

Peru: Airport Closures due to Civil Unrest

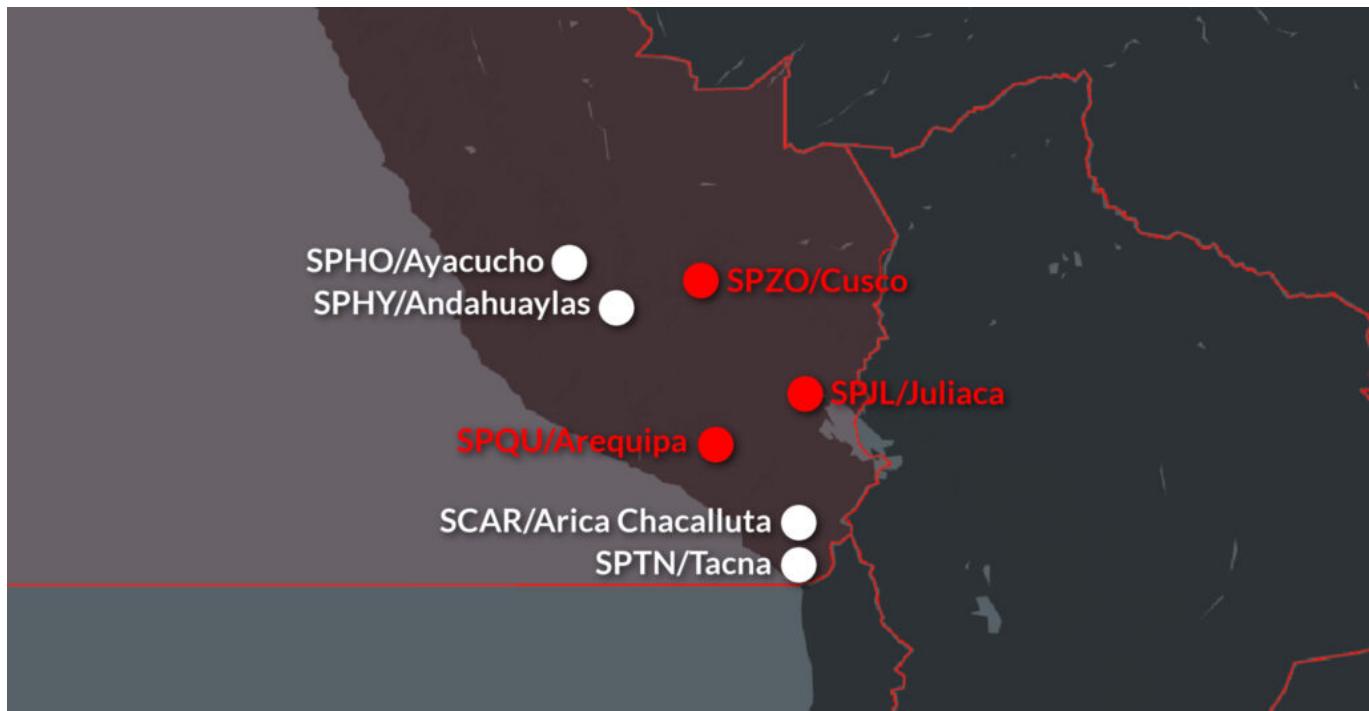
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Ongoing unrest across Peru has led to the closure of **SPZO/Cusco** and **SPQU/Arequipa** airports on Jan 20. **SPJL/Juliaca** remains closed since Jan 11.

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.

