

# 14JUNE: Dash 8 shot at and set on fire (pictures), get new FSB Daily Operations Brief

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**Dash 8 shot at and set on fire**



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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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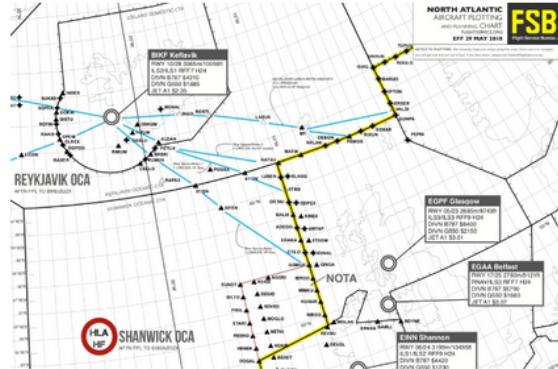
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## Why are you still getting the Ruudy6 wrong? Stop at 1500!



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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** Ewiniar 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 diverts that are emergencies. Don't use EGPH 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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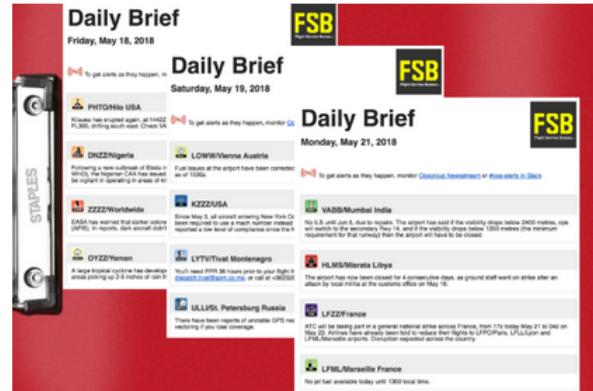
## 23MAY: Bad Notams at Hamburg, NAT CPDLC procedure starts tomorrow, FSB's new Daily

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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 WAHH/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).

**KGYY/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 airsides of these airports.

**LYTV/Tivat** The airport now requires PPR 36 hours prior to your flight. Email [dispatch.tivat@apm.co.me](mailto: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](mailto:operations@airport-pula.hr) and [ppr@airport-pula.hr](mailto: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 24hours prior at [brc-facturacion@aa2000.com.ar](mailto: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 it's FIR, as well as routes to/from Bahrain airports that avoid the Qatar landmass. Check the OBBB 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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# 16MAY: North Korea warnings removed, Libya airspace update, Montreal closed to BA/GA ops

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**FSB removes North Korea airspace warnings**



**Don't be fooled by Libyan Notams**

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**CYUL/Montreal** Due to construction, **no GA/BA ops allowed** 1600-2000 local from May 15-Jun 30. From Jun 8-10 this is lifted for the Grand Prix.

**LFZZ/France** ATC have announced they will take part in the national general strike planned for May 22. **Another ATC strike** is planned for the LFMM/Marseille sector spanning the weekend May 26-28.

**HCZZ/Somalia** IFALPA have issued updated information on safety of operations within the **Mogadishu FIR** (HCSM). Details [here](#).

**LFMN/Nice** With the Cannes Film Festival and the Monaco Grand Prix happening this month, expect the airport to be **busier than usual**. They've published an AIP SUP (042/18) on it, but it just reiterates the normal procedures: slot and parking confirmation are required in advance.

**WIZZ/Indonesia** The Mount Merapi **volcano** in central Java erupted early on May 11, forcing nearby WAHH/Yogyakarta International Airport to temporarily close. Volcanic Ash cloud has since dissipated, and

authorities say further eruptions are unlikely.

**HBZZ/Burundi** Canada is now **warning against all travel** to Burundi, due to ongoing political tensions, civil unrest and daily armed violence. A referendum is taking place on May 17, and demonstrations are expected over the next few weeks.

**HLMS/Misrata** Airport is set to re-open this week, after suspending air traffic two weeks ago to carry out maintenance on the runway. **Security is still a major issue** here though, as the airport has been forced to close on several occasions this year due to ongoing clashes between local militia.

**EGGW/Luton** Disruption expected over the holiday weekend May 25-30, as ground staff including firefighters, baggage handlers, and security staff, are planning to go on **strike** at various different times.

**ORZZ/Iraq** All airports in the country **re-opened** on May 12, following a 24hr closure for the elections.

**VTBS/Bangkok** IFALPA have issued some information on the ongoing problem of **soft ground** affecting the taxiways and aircraft stands. Details here.

**YSCB/Canberra** Canberra don't like receiving diverts without having an agreement in place. In Mar 2017, Qantas claim the airport refused to let their diverted B738 from departing again until a charge of \$18,000 was paid by credit card – the usual fee should be around \$2000.

**FAZZ/South Africa** More reports of "follow-home" armed robberies of foreigners travelling to/from airports. Ten separate incidents at FAOR/Johannesburg on Apr 27, and one at FALE/Durban on May 13.

**UKZZ/Ukraine** Ukraine has **extended its ban** on Russian aircraft entering Ukrainian airspace until 13th August.

**KIMT/Iron Mountain** The airport has now **reopened**, after the main runway was closed for 15 days for repair work.

**KPGV/Greenville** The runway repair work was completed four days ahead of schedule, and the airport reopened on May 15.

**RPLL/Manila** The airport is reporting numerous potholes, soft spots and uneven pavement on its taxiways and apron. None reported on the runways so far, but this time last year the airport was forced to shut down one runway for a few hours to repair a big pothole.

**VOTV/Trivandrum** Shortage of parking bays expected from now until the end of Aug. All night-stops require approval 24hrs in advance.

