a Yemeni rebel threat to further target Saudi and UAE airports, after their missile reached OERK on Saturday, specifically, 'We urge all airline companies and travelers to avoid airports in both Saudi and UAE as we consider them a legitimate military targets within the range of our ballistic missiles'. [Full article](#).

NCRG/Rarotonga has limited fuel at the moment; won't be available to non-scheduled flights until Nov 13.

GOOY/Dakar International Peace forum Nov 13-14, many heads of state attending, airport will be busier than normal, confirm fuel and handling.

EIZZ/Ireland You can now plan your flights DCT across Irish airspace at any flight level. Free Route Airspace (FRA) has now been extended into the lower airspace below FL245 across all of Irish airspace - this includes Shanwick OCA, the Shannon Oceanic Transition Area (SOTA) and Northern Oceanic Transition Area (NOTA).

MKZZ/Kingston FIR Updated flow requirements related to new ATC system, enroute delays possible. 40nm between aircraft entering FIR 15Z-midnight, and 80nm midnight -15Z.

NVVV/Port Vila The reconstruction of Vanuatu's main airport has finally begun, after a few major airlines cancelled flights there back in 2016 due to the shoddy state of the runway. For now, the runway remains operational, but they're just asking aircraft over 35 tonnes to go easy on the brakes.

LGMK/Mykonos Between Nov 12-19, the only way to get to Mykonos will be by helicopter. During this time the airport will be closed to all other flights, as they're doing runway repair work.

FMZZ/Madagascar There has been a decline in the reported number of cases in the ongoing plague outbreak, but the disease still remains present in cities of Antananarivo and Toamasina, as well as in rural areas. There have been around 2000 cases of plague since August, including 140 fatalities. Don't go there unless you absolutely have to.

HSZZ/South Sudan The security situation in Juba remains tense following the President's decision on Oct 30 to deploy a military and national security personnel presence to surround the residence of the former Chief of the Army staff; he has been under house arrest since May; the UK FCO continues to advise against all travel to South Sudan.

LTZZ/Turkey On Nov 6, the U.S. diplomatic missions in Turkey resumed visa services on a "limited basis.", a rollback of the U.S. decision on Oct 8 to suspend all non-immigrant visa services after the arrest of an employee of a U.S. Consulate; Turkey reciprocated the move the same day. It is unclear whether the U.S. will completely lift the suspension or whether Turkey will also rollback its suspension.

AYMN/Mendi Security risk, unrest over results of general elections. Airport operational (closed Oct 4-18 due local protest and violence), but airlines not yet operating there. Local sources indicate several months before normal ops will resume.

OBZZ/Bahrain US Embassy in Bahrain issued a Security Message concerning travel in Bahrain. Authorities have located several unexploded IEDs recently, and there are several upcoming events which may lead to demonstration and protests.

KZZZ/USA Enhanced security measures on US-bound flights came into effect last week. These include: enhanced surveillance of aircraft on the ground and of the departure gate area; more sniffer dogs; Explosive Trace Detectors will be used for airport security checks; and there will also be a personal interview for each traveller (of the kind that already takes place for travellers on US carriers). Airlines are instructing passengers to arrive to the airport early, and to make sure all their electronic devices are charged and removed from their cases before security.

SKZZ/Colombia On Oct 31, the government authorised airstrikes against armed groups. The directive allows for military action against such groups, including dissident members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as well as armed paramilitary groups, BACRIMs. The authorities have said that military operations will begin in the coming days; a specific date has not been announced.

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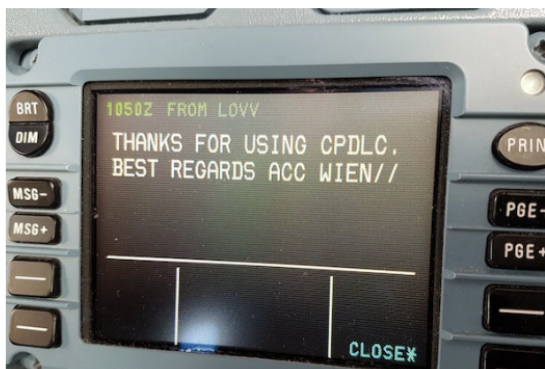
02Nov: Iraq ATC strike, Polar alternates, Manila restrictions, Iridium problem

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Iraq ATC strike over - Baghdad FIR open



Iridium fault fixed, no further impact

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VVZZ/Vietnam New Tropical Storm: Damrey, picking up strength in the South China Sea, heading west towards Vietnam. Current max 40kts, forecast 80kts by Friday evening, by which time it should be over VVTS/Nha Trang. Next in its path would be VVTS/Ho Chi Minh, and VDPP/Phnom-Penh. There’s nothing on the Notams yet, but we’re keeping a close eye for any airport closures. Either way, flooding rain, damaging winds and mudslides are expected across southern Vietnam and much of Cambodia.

