

Members Note 28: Qatar Sanctions

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- **Saudi Arabia:** Special permission required to overfly/depart Saudi to Qatar. Call +966115253336, email special@gaca.gov.sa
- **UAE (Emirates FIR):** Ops to Qatar require special approval on +971 50 642 4911 or via email at AVSEC-DI@GCAA.GOV.AE

ATC Routings

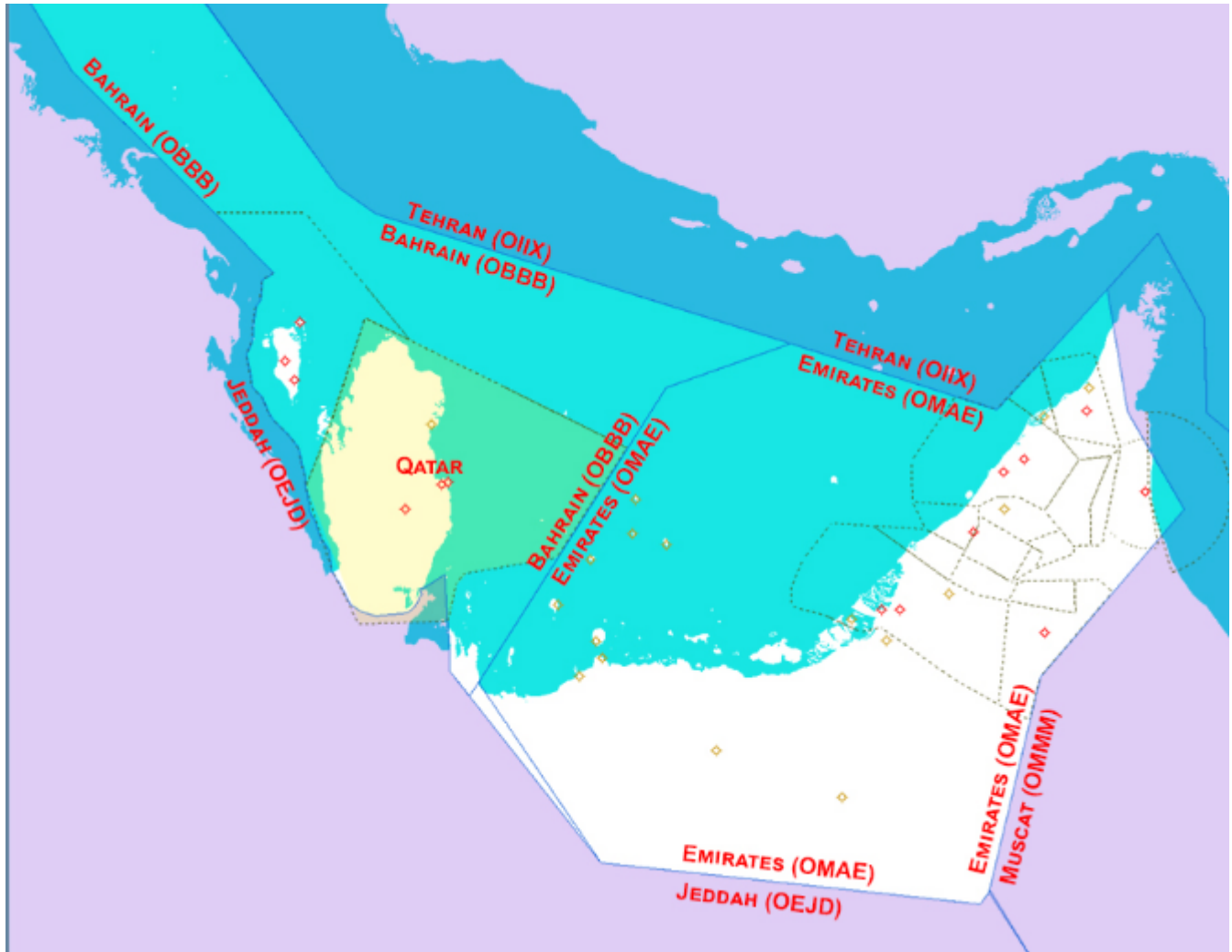
OTHH is a busy airport. Traffic to and from Qatar, much of which is now banned from neighbouring countries, will reroute primarily into Iran.

Iran has published a **Traffic Orientation Scheme**.

– Qatar **outbound** Northbound via Tehran FIR-Ankara FIR. FL150-FL190 routing RAGAS-UT430-LAGSA - UL223-TESVA/ALRAM.

- Qatar **outbound** Southbound via Muscat and Karachi FIRs, FL150-FL190 via RAGAS-M561-ASVIB (KARACHI FIR), and RAGAS-M561-KHM-NEW FIR (MUSCAT FIR)-BUBAS
- **Inbound** to Qatar from North: FL240-FL300 via ALRAM-UT36-MIDSI
- **Inbound** to Qatar from South: FL240-FL260 via N312/A453-MIDSI.

Qatar and Bahrain



Qatar does not have its own FIR. It sits entirely within the Bahrain FIR. For this reason, Bahrain's position on airspace availability to traffic to and from Qatar is critical. The Doha TMA extends from SFC to FL245. Above that sits the Bahrain UIR.

Visa situation - impact

The following is a summary of the impact of the entry, residency and transit ban:

- **Qatari nationals in the region:** Qatari nationals will be denied entry, residency and transit through the territories of the Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.
- **Qatari nationals in UAE:** Qatari diplomatic staff will have 48 hours to leave, and regular Qatari nationals must exit the country in the next 14 days.
- **[blur]Bahraini, Egyptian, Saudi, UAE, and Yemeni nationals:** UAE and Bahraini authorities have announced bans for their nationals from travelling, transiting or residing in Qatar. Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Yemen have not yet applied similar restrictions on their nationals. [/blur]

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