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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/Chandigarh** 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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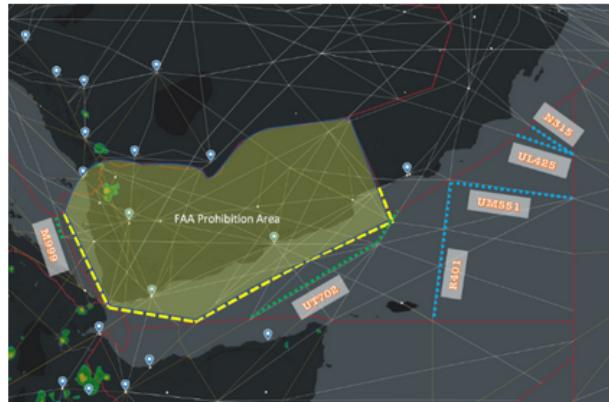
## 26APR: France ATC strike this weekend, Saudi-Yemen airspace update, New CPDLC messages on the NAT

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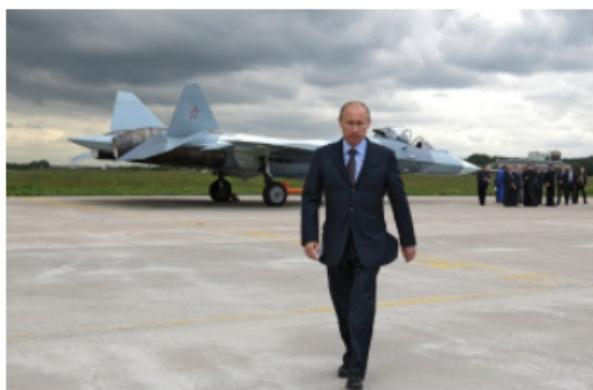
## 18APR: Expanded Syria airspace risk, Russia is not closing to US flights, Morocco's new Agadir ACC

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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.cccoa@gmail.com](mailto:panif.cccoa@gmail.com), or phone +223 20221631.

**ENTC/Tromso** Airport's only runway will be closed overnight Sun-Fri 22-04Z due 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

# airspace, Qatar airspace update, Italy ground handling strikes

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**Qatar airspace update – military jets intercepting civil flights**



**European air traffic warned over Syria strikes**

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

**NFZZ/Fiji & Tonga** Tropical Cyclone Keni is weakening as it moves away southwards from Fiji and Tonga, after bringing heavy rain and destructive winds to the islands from Apr 9-11. All airports are open and operational.

**LROP/Bucharest** The runways are in a state of disrepair, local reports of multiple blown tires in recent weeks due to potholes. B747-200/300/400 aircraft are effectively prohibited until Jul 4, as urgent maintenance work is now planned on both runways.

**SPJC/Lima** Due to the upcoming Summit of the Americas in Lima, no overnight parking allowed on the General Ramp between Apr 10-17. Overnight parking in a hangar or in the military zone is possible, contact: [cco@atsaperu.com](mailto:cco@atsaperu.com)

**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 diverts, 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**



**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/excds/>

**YZZZ/Australia** Tropical Storm Iris is siting 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 diverts, 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.

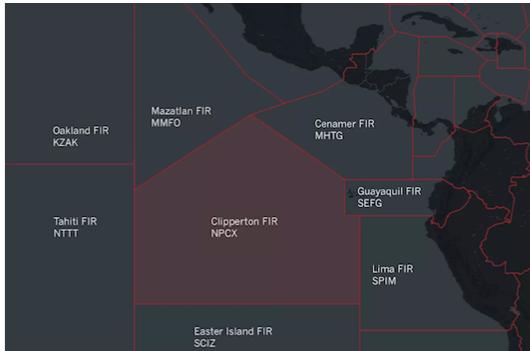
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## 01APR: New Oceanic Control Area started

# ops last night, Greek Charter rules

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**FSB and OPSGROUP win bid to control 1.8 million km area of Pacific Airspace**



**Charter flights to Greece now need an annual license**

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**TNCM/Saint Martin** The airport's commercial terminal was heavily damaged by Hurricane Irma in Sept, and once the airport reopened to commercial flights in Oct, all arriving aircraft were having to be processed through the FBOs instead. But now temporary arrivals and departures facilities have finally been opened for commercial flights, so the FBO's will return to exclusively supporting private aviation again.

**NPCX/Clipperton Oceanic** OPSGROUP finally has its own airspace. We're delighted to make public, after 18 months of negotiation with the local Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), that control of the Clipperton FIR has been assigned to FSB. Operations commenced last night at 2359Z. Read our article, or the official Press Release on the DCA website.

**FMCZ/Mayotte** Civil unrest and an indefinite general strike continues in Mayotte, with protests and roadblocks on major roads including those around the airport, as well as the capital, Mamoudzou.

**SCZZ/Chile** ADS-C and CPDLC are now available for FANS-1/A capable aircraft across all of Chile's oceanic FIR's (SCIZ/Isla de Pascua, SCFZ/Antofagasta, SCEZ/Santiago, SCTZ/Puerto Montt, and SCCZ/Punta Arenas), except on airways UL302, L302, UL780, and L780. There's a single CPDLC logon code for all these areas: SCEZ.

**LFZZ/France** Another ATC strike has been announced, this time just for the LFMM/Marseille ACC, from 04z on Apr 7 to 04z on April 9. If the strike goes ahead, overflight traffic should route around the LFMM sector during this period.

**LEZZ/Spain** CPDLC is now available above FL285 across Spanish airspace for CPDLC ATN VDL Mode 2 equipped aircraft. The logon code for the Madrid FIR is LECM, and for the Barcelona FIR is LECB.

**TTZZ/Piarco** CPDLC is out of service until the end of March. 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.

**VEPT/Patna** From Mar 25 onwards, the airport will now be open 24/7.

**OEZZ/Saudi Arabia** The Saudi government have confirmed that on Mar 25, seven ballistic missiles were fired toward Saudi Arabia from within Yemen. The rebels said they were targeting OERK/Riyadh Airport and other sites in the capital. All seven missiles were intercepted and destroyed, although one person died and two more were injured by falling fragments of one missile over a residential neighbourhood in Riyadh.

