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Agenda

- Agenda Item 1: Afghanistan ANS SITREP Update
 - Afghanistan update (if any)
 - ICAO Summary
- Agenda Item 2: Current and expected security situation – update if any
 - Afghanistan perspective
 - IATA/airline perspective/update
- Agenda Item 3: Traffic Data and Observations:
 - flights entering and departing Kabul FIR; flights operating within Kabul FIR
 - flights avoiding Kabul FIR





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Agenda

- Agenda Item 4: Contingency Planning and Responses
 - ICAO Summary
 - Neighbouring State actions
 - CCT Bulletins
- Agenda Item 5: Next Meeting





- **Agenda Item 1: Afghanistan SITREP update – ICAO Summary**
- **ATS NOT AVAILABLE**
- No en-route ATS
- Kabul TWR available
- Kabul APP and some other TWRs available for advisory only
- Contingency procedures not clear (ACAA is now working on it)
- See later discussion under Agenda Item 4.





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Summary (ATC frequencies, etc.)

Advisory	Frequency
Afghanistan Advisory	125.2

Aerodrome	Tower		Approach	Radar	VOR	ILS	Other
Kabul (OAKB)	120.6 (Ground 125.4)	50NM radius 16000ft	132.5	For advisory purposes only	Not	Not (No NOTAM)	
Mazar-e-Sharif (OAMS)	127.375&135.35 (alt 126.125) (advisory only)*	6NM radius 4000ft	126.125	-	Serviceable	Not	
Kandahar (OAKN)	119.5&360.2 (advisory only)	10NM radius 9500ft	-	-	Not	Not	PAPI unserviceable
Herat (OAHR)	123.350* (advisory only)	-	119.15	-	Serviceable	-	

Source: NOTAMs and pilots operating in Kabul airspace ^{* updated}



- **Agenda Item 1: Afghanistan SITREP update – ICAO Summary**
- **Initial ICAO contact established with ACAA**
- Appointment of senior officers

Head of ACAA

General Director Flight Safety Standards

Acting Director CNS

DG of Airports

Acting Director of ATM

Director of Flight Safety

Acting Director of Aviation Security

Director of Meteorology

Acting Director of Laws and Air Transport Agreements

ICAO has received a formal letter from
ACAA.





- **Agenda Item 1: Afghanistan SITREP update – ICAO Summary**
- **NOTAM Office now functional**
- Several NOTAMs published.
- Distribution not certain (initially published 06 September)
- Further NOTAMs published 14, 16, 21 September
 - Distribution remains uncertain
 - Pakistan issued on behalf of Afghanistan (due to AFTN malfunctioning)
 - NOTAMs 'G' series (in line with Afghanistan AIP)
 - Some inconsistent or missing information – discussed in later slides.

Updated



- **Agenda Item 1: Afghanistan SITREP update**

[Afghanistan Update?](#)



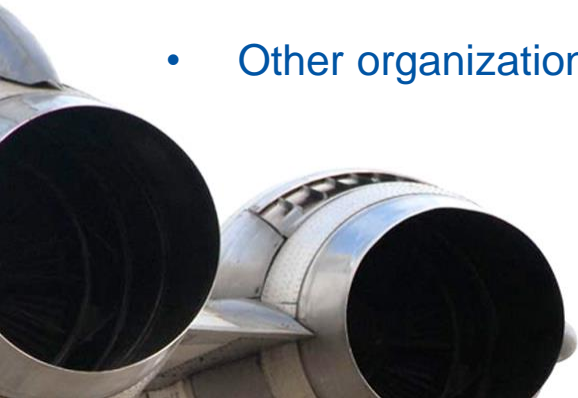


- **Agenda Item 2: Current and expected security situation**
- [Afghanistan perspective?](#)
- [IATA perspective?](#)



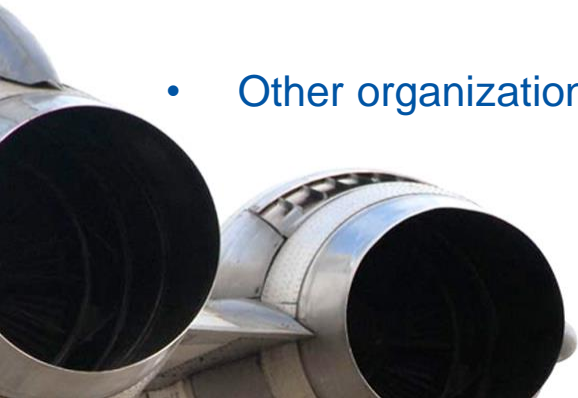


- **Agenda Item 3: Traffic Data and Observations – FLIGHTS ENTERING KABUL FIR**
 - **ICAO observations**
 - **State observations (coordination, entry points, flight levels, frequency transfers?)**
 - **Afghanistan Iran Pakistan Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan**
 - **Other organizations?**





- **Agenda Item 3: Traffic Data and Observations – FLIGHTS AVOIDING KABUL FIR**
 - **State observations/updates?**
 - India Iran Oman Pakistan
 - Others?
 - Other organizations?