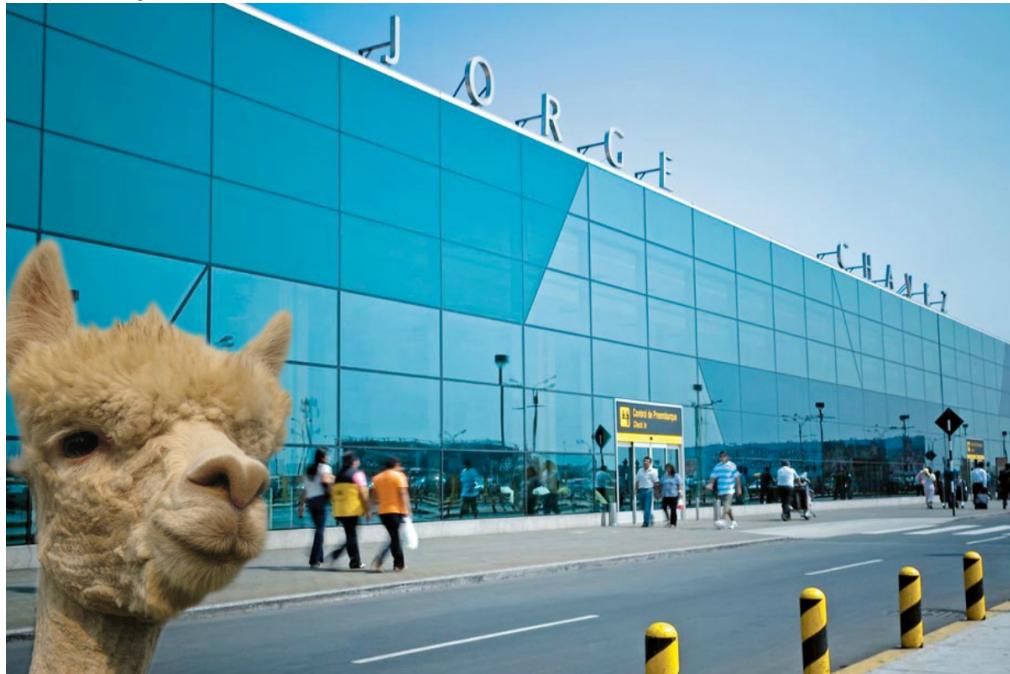
Peru has declared a 30-day **state of emergency** in several parts of the country, including Lima, which essentially allows military forces to assist local police in maintaining law and order. Protests have been ongoing since early December, and the security situation may change without warning.

Advice for crew

- Any crew overnighting 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.

Don't alpaca your bags for Lima - tech stops forbidden!

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For 10 years SPJC/Lima's Jorge Chavez airport has been desperately waiting for a promised US\$1.5bn expansion.

With the rapid growth in the airline industry in Peru over the past few years, it seems the airport authorities are starting to struggle to provide enough capacity, and they are now trying to make it as difficult as possible for anything other than the commercial airlines to operate there!

In AIC (10/18), which has been in effect since Aug 2018, the airport has said that **no more technical stops will be permitted** at the airport. It also outlines **significant slot/time restrictions for GA/BA operations**.

Why they are doing it?

According to the AIC:

"In order to optimize the use of airport resources, ensure the safe provision of air traffic services and ensure the balance between demand and available capacity, the DGAC has been implementing capacity management measures."

You can find the full information here but we have listed the main operational details below.

- **Tech stops are “forbidden”** for “commercial flights and general, national and international aviation” effective 15 August 18.
- **Maximum stay of 2 hours on the civil apron for GA/BA flights.** This is counted “from the time of placing chocks.” After two hours, the aircraft must be transferred to another apron, parking area for aircraft or hangar, or must go to a suitable alternate airport. The recommended airport to re-position to is **SPSO/Pisco**. It has an ILS and a 9900'/3000m runway. It is 115nm away, and open H24.
- **General aviation flights are limited to two operating periods every day.** “Flights must perform their take-off and landing” between **0000L-0430L (0500UTC-0930UTC) or 1300L-1859L [1800UTC-2359UTC]**. The **2-hour maximum ground time still applies**, and coordination of ground services should be pre-planned in advance to comply.

For **non-scheduled flights**, they've issued a NOTAM restricting all ops to between **1100-2000L (1600-0100Z) or 2300-0800L (0400-1300Z)**:

A1822/19 – IN ORDER TO REDUCE TFC CONGESTION, NON-SCHEDULE FLIGHTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ARRIVE IN SPJC DURING THIS BLOCK OF TIME. STS EMER,SAR,HUM,HOSP,MEDEVAC AND STATE ARE EXCLUDED. DLY BTN 0100-0400 AND 1300-1600, 04 APR 01:00 2019 UNTIL 31 JUL 16:00 2019 ESTIMATED. CREATED: 03 APR 23:28 2019

The authorities seem intent on enforcing these rules. One local handler has told us – “The Peruvian FAA is being very strict with the AIC. They are rejecting landing permit requests for fuel stops at SPJC.”