**DNZZ/Nigeria** Workers' unions in the aviation industry have threatened to shut the airspace and ground all flight activities in protest against the Federal Government's refusal to pay pension money owed to Nigeria Airways ex-workers. This "indefinite industrial action" is due to start on Apr 2, unless an agreement is reached.

**OPRN/Islamabad** Ongoing fuel supply issues. There's a Notam out that says all aircraft must currently tank in sufficient fuel for their outbound flight.

**ZZZZ/Worldwide** ICAO will raise the weight threshold requirement for hardened cockpit doors for aircraft with 19 or fewer seats from 100,310 pounds (45.5 metric tons) MTOW to 120,152 pounds (54.5 metric tons). This means that current and future ultra-long-range business jets, including the G650ER and Global 7000 will no longer need to meet this requirement. The new standard will become effective Jul 16, 2018, and applicable to member states in Nov 2018.

**DTZZ/Tunisia** The strike by ATC Technicians originally planned for Mar 23-25 has now been rescheduled for Apr 6-8. They postponed it to facilitate further talks between participating unions and employers over a range of grievances. If the strike goes ahead, it is not yet clear whether specific airports will be affected.

**ORZZ/Iraq** Turkey have only partially followed the lead of the Iraqi government's decision to re-open the Kurdish airports ORER/Erbil and ORSU/Sulaymaniyah to international flights. Turkey will now start allowing flights to ORER/Erbil to use its airspace, but not flights to ORSU/Sulaymaniyah - citing their ongoing concerns about terrorism in Sulaymaniyah.

**OEZZ/Saudi Arabia** On Mar 22, Air India made history by becoming the first commercial flight to be allowed to use Saudi airspace, on a route between VIDP/Delhi and LLBG/Tel Aviv. However, Israeli flag carrier El Al has not been given similar permission, and must still take a more circuitous path to avoid Saudi Arabia, adding hours to the flight time.

**KZZZ/USA** With the roll-out of PBCS coming on Mar 29, the FAA requires N-reg operators to update their A056 LOA authorization, but they are delaying the renewal deadline to Sep 30 for private (Part 91) operators only. Notice N 8900.445 has now been updated, and is available here: [http://fsims.faa.gov/wdocs/notices/n8900\\_455.pdf](http://fsims.faa.gov/wdocs/notices/n8900_455.pdf)

**VICG/Chandigarh** Following a similar closure in Feb, the airport will be completely closed for more runway extension work from May 12-31.

**KORD/Chicago** RWY 15/33, one of the airport's longest runways since O'Hare opened, will close

permanently on Mar 29. After that, most traffic requiring extra-long runways will then be shifted to east-west runways 10L/28R and 10C/28C. Some of the pavement lane of runway 15/33 will survive as a taxiway (“Sierra-Sierra”).

**EKZZ/Denmark** A strike threat from the meteorological service and ATC could end up paralysing air traffic in Denmark, if an agreement is not reached before Apr 4. If this were to happen, internal flights in Greenland would also be suspended – as airspace here is also run by the same authority.

**HUEN/Entebbe** Uganda’s Civil Aviation Authority has announced that it has launched an investigation into extortion activities by airport staff following a reported incident on Mar 18, where ground handling staff are alleged to have prevented a passenger from boarding a flight to China because he had a one-way ticket and lacked proper documentation, unless the passenger paid a fine of 200 U.S. dollars.

**VRZZ/Maldives** A state of emergency that had been in place for 45 days amidst political unrest was lifted on Mar 22. There are still some travel advisories in place for the capital Male and Addu City (Addu atoll), but disruption is not expected anywhere else – even throughout the duration of the state of emergency there were no reports that any of the outlying islands, resorts or VRMM/Malé International Airport were affected.

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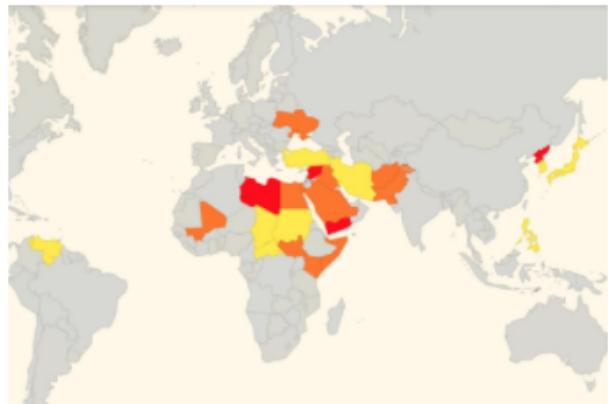
## 23MAR: Unsafe Airspace updates, Fixing Notams NOW, new Greek rules

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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 SABE/Buenos Aires, **during a storm**, which means they now need to reprogram their schedule until the aircraft get fixed.

**KGYY/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 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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## 16MAR: PBCS PITA, French ATC Strike, Venezuela outbounds banned

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**Venezuela crisis: outbound flights banned**



**None for you! Here's the latest on the PBCS PITA...**

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**LFZZ/France** Some ATC unions are expected to join the French National Strike that has been declared for Mar 22. We're still waiting for more details, but it looks like the strike could well start from 18z on Mar 21 and last through until 05z on Mar 23.

**VNKT/Kathmandu** The airport re-opened on Mar 13, following the tragic crash of the US-Bangla aircraft on Mar 12. The airport has confirmed that all runways, taxiways and navaids are operational, there are no new restrictions, and the airport operating hours remain the same: 0015z to 1845z daily.