KZZZ/USA The FAA has removed MEL relief for out-of-date aircraft Nav databases, now requiring that each operator has a process to update them. Updated document in [#questions](#) on slack.

RJTT/Tokyo Haneda With the US Presidential visit to Tokyo, Haneda says to allow (lots of) extra time for travel to the airport Nov 5-7. Tokyo City will also have a ton of additional security.

SPJC/Lima ATC system is being upgraded from Nov 1-6, with delay impact likely at peak times. Enroute SPIM/Lima ACC, 7 minutes in trail required from 2330-0400Z.

RPLL/Manila Airport has issued an edict banning Bizav/GA parking for the entire UTC day of Nov 11-15, except for aircraft involved with the ASEAN conference. RPLC may be a suitable alternative option.

VIDP/Delhi Runway 11/29 will be completely closed for three full days in November – from 1830Z on the 6th until 0130Z on the 10th. Maximum of 2 non-scheduled flights to land or depart every hour. Try to avoid VIDP on these dates.

SOZZ/French Guyana Controllers are on strike. The Cayenne FIR (S000) is not providing ATC service overnight. Airspace uncontrolled, though some routes available through the FIR as contingency plan is active, review Notams for S000. SOCA/Cayenne airfield is also unavailable as an alternate overnight.

MKZZ/Jamaica For the month of November, both MKJP and MKJS will have special routing procedures for arrivals and departures. It’s all related to the new ATC system they’ve been working with. Check the NOTAMs, you can expect to use what’s published.

VGZZ/Bangladesh On Oct 31, a first officer of Biman Bangladesh Airlines was arrested with three others suspected of planning a terrorist attack involving an aircraft. According to sources of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), the first officer planned to fly an aircraft into residences of senior government officials or to hijack an aircraft and take it to an undisclosed location in the Middle East. Officials did not reveal how close the suspects were to carrying out an attack.

KOAK/Oakland The main runway, 12/30 has reopened after a two week pavement overlay, meaning ops

normal again at OAK. Other US closures are now: Denver 08/26 until Sunday, LAX 6L/24R and JFK 22L/4R until Tuesday.

SUZZ/Uruguay is planning another ATC strike from 6-10 November, with two hour work stoppages affecting all airports in the country, no departures allowed. Check Notams.

RJZZ/Japan Tropical Storm Saola has tracked away from Japan to the north-east, and decreased in intensity. No further impact to ops. No other active systems at present.

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27OCT: New US datalink rule, Japan storm, Met strike, ATC delays

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Inbound Japan this weekend: Tropical Storm Saola



New, single CPDLC logon for US airspace

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LFZZ/France The French CGT Union has called for a strike on November 23 targeting the oil sector, which will likely have an affect on fuel supplies at French airports.

MXZZ/Central America Tropical Storm Selma is heading for Central America, landfall El Salvador coast on Saturday, current winds 35G45 kts.

FMZZ/Madagascar The plague epidemic that began in August 2017 has now killed 124 people. Outbreaks of plague occur regularly in Madagascar; however, this year's outbreak began earlier than usual and is affecting urban, rather than rural, areas. Additionally, authorities have reported that the number of cases is three times higher than the yearly average. Other countries in the region have restrictions on flights from Madagascar, check Notams.

FAOR/Johannesburg A protest by taxi drivers blocked the entrance to the airport this morning, resulting in huge delays. There was a similar protest at FALA/Lanseria earlier in the week, and more may be expected.

HRYR/Kigali is going to be closed daily from 0800-1300Z to upgrade the runway to CATII, until January 24th, they say.

GLRB/Monrovia will be closed to flight operations every Monday and Thursday until further notice, due to WIP.

LOZZ/Austria appears to have a new regulation from today requiring arriving commercial flights (airlines and charter operators) to send APIS to the Austrian Border Police, before departure from port of origin. Anyone doing this already? Any feedback?