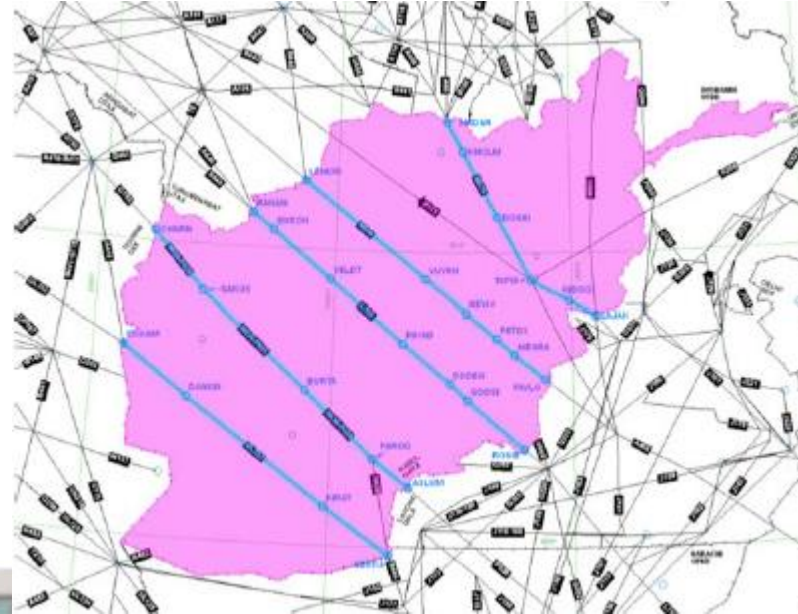


- **Agenda Item 4: Contingency Planning and Responses**
- ICAO planning – direct engagement with ACAA
 - Weekly meeting
- **First priority: Contingency Arrangements**
 - Rationalize NOTAM information
 - Validate information;
 - make arrangements for ongoing NOTAM distribution
 - Contingency Planning for overflights
 - Contingency Planning for entry/departure flights
 - Availability of instrument flight procedures



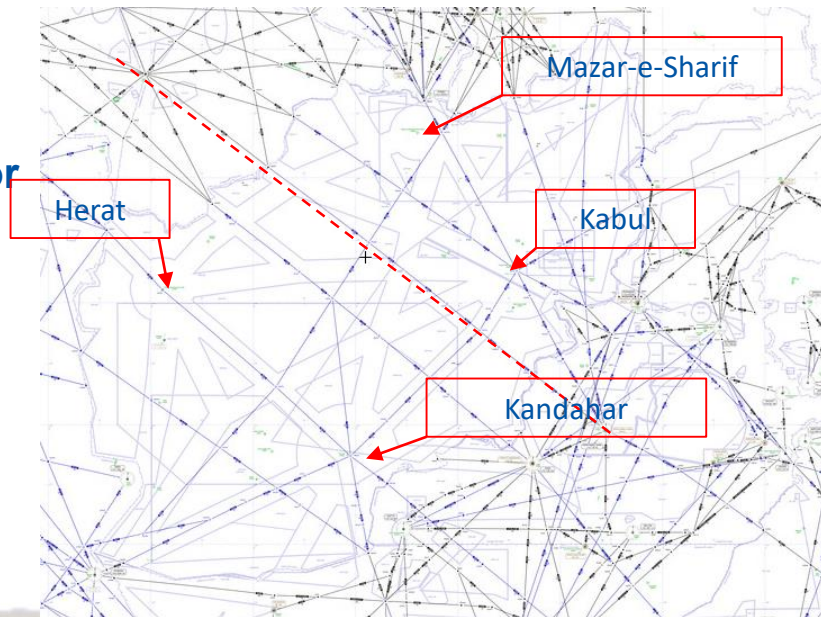
Contingency Planning

- **Overflight**
 - ATS routes identified (per Kabul FIR ATM Contingency Plan)
 - FL300 above (excluding)
 - **FL300 military only**
 - Standard Levels per Annex 2
 - TIBA procedure/frequency
 - Neighboring States coordination



Contingency Planning

- **Flights landing in/departing Afghanistan or operating wholly within the FIR**





Contingency Planning

- **Flights landing in/departing Afghanistan or operating wholly within the FIR**
 - FL280 and below (by Afghanistan NOTAM)
 - TIBA procedure/frequency
 - ATC frequency (Tower etc.) (available by Afghanistan NOTAM)
 - Nav. spec. recommendation
 - Delaying action for 15 min spacing
 - Contact next ACC 15 min prior
 - Off-track climb and descent
 - Operation of SSR transponders
 - Anti Collision Lights
 - Not below MSA +2000 FT until preceding traffic landed or departing traffic well clear
 - Pilots responsible for separation and terrain clearance at all times
 - Pilots/aircraft operators responsible for security and safety assessments