**WADD/Bali** The airport will be closed all day on Mar 17, for Bali's day of silence to mark the Hindu New Year. From 6am on Mar 17 until 6am on Mar 18, Bali literally comes to a standstill with almost complete silence throughout the island. Mobile internet gets turned off, and all work and entertainment is forbidden. Non-Hindu residents and tourists must abide by the restrictions too, and no one is allowed onto the beaches or streets.

**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 work is scheduled to continue until the end of April 2019.

**EPWA/Warsaw** A new night curfew is in place: no ops allowed from 2130-0330z between now and Apr 26, except for emergency diverts. After that, the curfew times change to 2130-0330z for the summer time period.

**FMCZ/Mayotte** Weeks of street protests and roadblocks on major roads including those around the airport, as well as the capital, Mamoudzou. The French government are now in negotiations with local groups, to try to bring an end to weeks of disruption across the island linked to an anti-crime and anti-immigration protest movement.

**EIDW/Dublin** Night-time runway maintenance work continues. The long runway (RWY 10/28) is available again overnight but with a displaced threshold, meaning a shortened landing distance of 2142 metres.

**TLPC/Castries** The authorities will now start allowing certain private flights above ICAO Classification Code 2 to operate to the airport - the new limit is Code 3C, with wingspan not greater than 28.5 meters. Daylight ops only, no overnight parking allowed, and you'll have to sign a form absolving the airport of any responsibility in case anything goes wrong.

**FACT/Cape Town** Ongoing drought and low dam storage levels. 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. Water rationing in the city of Cape Town has been in place since Feb 1 - without rainfall, the date the city estimates its taps will run dry, which has been dubbed "Day Zero," has been set as April 16.

**RJZZ/Japan** Another eruption on Mar 10 at the Shinmoedake volcano in southern Japan. On Mar 14, an ash cloud was still being reported in the area up to FL150. Earlier on Mar 6, two eruptions forced JFK/Kagoshima Airport to close all day.

**VCZZ/Sri Lanka** Much improved security situation following communal unrest at the beginning of March. Although the nationwide state of emergency is officially still in place until Mar 16, night-time curfews have now been lifted, and social media access has been restored after a three-day blackout.

**LHBP/Budapest** One of the airport's two runways (RWY 13L/31R) will be closed until June 30 for extensive resurfacing works. There may be some delays, as this will result in reduced capacity during single runway ops.

**OEZZ/Saudi Arabia** Saudi Arabia has given Air India permission to use its airspace on flights between VIDP/Delhi and LLBG/Tel Aviv. This could mark the end of the 70-year airspace ban that Saudi Arabia has had in place against flights to/from Israel.

**CZZZ/Canada** A reminder that CANPASS is only available for private aircraft carrying no more than 15 people (including the crew). Any more than that and you'll need to call in advance to arrange for customs clearance on arrival. More info here: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/canpass/>

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## 09MAR: Greek airport prices double, new international airport Sao Paolo

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## Sao Paulo's second airport to regain international status



## Greek Airport charges will double from next month

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**LGZZ/Greece** Landing and parking fee hikes are coming on Apr 1, at all those airports in Greece that are operated by Fraport: Aktion, Chania, Corfu, Kavala, Kefalonia, Kos, Lesbos, Mykonos, Rhodes, Samos, Santorini, Skiathos, Thessaloniki and Zakynthos. Parking at all airports will now be at least twice as expensive as it used to be.

**SBSP/Sao Paulo** The World Economic Forum on Latin America 2018 will be taking place in Sao Paulo from Mar 13-15. For the first time since 1985, the city's second airport SBSP/Congonhas will be open to international flights, from Mar 9-18. Only BA/GA will be accepted, nothing larger than 737BBJ / A319ACJ. This will be a trial period to check if the airport could regain its international status on a permanent basis.

**VTZZ/Thailand** Tropical storms are forecast across central Thailand, including in Bangkok, from Mar 8-10. Authorities have warned locals to prepare for possible flooding, as most dams and rivers in the area are already near capacity.

**KZZZ/USA** Travel disruption expected to continue across the Northeastern states in the next few days, following the passage of Storm Quinn, which buried many areas with heavy snow. More than 2000 flights were cancelled at Northeastern airports because of the storm.

**NFTF/Fua'amotu** Reconstruction efforts continue, following damage caused by Cyclone Gita in Feb. The night-time curfew in central Nuku'alofa has been extended to Mar 12. The airport is open and operating, but travel to Togo is currently not advised due to damage to hotels and infrastructure across the rest of the island.

**NZZZ/New Zealand** Cyclone Hola is forecast to arrive sometime between Mar 11-13. The cyclone is

currently building as a category 2 storm as it moves away from Vanuatu. It's expected to intensify on Mar 8 as it moves southwest towards New Caledonia, with most forecasters saying it will then track towards the north island of New Zealand.

**LGTS/Thessaloniki** The hugely disruptive repair work that had been going on since early Dec 2017 has now been completed. Both runways are back in service, and the makeshift runway they were calling 10L/28R has now been re-assigned back as Taxiway F. Easyjet will re-commence their scheduled flights there from Mar 25 onwards.

**LFZZ/France** Potential strike by some Air France staff on Mar 23. If it goes ahead, it's likely to be similar to the one held on Feb 22 which resulted in the carrier canceling a quarter of its flights.

**VCZZ/Sri Lanka** On Mar 6, the government announced a nationwide state of emergency in response to recent incidents of inter-communal violence in certain regions to the east of the capital, Colombo. There are restrictions on phone and internet access, and all the main social media platforms have been blocked. Soldiers have been deployed across the island for an initial 10-day period in a bid to prevent the unrest from spreading.