SEGU/Guayaquil Runway will be closed Nov 25 and Dec 2 from 1300-2000Z, for maintenance

MMTO/Toluca The Fly Across FBO at Toluca is now – or shortly will be – a Signature facility. MMTO is the most popular GA alternative to MMMX for Mexico City.

EDZZ/Germany Karlsruhe ACC has a new ATC system, with some enroute delays this week and likely next as well. Eurocontrol NM has the latest.

LPZZ/Portugal There is an ongoing strike this week by Met Service officials in Portugal, affecting publication of Metar/TAF information for LP* locations.

GAZZ/Mali On Oct 21, the Malian government extended the state of emergency that has been in existence since November 2015 by a year, until 31 October 2018.

KMSP/Minneapolis St Paul First snowfall of the Winter 2017/18 season today, as the weather grows colder. Ground stop likely later on.

EGLL/London Heathrow has new trial RNAV approaches to both runways. If you want to use them, say "Request RNAV Yankee" on first contact with Heathrow Director 119.725. Refer to temporary charts 12-01 thru 12-04.

EGAC/Belfast City A proposed two hour strike by Swissport baggage handlers was called off on Thursday. Negotiations continue, potential for further as dispute not resolved.

SEZZ/Ecuador Mt Reventador active, volcanic ash cloud seen up to FL380, [monitor here](#).

EGGX/Shanwick will be running voice only on Monday evening for an hour or so from 2130Z – no CPDLC, ACARS, or ADS-B

FOOG/Port Gentil is out of fuel until the end of month, at least. Definitely check before operating, or tanker in.

KZZZ/USA In case you missed the several hundred Notams, KUSA is the new identifier for all logons in the US, including CPDLC-DCL, and enroute. There are some comments that it doesn't work properly if you don't have an active FPL in the box, let us know your experiences on that.

RJZZ/Japan Tropical Storm Saola is south of Japan, gusts to 80kts, will affect southerly Japan airports ROAH, RJFF, RJFK on Sunday and on current track Tokyo likely affected by Monday.

SVZZ/Venezuela Updated US State Dept travel advice Oct 23, down a level from previous – still unstable, but the edict requiring embassy family members to leave has been rescinded.

CYYZ/Toronto The nearly three-month strike of Swissport ground crew has ended. 700 workers returned to work on Oct 18, after agreeing a 3 year pay deal.

KTRI/Tri-Cities airport in Tennessee is operational again after a helicopter crash on Thursday

VOTV/Trivandrum will close for 5 hours on Saturday for a religious ceremony. Ops suspended from 16-21 LT.

ENTO/Torp, Norway has ongoing work meaning the airport is closed Sunday-Friday 0000-0600LT. Common alternate for Oslo, so take care.

VMMC/Macau From ATC: Approaches with the suffix Z are the preferred approaches; if you want something different, tell them when you join the Star.

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After Hurricane Maria - Airport Status

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Post Maria Airport and Airspace status:

Updated October 25, 2017 1800Z

Bahamas

- **MYMM/Mayaguana:** Open and operating
- **MYSM/ San Salvador:** Open and operating

Turks & Caicos

- **MBPV/Providenciales:** Open and operating
- **MBGT/Grand Turk:** Open and operating

Dominican Republic

- **All Airports** Open and operating

Puerto Rico

TJZS all aircraft should use caution when operating within the interior or near the Island due to numerous low flying rotary wing aircraft. For additional operation information [click here](#).

- **TJSJ/San Juan:** Open and operating. Airport continues to be under massive strain and Humanitarian flights are still top priority. The VHF frequencies and radar are working but intermittent. CPDLC unavailable. Fuel is available. Operators must make contact with Aerostar or handler for gate allocation. Slots now only required if you're using the contingency ramp there. Call MFOC at 001-850-283-5994 all other flights file FPL normal. Overnight parking is available.
- **TJIG/Isla Grande:** Open and operating from 0600-1900. Customs open 0800-1730.

Frequency 121.7 for advisory. Tower is operational. Overnight parking available.