- **Status of Contingency Planning**
- **Awaiting further developments, pending...**
 - Afghanistan understanding of and agreement to contingency procedures;
 - Neighboring State coordination – subject to Afghanistan agreement
 - Afghanistan formally promulgating or authorizing promulgation on their behalf
 - Some NOTAMs issued
 - **The contingency plan trap:** States acting unilaterally and suddenly, without coordination with ICAO, or CCT, or neighbours





- NOTAM Office function now operational
- Afghanistan AIS website NOTAM pages:
 - <https://www.afgais.com/> has NOTAMs issued since NOF service restoration (06 September 2021), and issued before 16 August 2021
 - <http://notam-aaaa.com/> only has NOTAMS issued on/before 16 August 2021
 - some expired.
- Defense Internet NOTAM Service (DINS)
 - <https://www.notams.faa.gov/dinsQueryWeb/>
- NOTAM distribution:
 - By Pakistan on behalf of Afghanistan (due to AFTN malfunctioning)



- **NOTAMs**

- notam-aaaa.com : has **NOT** been updated
 - Very slow website
 - Either disable the website or ensure alignment of both websites is recommended to avoid confusion
- afgais.com and DINS : some **unmatched** NOTAMs
 - alignment needed with Pakistan support
- NOTAM Distribution by AFTN
 - alignment needed with Pakistan support

CAUTION:

ALL STAKEHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CHECK ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES TO VERIFY NOTAM INFORMATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



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Check list

G1317/21 NOTAMN

Q) OAKX/QKKKK/K/K/K/000/999/

A) OAKX

B) 2109230900

C) 2109302359 EST

E) CHECKLIST OF NOTAM SERIES G

YEAR=2021 1214 1219 1257 1265 1266 1268 1269 1271 1273 1274 1275 1276

1277 1278 1279 1280

1281 1282 1283 1284 1285 1286 1287 1295 1297 1298 1299 1300 1301 1302

1303 1304 1305 1306

1307 1308 1309 1310 1311 1312 1314 1316

LATEST PUBLICATIONS:

AIP EDITION 91 EFFECTIVE DATE 20 MAY 2021

AIP SUPPLEMENT 006/2021

AIP SUPPLEMENT 005/2021

AIP SUPPLEMENT 003/2021

AIP SUPPLEMENT 007/2021

AIC 001/2021

AIC 001/2020

AIC 001/2017.



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Contact numbers

G1316/21 NOTAMN

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

A) OAKX

B) 2109230730

C) 2112162359

E) CONTACT ON BELOW NUMBERS FOR LATEST UPDATES

1: +93730006669 (NOTAM OFFICE ACTIVE NUMBER)

2: +93705769453 (KABUL FIC ACTIVE NUMBER).



Kabul FIR (FPL)

G1265/21 NOTAMN

Q) OAKX/QAFXX/IV/NBO/E/000/999/3348N06733E999

A) OAKX

B) 2109061045 C) 2112032359

E) AFGHANISTAN FIR IS **UNCONTROLLED CLASS G AIRSPACE**,

ALL AIRCRAFT ARRIVING OR DEPARTING KABUL AIRPORT

(OAKB) SHALL HAVE **APPROVED FLIGHT PLAN AT LEAST**

24 HOURS BEFORE.

G1276/21 NOTAMN

Q) OAKX/QAFXX/IV/NBO/A/000/999/3434N06913E005

A) OAKX

B) 2109140630 C) 2112052359

E) REMINDER: ALL INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIRLINES ARE REQUESTED
TO FILL FLIGHT PLAN AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO LAND AT (OAKB)

AIRPORT, SHALL **EMAIL TO FLIGHTPERMISSIONS.ACAA(AT THE RATE OF)**

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FOR PROCESSING FLIGHT PLAN.



<https://acaa.gov.af/operations/atm/>

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Kabul FIR (15min spacing)

G1271/21 NOTAMN

Q) OAKX/QAFXX/IV/NBO/A/000/999/

A) OAKX

B) 2109121100 C) 2112052359

E) REF TO AFGHANISTAN CONTINGENCY PLAN: ALL TRAFFIC INBOUND TO LAND
WITHIN KABUL FIR ARE AT OR BELOW FL280 BEFORE THE FIR BOUNDARY
AND SPACING OF 15 MINUTES BETWEEN ALL OVERFLIGHTS BEFORE ENTRY
POINT.

G1274/21 NOTAMN

Q) OAKX/QAFXX/V/BO/A/000/999/3434N06913E050

A) OAKX

B) 2109121100 C) 2112052359

E) FLIGHTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DELAYING ACTION PRIOR TO
ENTERING THE KABUL FIR TO ENSURE 15 MINUTES LONGITUDINAL
SPACING FROM PRECEDING TRAFFIC AT THE SAME LEVEL.

Formal signed
LOAs with
neighboring FIRs?



- **Agenda Item 5: Next CCT Meeting**
 - **Recurring weekly meeting each Wednesday @ 0830 UTC**
 - **Additional meetings as necessitated by events**





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