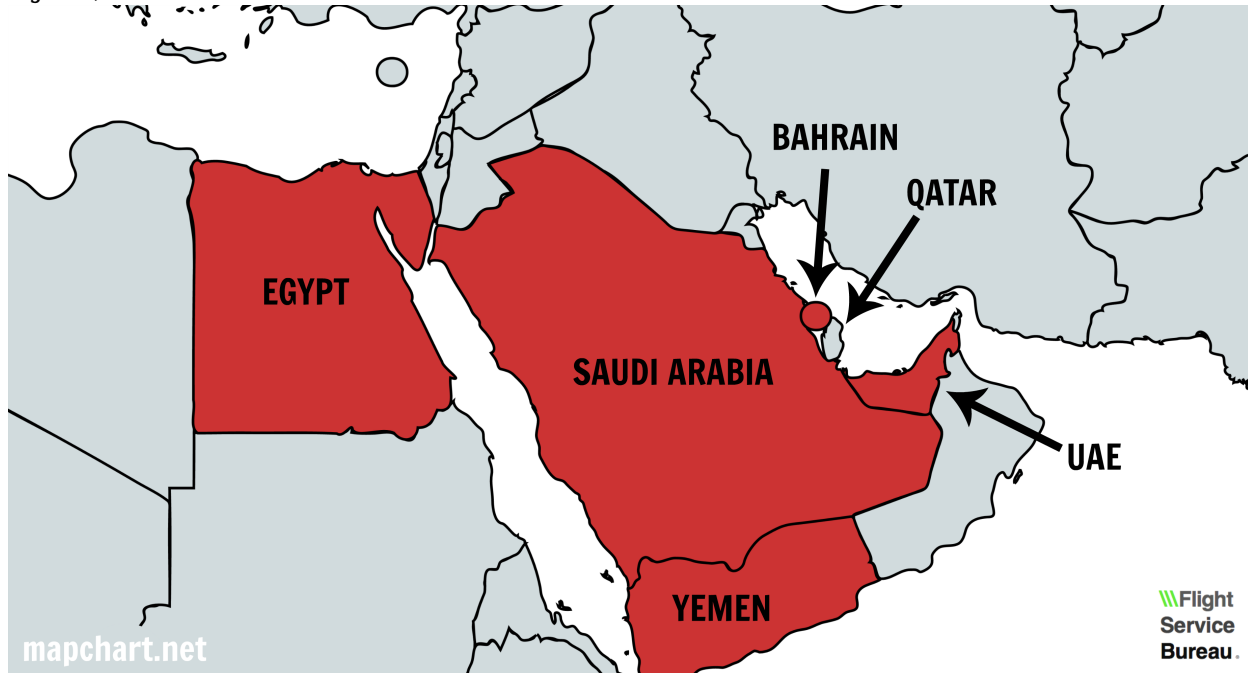


# Qatar - What We Know

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There have been many reports of countries cutting diplomatic ties with Qatar. We'll leave the speculation to the media, we want to break down what it means for operators and aircraft owners. **Just the facts.**

Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, UAE, Libya, Yemen, Maldives, and Mauritius have all cut diplomatic ties with Qatar.

As of now, only **Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, and UAE** have placed flight restrictions on flights to/from Qatar. No known restrictions (beyond those known for Libya and Yemen anyhow) for the remaining countries mentioned in reports.

The new regulations are quite clear. **You cannot overfly or land at any airport in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, or UAE with a Qatari registered aircraft.** If you have a non-Qatari registered aircraft, and need to operate to/from Qatar and use the mentioned countries airspace you'll need **special approvals** from the authorities below:

**Saudi Arabia GACA:**

+966115253336

special@gaca.gov.sa

**Egypt ECAA:**

+202 22678535

+202 24175605

AFTN: HECAYAYX

**UAE GCAA:**

+971 50 642 4911

avsec-di@gcaa.gov.ae

No special exemptions have been mentioned by Bahrain, but they've given the following routing for those

effected by the restrictions:

UT430 OUTBOUND VIA RAGAS

UR659 INBOUND VIA MIDSJ

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Due to the situation, Iran has published special routing schemes for transitioning their airspace, as they'll get quite busy:

**Qatar to Ankara:**

FL150-FL190, RAGAS-UT430-LAGSA-UL223-TESVA/ALRAM

**Qatar to Muscat and Karachi FIR:**

FL150-FL19, expect climb after KIS

RAGAS-M561-ASVIB (To Karachi)

RAGAS-M561-KHM-BUBAS (To Muscat)

**Ankara to Qatar:**

Between FL240 to FL300, ALRAM-UT36-MIDSJ

**Muscat to Karachi to Qatar:**

Between FL240 to FL260, N312/A453-MIDSJ

Also, if flying from Ankara to UAE (except OMAA), use the below routing:

BONAM-L319-RADID-M317-KUPTO-G666-ORSAR

The situation is fluid, and we will update this post as we continue to collect news.