

# KABUL FIR Contingency Coordination Team (CCT)

## Bulletin 2021/002

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**URGENT:** KABUL FIR CCT BULLETIN 002 – ATS NOT AVAILABLE IN KABUL FIR

SITREP at 16 August 2021, 0500 UTC

1. Afghanistan CAA CCT POCs have not responded to ICAO communications. Attempts to establish contact are continuing.
2. **Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority: Unless contact is already established before receipt of this bulletin, you are requested to contact ICAO APAC Office:** [apac@icao.int](mailto:apac@icao.int); [ssumner@icao.int](mailto:ssumner@icao.int) (tel/sms. +66 837557504).
3. AT 0418 UTC a third-party contact in Afghanistan advised the BOBCAT ATFM service provider (AEROTHAI) as follows:

*Kabul Area Control Center has released the airspace to the military. Advise transit aircraft to reroute. Any transit through Kabul airspace will be uncontrolled. Surrounding FIRS have been advised.*

*Also, Kabul civilian side airport is closed.*

*We'll try to keep you advised. Lahore said they would issue a NOTAM for us.*

4. The third-party contact has also failed to respond to follow-up communications from ICAO.
5. The following NOTAM was issued:

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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.)

6. NOTAMS for the Kabul (OAKX) FIR are normally made available on the following Afghanistan CAA web-pages:

<https://www.afgais.com> or <https://www.notam-aca.com>.

However, ICAO currently has no information on the expected continuity of this NOTAM service provided by Afghanistan.

7. Afghanistan has not notified ICAO of the activation of its ATM contingency plan.
8. All relevant States are urged to activate any contingency arrangements they may have relating to non-availability of ATS in the Kabul FIR.
9. All potentially affected States, **particularly Bahrain, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Iraq and UAE**, are 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.

10. NOTAMs should be coordinated with neighbouring States and published at the earliest opportunity where specific ATS routing or other requirements for contingency traffic are necessary (particularly **China, Iran, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan**), and in accordance with any established contingency plan where applicable.
11. ICAO has not yet received any notification from Afghanistan or neighbouring States of the activation of any contingency plan.

### **Request for Additional Information**

**As per the previous request in CCT Bulletin 001 (no reply received), China, Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan** are requested provide the following information, if available, to ICAO by return email to [ssumner@icao.int](mailto:ssumner@icao.int), cc to [htakata@icao.int](mailto:htakata@icao.int), as soon as possible:

1. Has Afghanistan directly advised your State/ANSP of their contingency status?
2. Does your State/ANSP have a formal ATM contingency arrangement/agreement with Afghanistan?
3. Does your ATC Centre currently have voice or other communications with Kabul ACC?
4. Are flights entering the Kabul FIR from your FIR being fully coordinated with Kabul ACC?
5. Are flights entering your FIR from the Kabul FIR being fully coordinated by Kabul ACC or other ACC?
6. Are flights entering the Kabul FIR from your FIR establishing contact with Kabul ACC or other ACC?

Please provide any additional comment you consider relevant.

### **Further CCT Action**

**A video-teleconference of the CCT is expected to be conducted by ICAO within the next two to three hours.** A MS Teams meeting invitation will be circulated shortly to all CCT POCs. A meeting agenda will be included in the meeting invitation.

Please note that persons not included in video teleconference invitations distributed by the ICAO Regional Office will not be admitted.