**LGZZ/Greece** We've heard reports that the Greek CAA are planning to introduce some new rules for non EU-registered aircraft with up to 19 seats intending to do charter flights to Greece. In order to pick-up or drop-off passengers, these operators will now need to apply for an annual licence from the CAA. This is quite separate from the existing requirement to get a Third Country Operator (TCO) approval from EASA. Expect an AIP update soon with more details on this.

**RJZZ/Japan** A volcano in southern Japan erupted on Mar 6, shooting smoke and ash up to 7,500 feet into the sky. All flights at the nearby RJFK/Kagoshima airport were grounded, though operations have since resumed. On Mar 7, an ash cloud was still being reported in the area up to FL150.

**KSDM/San Diego** CBP are threatening to close the Customs office at the airport from May 1, after failing to reach an agreement with the City of San Diego about a requested upgrade to the CBP facilities and equipment at the airport. If the closure goes ahead, GA will no longer be able to operate internationally to/from KSDM.

**LXGB/Gibraltar** On Mar 3, severe weather and a subsequent rockfall damaged some airport equipment - both the primary and secondary radar are currently out of service.

**TTCP/Tobago** The airport will be closed for runway repair each night between 02-10z until May 5.

**MUZZ/Cuba** The U.S. have claimed that some of its embassy staff in Havana have been targeted by so-called 'health attacks', and believe that U.S. citizens may also be at risk. They now specifically mention Hotel Nacional and Hotel Capri as hotels to avoid.

**SOMA/Cayenne** Due to ongoing staff shortages, the airport is unavailable from 01-11z every night now until further notice.

**VIDP/Delhi** Sporadic runway closures until the end of March will mean that at most times overnight, there will only be one runway available. Expect delays.

**ZSPD/Shanghai** The airport now has Cat-III ILS installed on RWY34L, which will enable pilots with the necessary qualification to land even when visibility is less than 175 meters / landing height less than 15 meters.

**KZZZ/USA** With the ADS-B deadline coming up in Jan 2020, U.S. operators can get their ADS-B equipment validated by the FAA for free - just do a flight of at least 10 minutes in ADS-B airspace above FL050, and the system will check the accuracy of the data your aircraft is transmitting, and will send you an

automated report by email. Sign up here: <https://adsbperformance.faa.gov/PAPRRequest.aspx>

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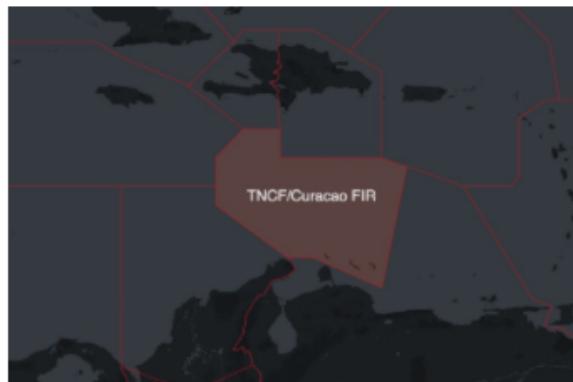
## 01MAR: Kenya airspace risk, Curacao rejecting overflights

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**US changes boundaries of Kenya airspace warning**



**Curacao now denying overflights if not prepaid**

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**ORZZ/Iraq** The Iraqi central government have extended the ban on international flights to the Kurdish airports ORER/Erbil and ORSU/Sulaymaniyah to the end of May 2018. They say the ban will only be lifted when the Kurdistan Regional Government fully hand control of the administration of the airports back to the federal government.

**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.

**LPAZ/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](mailto: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/Munchen 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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## 23FEB: Tel Aviv Airport closes as a precaution against attack, Indonesia mandates ADS-B above FL290

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**Tel Aviv Airport closes as a precaution against attack**



**Indonesia mandates ADS-B above FL290**

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**WADD/Denpasar** Bali's airport will be closed for runway repair each night from 18-23z (except Saturdays) until Mar 30.

**FSZZ/Seychelles** They have pushed back the ADS-B mandate for all airspace within the FSSS/Seychelles FIR from Dec 2017 to Dec 2020.

**HLLM/Mitiga** Following multiple recent closures due to ongoing clashes between local militia, the airport will now completely close each night between 22-04z until at least May 16. For the latest on Libya, check [here](#).

**CZZZ/Canada** On May 24, the Canada ADIZ will be expanded to include most of the Arctic Archipelago. For the east and west coasts, the inner boundary will be moved offshore. Full details [here](#).

**SVZZ/Venezuela** There is an ongoing government ban on all flights from Venezuela to the islands of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao. Multiple continued travel warnings in place for Venezuela – significant level of violent crime, and unstable political and economic situations. Recommended to avoid planning tech stops [here](#).

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

**VIDP/Delhi** New rule in effect from Feb 19 – you now need slots for arrival and departure. You can only apply a maximum of 5 days in advance. Maximum ground time is now 3 days (unless you go into a hangar). Full details [here](#).

**VAAH/Ahmedabad** The airport will be closed for runway repair daily from 0430-1330z between Mar 1 – Apr 15. This will mainly affect operators going to VABB/Mumbai (250 NM), as VAAH is the most commonly used international alternate. All other decent airports (e.g. VOHS/Shamshabad, VIJP/Jaipur) are much further away, so you'll need to carry extra fuel.

**TBZZ/Barbados** Multiple sewage leaks across large parts of the island's popular south coast. Some residents have been forced to move, some businesses have closed, and some visitors to the island have complained about contracting gastroenteritis. Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom put all issued travel advisories warning their citizens about the risks of travel to Barbados due to the current sewage problem.

**HAZZ/Ethiopia** Following a week of anti-government protests, a country-wide state of emergency has been declared, which is set to last for 6 months. No new airport or travel restrictions have been imposed (yet), although expect heightened police presence. During the last state of emergency in 2016, the government shut down the internet and mobile signal for several days.