If you have any further knowledge or recent experience to share, please **let us know!**

Extra Reading:

- Peru's Biggest Airport Continues Waiting for Long Overdue Expansion
- Lima airport expansion faces further delays

- CORPAC SA (AIP etc)

Midweek Briefing: Oceanic and Remote Procedures Update, Rome Airport Closed Friday

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Oceanic and remote procedures updated: 12OCT The FAA this week issued a significantly updated version of their **“Oceanic and Remote Airspace”** procedures document. There’s a lot of good stuff here, even if you’re not operating an N-reg. Take a look at the PDF.

Rome Airport to close Friday 12OCT A reminder that LIRA/Rome Ciampino will close fully from Friday, for two weeks, as a result of urgently required runway maintenance. You can use LIRF/Fiumicino instead, but with significant restrictions.

LLBG/Tel Aviv starts winter runway maintenance work on 01Nov until 17Nov – Runway 21 will become primary landing runway, associated restrictions, not available as alternate during this time – check AIC 3/16.

LOWI/Innsbruck starting December 14th, the airport will introduce parking restrictions for private flights every week from 1800Z Weds until 1800Z Sunday.

TXKF/Bermuda Tropical Storm Nicole is approaching, expect some disruption and check before using as an alternate over the next few days.

HAZZ/Ethiopia The Ethiopian government has declared a six month State of Emergency from 9 October 2016. While details of emergency arrangements are not formalised, measures to restrict communication, movement and political expression are expected. Carry identification, avoid all large gatherings and protests, monitor the media for details on the application of the State of Emergency and follow all instructions issued by local authorities.

SPIM/Lima radar will be off the air on Friday from 19-21Z for repairs, procedural control, expect enroute delays.

EGGX/Shanwick. An exercise to test the Volcano eruption response is underway, you may see multiple references to an eruption in Iceland – it hasn't happened, it's just a test. Stand down. Katla is also back to code Green.

UZZZ/Russia Karymsky volcano in the Kamchatka peninsula is active with colour code Orange, check before operating.

OKAX/Kabul FIR continues to have comms issues in the north east portion of Afghanistan airspace, VHF comms are not working on 118.3 or 128.5. There are some "Nordo" procedures, refer to AIP ENR 1.6-1.

MUFH/Havana has a couple of new entry points to the FIR – FUNDI and IKBIX – but they're not for use yet, so don't.

OPRN/Islamabad If operating to OPRN, be aware that on Saturdays and Mondays ATC will be practising non-radar procedural approach from 0500-0900Z until the end of the year.

SPJC/Lima has overnight parking restrictions from 14-21NOV, check with Airport company or handler prior to operating.

FZZZ/Democratic Republic of the Congo: the security picture is uncertain following recent political protests and there have been calls for further protests in Kinshasa, including on 19 October; you should follow travel advice and monitor local media for updates

SPZO/Cusco will not allow overnight parking from 10-20OCT.

FOZZ/Gabon Following the results of recent elections in Gabon, further strikes or demonstrations could occur in the capital Libreville and in Port Gentil. Avoid demonstrations, large crowds and rallies as they may turn violent.

UAZZ/Kyrgyz Republic Multiple embassies located in Bishkek have issued warnings to their citizens of an increased threat of a terrorist attack in the Kyrgyz Republic, possibly involving kidnapping and hostage taking, against Kyrgyz authorities and foreign diplomats during October 2016.

TQPF/Anguilla has introduced a ban on visitors from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, with a view to mitigating Ebola risk. Anyone who has been to those three countries in the last 21 days will not be allowed to enter.

VTSP/Phuket is suffering from ramp congestion, and will not allow non-scheduled flights to stay overnight until the end of the year.

WSSS/Singapore Changi has a couple of closures on 18 and 19 OCT due to a military exercise, check local Notams.

ZUUU/Chengdu has a new speed restriction inbound – fly 183 knots from IAF to IF, then 160 knots to 4nm. Notam U2748/16.

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