

Peru: Airport Closures due to Civil Unrest

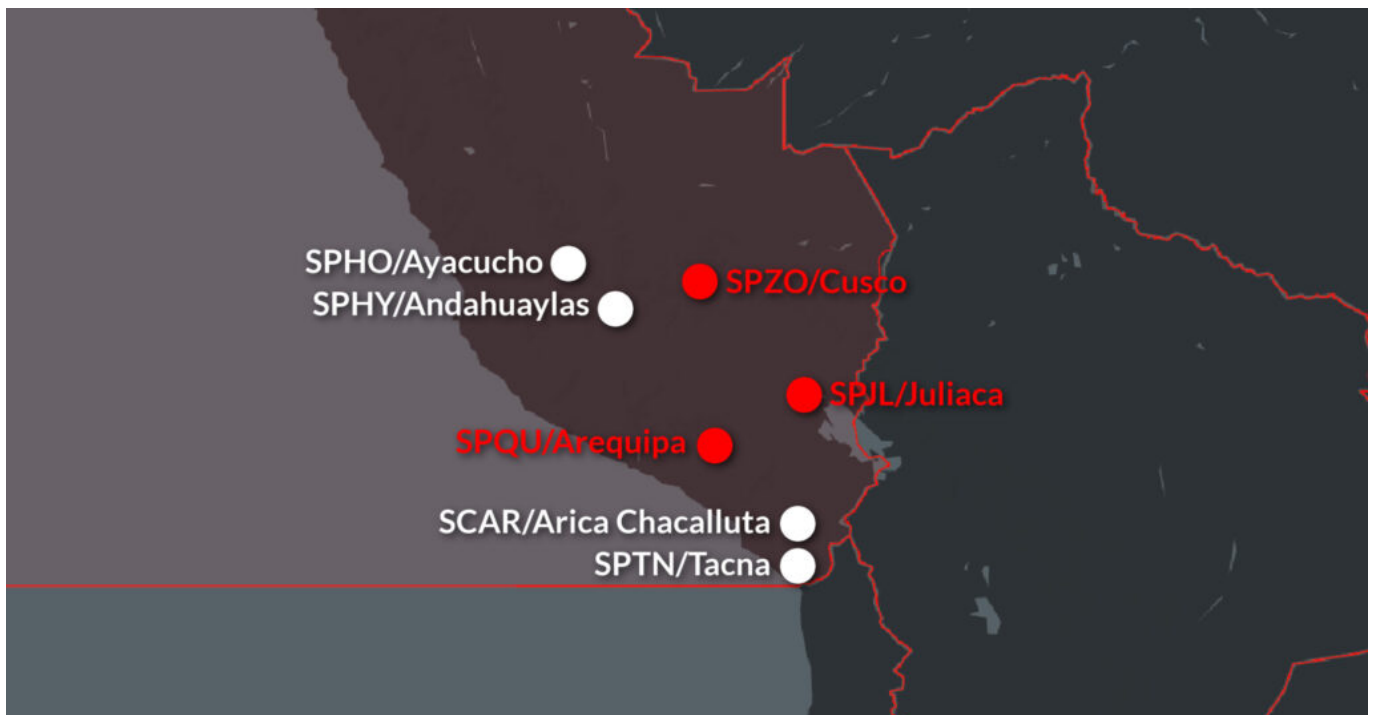
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Ongoing unrest across Peru has led to the closure of **SPZO/Cusco** and **SPQU/Arequipa** airports on Jan 20. **SPJL/Juliaca** remains closed since Jan 11.

All three airports closed following clashes between security forces and protestors. At SPQU/Arequipa, reports indicate that there has been damage to the runway, ATC office, perimeter fences, safety signs, and more.

There were widespread demonstrations in Lima on Jan 19. So far, **SPJC/Lima** airport has remained open and operational, but security forces are only allowing ticketed passengers to enter.



Red shows airports currently closed, white shows those previously closed.

Peru has declared a 30-day **state of emergency** in several parts of the country, including Lima, which essentially allows military forces to assist local police in maintaining law and order. Protests have been ongoing since early December, and the security situation may change without warning.

Advice for crew

- Any crew overnighiting in Lima are advised to **stay close to the airport** and not travel in the city.
- **Avoid making any comments** about the government or the situation.
- Operations may be impacted if protestors **block access roads**, and security is likely to be much higher leading to some delays and disruption.
- The US advice is to **reconsider travel to Peru** at this time. The UK government issued the following information.