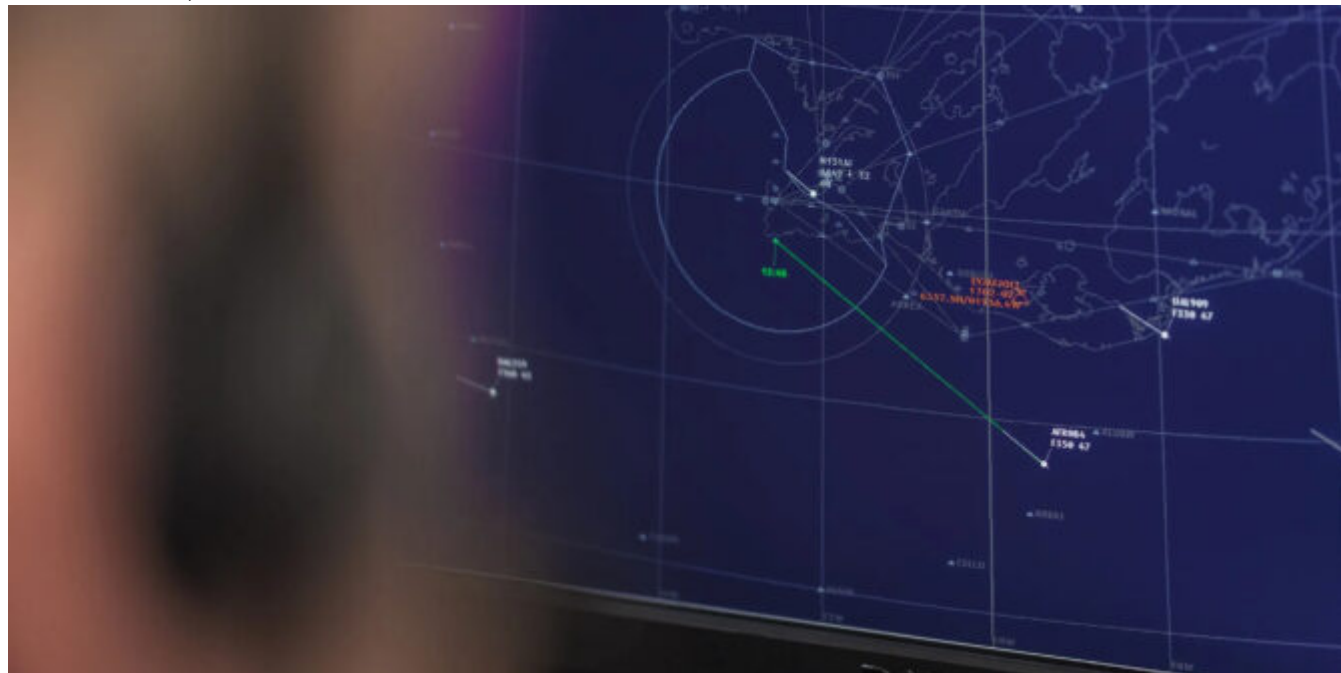


# Iceland ATC strikes at Keflavik

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**Update 19 Dec 1230z - The ATC strike at BIKF/Keflavik on Dec 20 has been cancelled due to a volcanic eruption on the Reykjanes Peninsula.**

