

KABUL FIR Contingency Coordination Team (CCT)

Bulletin 013 – 28 July 2023

KABUL FIR CCT BULLETIN #13

ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office has been informed that one State recently revised a security-related prohibition on flights in the Kabul FIR, to now only apply to flights below FL320. This has resulted in some stakeholders requesting clarification of the situation in the Kabul FIR.

This bulletin is issued to remind all stakeholders that there has been **no change in the ATM contingency situation in the Kabul FIR.**

Summary of changes in this bulletin:

- **Afghanistan Points of Contact and Coordination**
- **Air Traffic Services in the Kabul FIR**
- **Traffic Observations**
- **Availability of Aerodromes**
- **Aeronautical Information Services**
- **CCT Video Teleconferences**

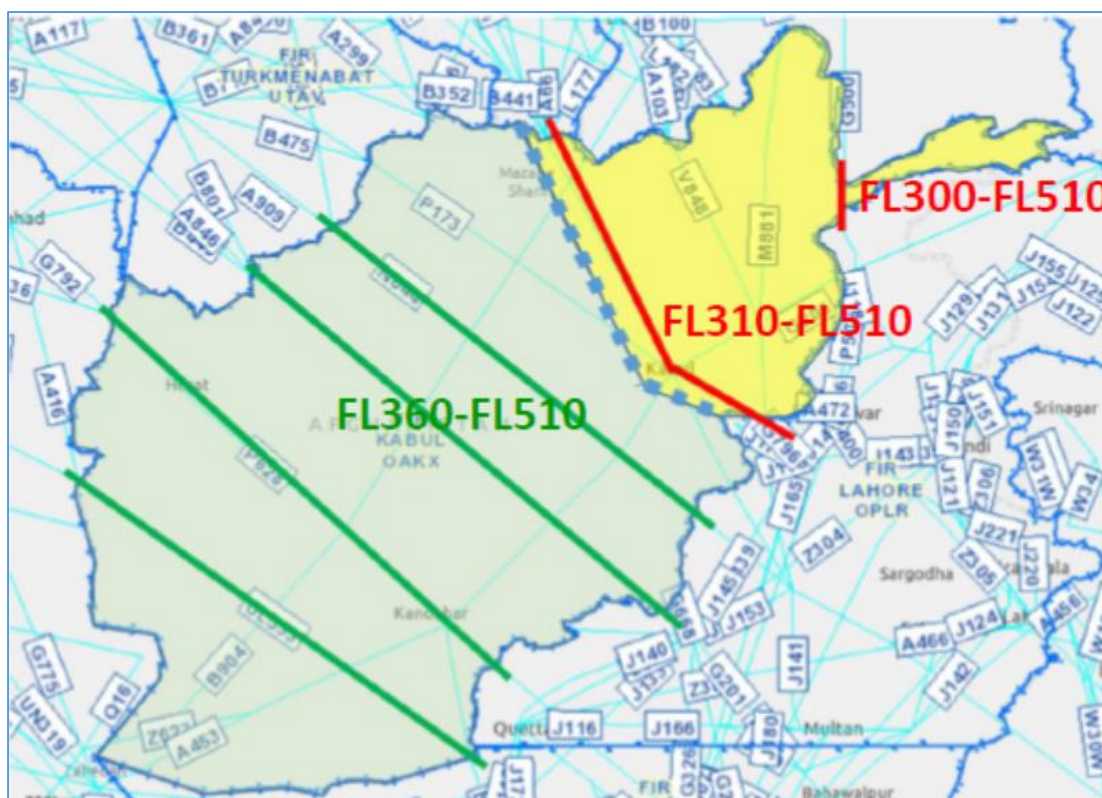
SITREP at 28 July 2023

UPDATED: Afghanistan Points of Contact and Coordination

1. Points of contact for relevant civil aviation authorities in Afghanistan have been provided to ICAO.
2. ICAO Regional Office continues to engage in regular coordination meetings with civil aviation authorities in Afghanistan.

UPDATED: Air Traffic Services (ATS) in Kabul FIR

3. Some limited ATS is available at selected aerodromes in the Kabul FIR. Pilots should check all available sources of information. See information in paragraphs 14 to 17 on the availability of aeronautical information.
4. **ENROUTE ATS in the Kabul FIR remains unavailable.** Most flights are avoiding the Kabul FIR.
5. The Kabul FIR ATM Contingency Plan, together with NOTAMS formally activating contingency procedures such as TIBA frequencies, contingency ATS routes, flight levels and other requirements are available on the Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority website: <https://www.afgais.com/>.
6. **All operators should note that overflight at flight levels below FL320 is only permitted in limited airspace in the northeast of the Kabul FIR. For the major portion of the Kabul FIR the lowest permissible overflight level is FL360.**
7. **Figure 1** illustrates the current ATS contingency route and flight level scheme for overflight traffic.



8. Afghanistan has engaged in coordination of contingency arrangements with neighbouring States.
9. Afghanistan has commenced a project to progressively restore ATS. No timeframe for service restoration is available. ICAO will inform the CCT when any relevant information becomes available.

UPDATED: Traffic Observations

10. **Non-compliance with the contingency flight level requirements specified in Kabul FIR NOTAMs continues to be observed.**
11. **Unknown aircraft including Unmanned Aircraft Systems continue to be observed** operating on random tracks in the Kabul FIR, generally observed between FL200 and FL250 but possibly operating at other flight levels. These unknown aircraft have been observed on radar (SSR), ACAS, and/or visually. Unknown aircraft may not always be operating SSR transponders, and therefore may not be observable on ACAS. No other information is available on the area of operations of these unknown aircraft, or their operating levels.

UPDATED: Availability of Aerodromes

12. NOTAMs and all other available information should be checked before operation to any aerodrome in Afghanistan.
13. ICAO has been informed that runway incursions by vehicles, persons and/or wildlife have been observed at several aerodromes including Kabul.

UPDATED: Aeronautical Information Services.

14. NOTAMs and other aeronautical information products are available on the Afghanistan CAA website at <https://www.afgais.com/>. Some information published in AIP may be out of date.
15. AFTN services remain unavailable in Afghanistan. Pakistan is kindly providing assistance to Afghanistan for NOTAM distribution. NOTAMs distributed by Pakistan are also published in the USA DINS website: <https://www.notams.faa.gov/dinsQueryWeb/>.
16. The pre-August 2021 AFTN distribution list for NOTAMs is not known.
17. **CAUTION: ALL STAKEHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CHECK ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES TO VERIFY INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY AND STATUS OF AERODROMES AND ASSOCIATED ATS, NAVIGATION AIDS, INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES AND LOCAL ATS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

UPDATED: CCT Video Teleconferences

18. Regular meetings of the Kabul FIR CCT are suspended until further notice. Meetings will be called when ICAO becomes aware of any significant change to the situation in Afghanistan.

ICAO Contact

19. ICAO points of contact for matters relating to the Kabul FIR ATS contingency situation are.
Mr. Shane Sumner, ssumner@icao.int; and
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UPDATED: Afghanistan ATM Contingency Web-Page

20. CCT Bulletins, CCT video-teleconference briefings and other relevant ATS contingency-related information are made available on a dedicated web-page, accessible through the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office website:
Regional Office website:
<https://www.icao.int/apac/Pages/default.aspx>.
Afghanistan ATM Contingency web-page:
<https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/AFGH-ATM.aspx>.
21. Distribution of CCT bulletins to all CCT participants by email will continue. Bulletins and other relevant information will be posted to the website at the earliest opportunity during business hours (Bangkok).

Regards,

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