**GUZZ/Guinea** Sporadic demonstrations continue to occur across the country, following disputed elections held on Feb 4. There have been violent clashes, including some fatalities, in the northern suburbs of Conakry. Demonstrators have also attacked vehicles when drivers attempted to pass through or around the protests.

**LHBP/Budapest** The U.S. Embassy in Budapest has issued a Security Alert for the airport that reads in part as follows: "Theft of items from passenger luggage at Budapest Airport has increased. Passengers reported that valuable items had been removed from their checked luggage."

**EPZZ/Poland** CPDLC services will be available in Polish airspace between FL285-660 from Mar 29 onwards. The data link address will be EPWW.

**UMZZ/Belarus** Free route airspace will be implemented in Belarus airspace from Nov 8. At first it will be night-time only (23-05z), between FL305-660, but expect this to be expanded in line with similar plans for

free route airspace implementation in Europe.

**VRZZ/Maldives** The government have extended the state of emergency to mid-March, in the midst of a political crisis that has seen security forces deployed in the capital Malé. Expect more protests there, although so far there have been no reports that VRMM/Malé International Airport or any of the outlying islands have been affected.

**UHPP/Petropavlovsk** Opening hours are now 20-08z. Outside of those hours, they might open for you, but only with prior coordination, and you can't file UHPP as an alternate during those times. The airport is still available H24 for emergency diverts though.

**NZZZ/New Zealand** Cyclone Gita hit the South Island on Feb 20, where a state of emergency has been declared. The forecast for Feb 20-22 shows heavy rain, risk of flooding, and gusting winds of around 50kts. All the major international airports remain open, although Air New Zealand cancelled all flights in and out of NZWN/Wellington on Feb 20.

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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 diverts 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](mailto: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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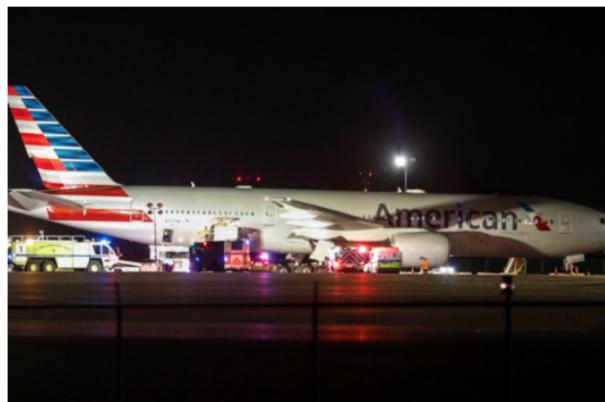
# 08FEB: PBCS is coming to Singapore, Bermuda as a NAT alternate

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**PBCS is coming to Singapore**



**Bermuda as a NAT alternate ...**

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**EGGX/Shanwick** ICAO have published their own Bulletin on the upcoming PBCS requirements on the NAT. It confirms what we already knew – after Mar 29, you will need PBCS-style RNP4, CPDLC and ADS-C to fly the tracks between FL350-390. But it does have an interesting little section explaining how non-compliant aircraft might be allowed to ‘infringe’ or climb/descend through the tracks. We’ve updated our PBCS article with this info.

**LFZZ/France** Expect disruption to rail and air travel in Paris over the coming days due to heavy snowfall. A number of flights to LFPG/Paris Charles de Gaulle, LFPO/Paris Orly and LFPB/Paris Le Bourget international airports have been cancelled while some Eurostar services between London and Paris have also been delayed or cancelled.

**RCZZ/Taiwan** Two large earthquakes in the space of 24hrs from Feb 6-7 near the city of Hualien on

Taiwan's east coast has resulted in at least 7 deaths. Ops at RCYU/Hualien airport have not been affected, and the runway and airport are reported to still be fully intact.

**GCZZ/Canary Islands** CPDLC-ATN service is now available in the GCCC/Canarias TMA for ATC clearance.

**KBNZ/Yellowstone** 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 biggest runway (11/29) is barely over 3000ft long, so during this period pretty much all commercial traffic has been rescheduled to avoid the daily closures.

**LIRF/Rome** There's a small localised ATC strike planned at Rome's Fiumicino airport on Feb 10, from 9-17z. International flights should be unaffected, but expect some delays if operating there that day.

**EDDM/Munich** The Munich Security Conference will be happening from Feb 14-18. During these dates, you can't use EDDM as an alternate, and GA flights will need to get special permission to land. For PPR contact +49 89 975 21132 or email [specialoperations@munich-airport.de](mailto:specialoperations@munich-airport.de)

**GAZZ/Mali** Algeria have now published a Notam saying aircraft exiting their airspace and entering Mali should do so only at a level between FL320-400. That's fairly consistent with the advice issued by other countries.

**WIII/Jakarta** Heavy rains have caused flooding and landslides around the outskirts of the city of Jakarta, and the city itself is now vulnerable to flooding after the authorities were forced to open sluice gates on a major upstream reservoir on Feb 6.

**UZZ/Russia** Delays at the Moscow airports continue, after the city was blanketed by its heaviest snowfall in 100 years. Over 40cm of snow fell between Feb 3-6, or 20 per cent more than the average for the whole month. The weather has since improved somewhat, although more snow is forecast for this weekend.

**EPZZ/Poland** No datalink services available in Polish airspace until Feb 28, as they're running tests on their systems. All login attempts to EPWW will be automatically rejected.

**TIST/St Thomas** Between now and Feb 16, the runway will be closed overnight from 02-09z. If you need to land during those times, you'll need to get PPR at least an hour in advance, by calling +1-340-201-2598.

**ANYN/Nauru** There's still no HF radio coverage at Nauru. If you're operating there, maintain HF contact with Brisbane until you can make VHF contact with Nauru on 118.1MHz or 126MHz. For overflights in the region outside of VHF range, you can contact them on satphone: either +61-147-148478 or +61-147-163879.