- **TJBQ/Aguadilla:** Military and Relief flights only. Tower is open and operating. Limited water, electricity, and internet. For services phone contact has been more successful due to internet complications.
- **TJPS/Ponce:** Military and Hurricane relief and Air Carriers with PPR.
- **TJRV/Ceiba:** Military, Hurricane relief, and GA flights only. Sunrise to Sunset only due to airport lighting down. VFR only no ATC or Tower. Fuel available. No heavy equipment available to offload supplies. Military flights are required 48HR PPR contact: 805-326-9041.
- **TJVQ/Vieques:** Open and operating. Sunrise to Sunset only due to airport lighting down. Internet not available.

For more information on operating into Puerto Rico

For Ops reports in Puerto Rico

U.S. Virgin Islands

- **TISX/St.Croix:** Open and operating. A contingency ramp has been established for FEMA/DOD flights they require Slot reservation contact MFOCC at 1-850-282-0236. All aircraft should contact Longhorn Ops on 251.9 or 139.9 (+/-20min) before landing to arrange parking and fueling. Normal ATC procedures. Customs available.
- **TIST/St.Thomas:** Open and operating. Airport hours are 0900-1800 local time. Customs available 0800-1600LT. Equipment available for Cargo offload. Fuel available. Fema permit NOT required. Tower and unicom frequency is 118.8. Limited coverage from SJU Center. ATIS, nav aids, ILS, runway lights - all out of service. For services contact St.Thomas Jet Center customerservice@sttjetcenter.com (email is best as phones are intermittent Contact Roy Romney: 340-690-5076/ or Terri Thomas: 340-626-5270 for immediate questions. Include the following when requesting services:
Company name
Tail #
Make and model of aircraft
Date of arrival/departure
Local time ETA/ETD
Number of crew and pax both in and out
Method of payment
- TIST have island curfew 1900-0800 still in place

For more information on operating into TIST/STT

British Virgin Islands

- **TUPJ/Beef Island-Tortola:** Open and operating 1130-2100z, but VFR only. Fuel available, limited internet, and electrical power. The perimeter fence was badly damaged by hurricane Irma, so the airport is no longer secured. No overnight parking. Only Property owners, residents and citizens are allowed in the territory at this time. ATS services reduced to 5nm radius of the airport. Flights will need to get PPR here: <http://ppr.bviaaops.com> or via email: clevons@bviala.com mfrance@bviala.com Csmith@bviala.com Lyrubain@bviala.com

Dhamm@bviaa.com

- **TUPA/Anegada:** Airport closed.
- **TUPW/Virgin Gorda:** Airport closed.

Sint Maartin

- **TNCM/Princess Juliana:** Open and Operating 0700L-Sunset (due to no lighting). Fuel is available. File FLP from point of origin due to com difficulties. Equipment to offload cargo is fine, Menzies in charge of the cargo loader. Main Frequency 118.7. ATC is operational (1100Z-Sunset daily). 3 fire vehicles active at the airport, fire CAT 9. Hotel rooms are difficult to find but handler can help arrange.

For information on TNCM/SXM

St. Kitts & Nevis

- **TKPK/Basseterre:** Open and operating
- **TKPN/Nevis Island:** Open and operating

Antigua

- **TAPA/Antigua:** Open and operating.

Anguilla

- **TQPF/The Valley:** Open and Operating. Open from 1100Z to Sunset only. PPR required. Call sign Anguilla Radio on 118.500 25NM out. Fuel is available, Internet, Water and Electrical in terminal. ATC not available contact: 1-264-476-9642 or 1-264-476-5655. Comms with weather and traffic only. Call Aeronautical station for slot reservations (arrival and departure) 1-264-497-1646 and 1-264-584-5397

Guadeloupe

- **TFFR/Pointe-a-Pitre:** Open and operating

Dominica

Serious damage. Homes and trees flattened. Recovery efforts are currently being coordinated from the nearby islands of St Lucia and Antigua.

- **TDPD/Roseau:** Open and operating with limitations. Hours Sunrise – Sunset. Electricity is via standby generator. Water supply is limited and JetA1 fuel is available only. Comms 118.9 standby radio is working and Fire CAT5. Ground handling available on request. Customs, Immigration, and agriculture officers present. Perimeter fence is limited to 60%.
- **TDCF/Canefield:** Open and operating on a limited basis. Largest aircraft that can operate there is a Twin Otter. Only handheld ATC from offsite location, tower was heavily damaged.

Difficult to contact as most communications are still down. Most utilizing Helicopters and St.Lucia is being used as a staging airport.

Trinidad and Tobago

- **TTCP:** Open and operating normally
- **TTPP:** Open and operating normally