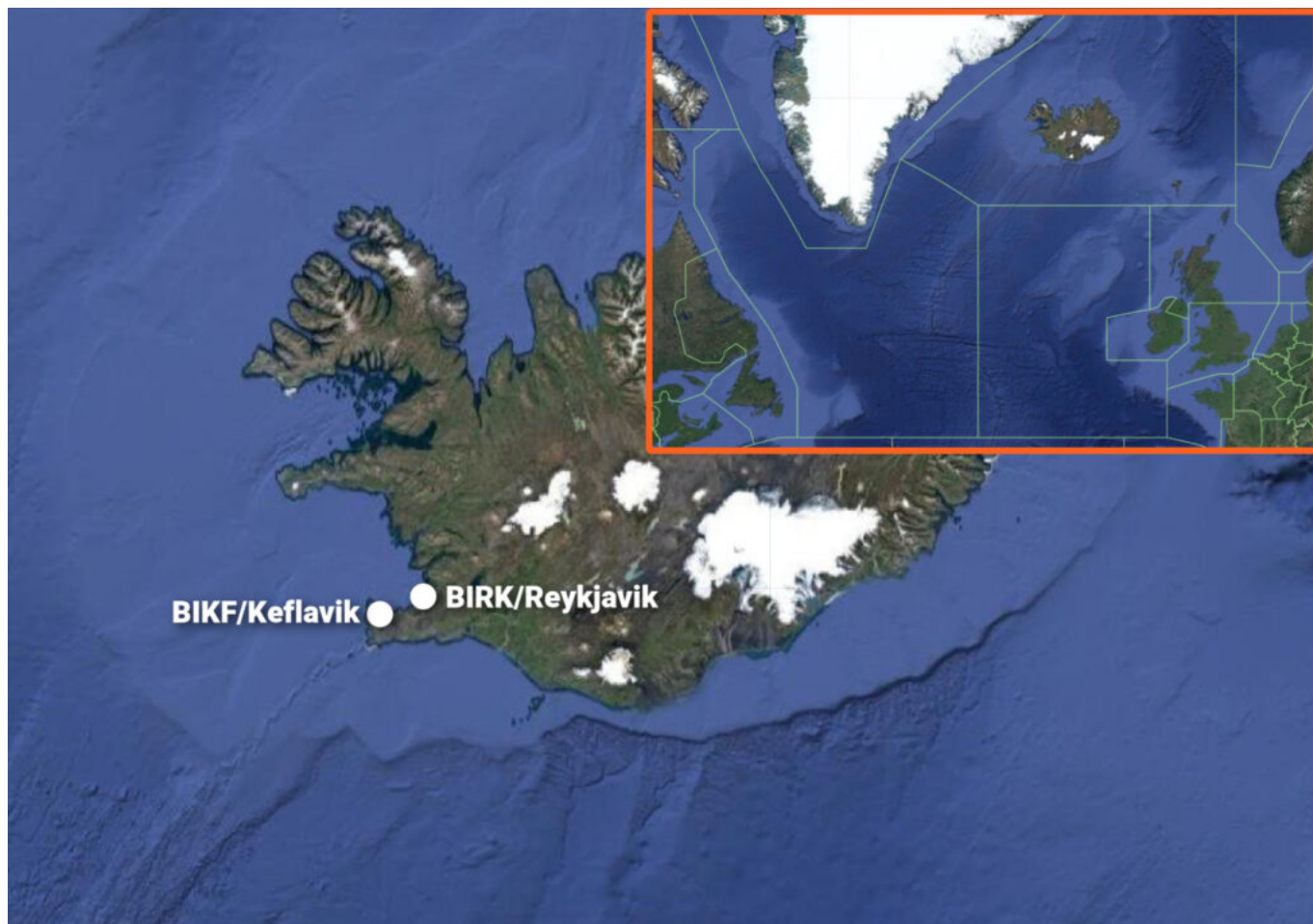
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An Icelandic ATC strike took place on Dec 12, 14, and 18, with another planned for Dec 20 (now cancelled).

The Dec 12/14 strikes affected both BIKF/Keflavik and BIRK/Reykjavik. But the Dec 18/20 strikes were only planned at BIKF/Keflavik - no flights were allowed to operate in or out from 04-10z/

BIKF A0802/23 - DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION KEFLAVIK CTR IS CLOSED.  
BIKF TWR SERVICES IS LIMITED TO AMBULANCE FLIGHTS, EMERGENCY FLIGHTS  
AND FLIGHTS ON BEHALF OF THE ICELANDIC COAST GUARD.  
18 DEC 04:00 2023 UNTIL 18 DEC 10:00 2023.  
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The Notams said that emergency flights were exempt. We confirmed with Isavia that **all diversions were accepted**, including emergency, and that carrying **BIKF as an alternate (including ETOPS)** was OK.



The strikes have gone quite smoothly so far, with minimal disruption to flights. Negotiations between controllers and employers are ongoing... □