**VRZZ/Maldives** On Feb 5, the Maldives government declared a state of emergency, in the midst of a political crisis that has seen security forces deployed in the capital Malé. However, so far there are no reports that any of the outlying islands, resorts or VRMM/Malé International Airport are affected.

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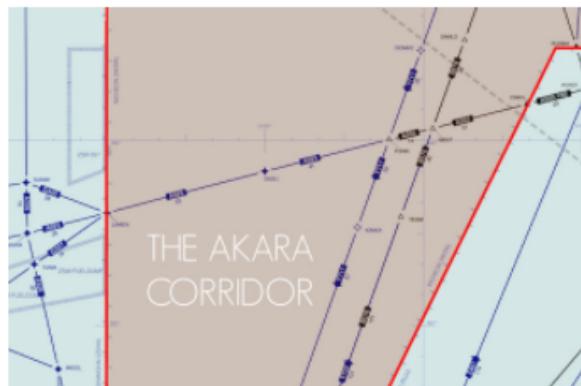
# 02FEB: NAT PBCS, Changes coming, Dangerous airspace in the Incheon FIR, George is back

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**The latest on the 2018 NAT Changes**



**Dangerous airspace in the Incheon FIR**

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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](mailto: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 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. OIE/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](http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_8_2612.html)

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**RCZZ/Taiwan** China has opened up the airway M503 to northbound traffic. The airway sits just within the ZSHZ/Shanghai FIR, and has been used for southbound traffic since 2015. Taiwan complained back then, and they're doing so again now – they say the airway is too close to existing routes that serve airports in outlying groups of Taiwan-controlled islands, and thus poses a risk to safety. China have ignored them. So for now, if you're flying from the VHHK/Hong Kong FIR in the south to any number of airports in northern China, the Chinese authorities are quite happy for you to route via M503.

**LOWI/Innsbruck** The airport is getting busy with winter ski flights, so from Wednesdays 18z to Sundays 18z until Apr 15, GA/BA flights will now only be allowed a maximum of 1 hour on ground.

**DAZZ/Algeria** Air Algerie flights resumed on Jan 23 after a wildcat strike by cabin crew grounded nearly all departures from the capital's airport DAAG/Algiers the previous day. Their trade union has threatened more strike action in the coming weeks.

**KZZZ/USA** The US government shutdown only lasted 2 days in the end: Jan 20-22. Now a bill has been signed to restore federal funding up until Feb 8. This is good news for general aviation, as the shutdown had effectively halted all FAA non-critical functions. One such example is the U.S. Aircraft Registry – when that shuts it halts the purchase, sale, maintenance, and in some cases even the movement of aircraft. For all the details on how government shutdowns impact general aviation, NBAA have it covered [here](#).

**KDCA/Washington** State of the Union Address on Jan 30. No GA ops allowed at KDCA airport that day from 2000-2300 local time, including participants in the 'DCA Access Standard Security Program' (DASSP). No such restrictions for other airports in the area, including KBWI/Baltimore and KIAD/Washington Dulles.

**DNEN/Enugu** Runway repair work that had been ongoing since early Dec has now been completed. The airport is now back to normal ops, and is open from 06-23z.

**RJZZ/Japan** Expect travel disruption in Tokyo and the surrounding region this week due to a storm on Jan 22 that left the city fully covered with a heavy blanket of snow of over 20 centimetres. The city has come to a standstill with vehicles trapped in bridges and tunnels. Hundreds of cancellations and delays at both RJAA/Narita and RJTT/Haneda on Jan 22 left thousands stranded; both airports will be extremely busy over the next few days as they clear the backlog.

**HLLM/Tripoli** The only functioning airport in the Libyan capital reopened on Jan 20 after a five-day closure caused by deadly clashes that left passenger jets damaged. However, our advice remains the same: don't land at any airport in Libya, don't even overfly the country. Read the latest info [here](#).

**ZZZZ/Worldwide** A recent rise in the cost of oil means that for the first time in three years, the global benchmark has risen above US\$70.00 a barrel. Despite this, four of the major carriers, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, United Airlines and Dubai-based Emirates, have confirmed they will not be hedging fuel bills.

**HEZZ/Egypt** Expect heightened security and traffic disruption in the run up to Jan 25 – the seventh anniversary of the 2011 revolution that ousted former president Hosni Mubarak. Several political parties and movements have backed calls for protests on the day.

**KZZZ/USA** Heavy snow on Jan 22 closed all runways at KMSP/Minneapolis airport for a few hours and forced the cancellation of over 500 flights. Although the weather forecast across the Midwest states is set to improve over the coming days, anticipate residual travel disruption as many roads are still blocked or partially blocked and icy conditions are present across the region.

**SOZZ/French Guiana** Controllers are on strike again. The Cayenne FIR (SOOO) will not be providing ATC services overnight from 23z-11z on the nights of both Jan 25 and Jan 26 – although expect more closures to be announced for other nights too. Airspace throughout the entire FIR basically becomes uncontrolled, though some routes are available as their contingency plan is active – review the SOOO Notams for details of those. SOCA/Cayenne airfield is also unavailable as an alternate overnight.

**EGGX/Shanwick** From March 29 you will need to comply with PBCS (Performance Based Communication and Surveillance) if you want to fly on the NAT Tracks between FL350-390. That means you'll need ADS-C and CPDLC, and be RNP4 compliant. Depending on where you're registered, you may also need to get PBCS approval. We've got all the details [here](#).

**OJAM/Amman** The city's second airport (OJAI is the main one) will be closed to everything except emergency and VIP flights each day from 09-15z until Feb 2.

**VIDP/Delhi** Due to the Republic Day celebrations, from now until Jan 26, GA ops are prohibited daily between 04-08z, and the airport will be completely closed to all ops daily between 0505-0645z.

