

ATS Not Available in Kabul FIR

Note: This Safety Bulletin represents a rapidly changing situation, updates may be published quickly. The version will be indicated in the numbering of the paper, this is the second version of the bulletin, originally published 17 August 2021.

UPDATED INFORMATION: AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES (ATS) NOT AVAILABLE IN KABUL FIR (NOTAMR EXTENDED VALIDITY)

UPDATED INFORMATION: KABUL/HAMAD KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AVAILABLE FOR 'COMMERCIAL' AVIATION

IFALPA has received the following information via the Kabul FIR Contingency Coordination Team (CCT)

ATS in the Kabul FIR remains unavailable. Most flights are avoiding the Kabul FIR.

The status of Afghanistan AIS is not known. The following contingency-related NOTAM remains available on the Afghanistan AIS web portal (<https://www.afgais.com>):

(G1264/21 NOTAMN

Q) OAKX/QAFAM/IV/NBO/E/000/999/

A) **OAKX** B) 2108160445 C) 2108180445 EST

E) KABUL AIRSPACE HAS BEEN RELEASED TO THE MILITARY. ADVISE TRANSIT AIRCRAFT TO REROUTE.

ANY TRANSIT THROUGH KABUL AIRSPACE WILL BE UNCONTROLLED. SURROUNDING FIRS HAVE BEEN ADVISED.)

ICAO currently has no information on the expected continuity of this web-based NOTAM service provided by Afghanistan.

The following additional NOTAMs for Kabul FIR (OAKX) and Kabul International aerodrome (OAKB) have been published on the USA Defense Internet NOTAM Service (DINS, <https://www.notams.faa.gov/dinsQueryWeb/>):

UPDATED: NOTAM OAKX A0635/21 extends by a further two days the validity of previously published NOTAM information on the non-availability of ATS in the KABUL FIR. This NOTAM was published by Pakistan on behalf of Afghanistan.

A0635/21 NOTAMR A0630/21

Q) OAKX/QAFAM/IV/NBO/E/000/999/

A) **OAKX**

B) 2108180445 C) **2108201300 EST**

E) FOLLOWING NOTAM IS ISSUED ON REQUEST OF KABUL ACC.

DUE SECURITY REASON KABUL ACC IS RELEASED TO MILITARY.

NO ATS WILL BE AVBL. ACFT TRANSITING THROUGHY KABUL FIR WILL BE FLYING IN UN-CONTROLLED AIRSPACE AT THEIR OWN RISK.

1. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE L750 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 134.5 MHZ AT POINT RANAH.

2. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE N644 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 134.5 MHZ AT POINT LEMOD.

3. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE A466 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 134.3 MHZ AT POINT AMDAR.

4. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE P500 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 133.1 MHZ AT POINT MOTMO.

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NOTAM OAKB A0004/21 NOTAMR A0002/21 (large NOTAM)

This NOTAM updates information provided in previous NOTAMs on the availability of Kabul International Airport.

OAKB NOTAM A004/21 – AERODROME AVAILABILITY AND PPR DETAILS.

A0004/21 NOTAMR A0002/21

Q) OAKX/QXXXX/IV/NBO/A/000/999/3433N06912E005

A) OAKB PART 1 OF 3

B) 2108180023

C) 2109122359

E) KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS VFR ONLY AND OPEN TO COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY AVIATION. WHEN THE AIRFIELD IS OPEN, KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS A PPR REQUIRED AIRFIELD.

PPR REQUEST FORM IS LOCATED AT

[HTTP://ACAA.GOV.AF/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2017/09/KABUL-APRON-8-PPR-FORM-15-OCT-16.XLS](http://ACAA.GOV.AF/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2017/09/KABUL-APRON-8-PPR-FORM-15-OCT-16.XLS)

[HTTP://ACAA.GOV.AF/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2017/09/KABUL-APRON-8-PPR-FORM-15-OCT-16.XLS](http://ACAA.GOV.AF/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2017/09/KABUL-APRON-8-PPR-FORM-15-OCT-16.XLS)

Flights that do not comply with the PPR process cannot be accommodated due to limited aircraft parking capacity.

NOTAM OAKB A0005/21

NOTAM relating to unknown and limited refuelling capability at Kabul International Airport.

A0003/21 NOTAMN

Q) QAKX/QXXXX/IV/NBO/A/000/999/3433N06912E005

A) OAKB

B) 2108171925

C) 2111122359

E) DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY ENERGY MIDDLE EAST REQUEST ALL ACFT TAKE

MAX FUEL AT HOME STATION BEFORE LDG AT HKIA IN ORDER TO PREVENT REFUELING ON THE GND DUE TO THE UNKNOWN AND LIMITED REFUELING CAPABILITY IMPOSED BY THE CURRENT EVENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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ALL STAKEHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CHECK BOTH THE AFGHANISTAN AIS PORTAL AND THE DINS SERVICE FOR NOTAM UPDATES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Afghanistan has not notified ICAO of the formal activation of its ATM contingency plan. ICAO has not yet received any notification from Afghanistan or neighbouring States of the formal activation of any contingency plan.

All relevant States have been urged to activate any contingency arrangements they may have relating to non-availability of ATS in the Kabul FIR.

All potentially affected States, **particularly Bahrain, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and UAE**, have been urged to take into account the likelihood of increased non-normal traffic through your FIRs, or traffic operating on other than the usual ATS routes.

NOTAMs should be coordinated with neighbouring States and published at the earliest opportunity where specific ATS routing or other requirements for contingency traffic become necessary (particularly Afghanistan-neighbour States **China, Iran, Pakistan,**

Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), and in accordance with any established contingency plan where applicable.

This remains a dynamic situation where information may change at very short notice.

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