**KZZZ/USA** Heading to watch certain sports games in Minnesota next month? There are a bunch of FAA required routes and a no-fly zone to watch out for. Full details [here](#).

**RPZZ/Philippines** Powerful volcanic eruptions this week at the Mayon volcano, located around 330km south of RPLL/Manila, and 15km north of RPLP/Legazpi – which is now closed until Jan 27. Over 50,000 people have fled the surrounding areas and are now taking shelter in evacuation camps. Ash is drifting north from the volcano, and clouds have been reported up to FL360 over the ocean directly off the east coast from Manilla. More explosive eruptions are likely within the next few days.

**EGLL/Heathrow** They will be trialling some new 3.2° RNAV approaches on all four runways until Oct 2018. All carriers that are RNAV 0.3 equipped and operate at Heathrow must have the additional RNAV

approaches, details of which can be found in the UK AIP SUP 001/2018.

**MKZZ/Jamaica** A state of emergency has been declared in parts of St James (which includes Montego Bay). A major military operation is now underway, in response to recent violence including shooting incidents. Travellers are being told to avoid the area, and those already there should remain in their resorts as much as possible.

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## 19JAN: Euro MMEL update, Iraq airspace officially open

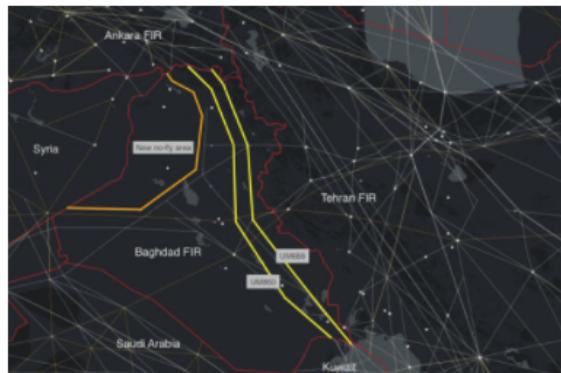
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**That MMEL thing: here's an update**



**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 ‘Berguitta’, 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](mailto: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 tank up 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** ESNN/Sundsvall has become the country's second airport to have remote air traffic control, after ESNO/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. ESSL/Linkoping 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 RPPL/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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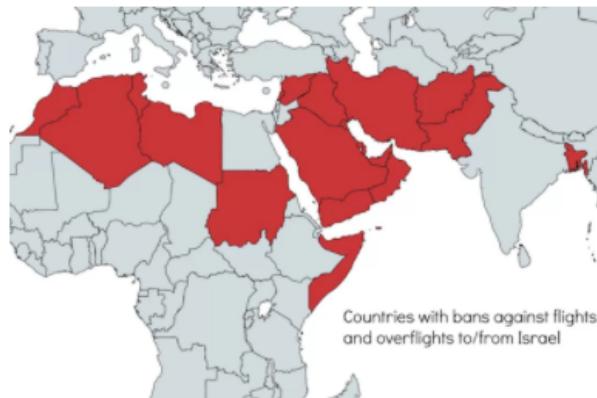
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**KZZZ/USA** A front of arctic air is moving in behind yesterday's storm on the East Coast, so expect extreme wind chill values as freezing temperatures plummet even lower today. Expect continued disruption from yesterday's storm: more cancellations 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. KJFK also single runway with secondary expected after 17z. KIAD west runway closed due to diversions from yesterday.

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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](mailto: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](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

**MTPP/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](http://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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**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 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. Navaids 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 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/EI 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 make a point of warning against making any landings at the airports in the region: HEAR/EI Arish, HEGR/EI 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.

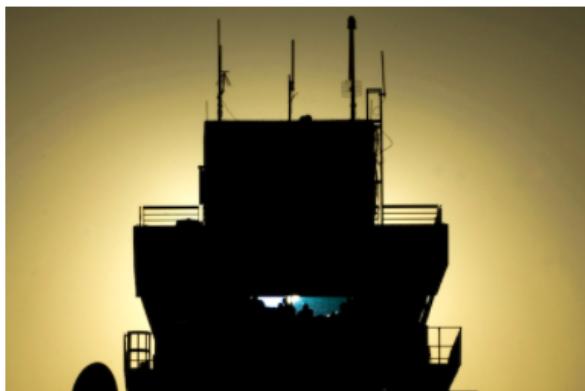
**HEZZ/Egypt** The new Sphinx International Airport is due to start operating in Jan. The airport has a 3650 metre runway, and is adjacent to and shares some infrastructure with HECW/Cairo West Air Base, around 20nm from Cairo city.

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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 Orly** 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](https://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/safo/all_safos/media/2017)

**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 RPPL/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. FEFF/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 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.

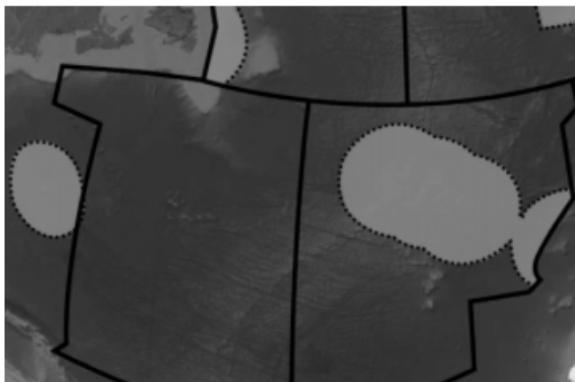
**EHAM/Amsterdam** The transport ministry are considering forcing all airlines with flights to “leisure destinations” to move those flights to EHLE/Lelystad when it opens to charter flights in two years time. The Schiphol ban would apply to destinations which are not capital cities and which lie between 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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## 07DEC: NAT changes today, Honduras airports curfew

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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.

**UUZZ/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.

**UUZZ/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 on 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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