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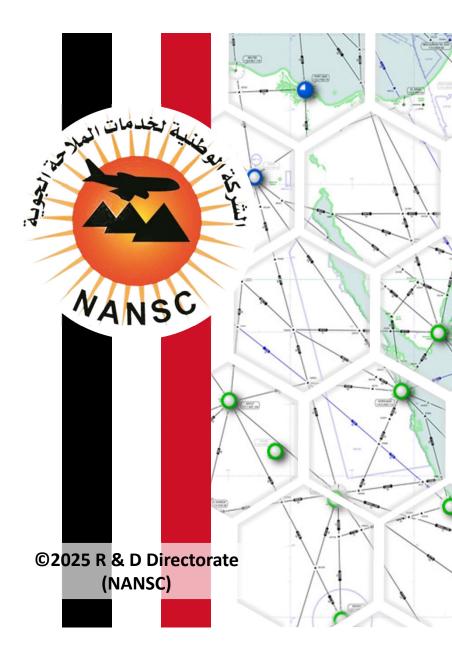




Cairo FIR Challenges

Eleventh Meeting of the MIDANPIRG Air Traffic Management Sub-Group (ATM SG/11)
Abu Dhabi, UAE 19-23 October 2025











Mid-Region Tension Jun. 2025







Cairo FIR Overview









Cairo FIR Jeddah FIR

5 COP UNI-Directional

1 COP
Bi-Directional

Cairo FIR

Amman FIR

1 COP







Situation Overview Friday 13 June 2025



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A0569/25
Tel Aviv FIR CLSD TO ALL FLT
EXC INTL FLT DEP WB/NB ONLY
OR PPR FLT FM NOTAM OFFICE.

A0122/25
DAMASCUS FIR CLSD DUE TO OPS REASONS

A0122/25
BEIRUT AIRSPACE CLOSED DUE TO
OPERATIONAL REASONS.

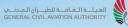
A0265/25 JORDAN AIRSPACE CLSD DUE TO OPS REASONS

A0371/25
BAGHDAD FIR CLSD DUE TO OPS
REASONS

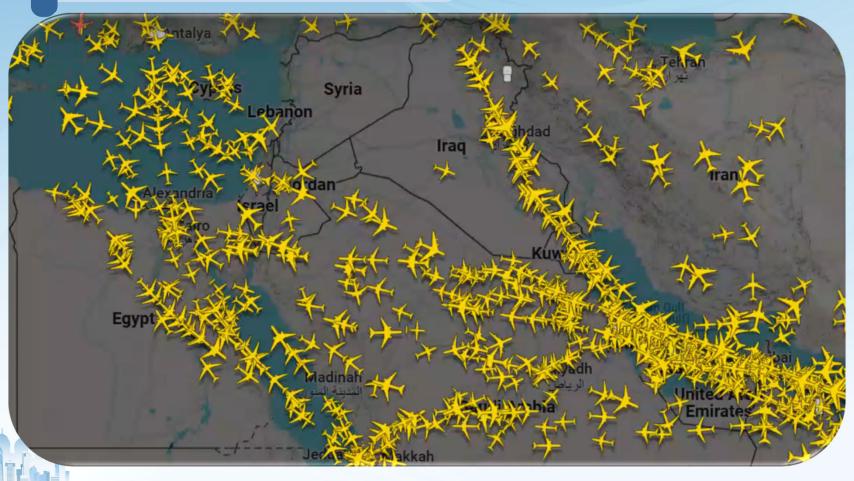
A1887/25 TEHRAN OIIX FIR CLSD















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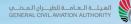
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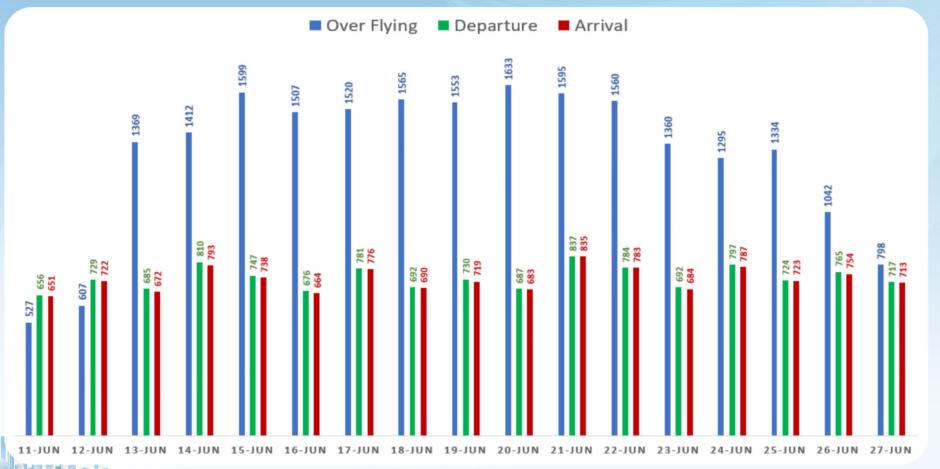


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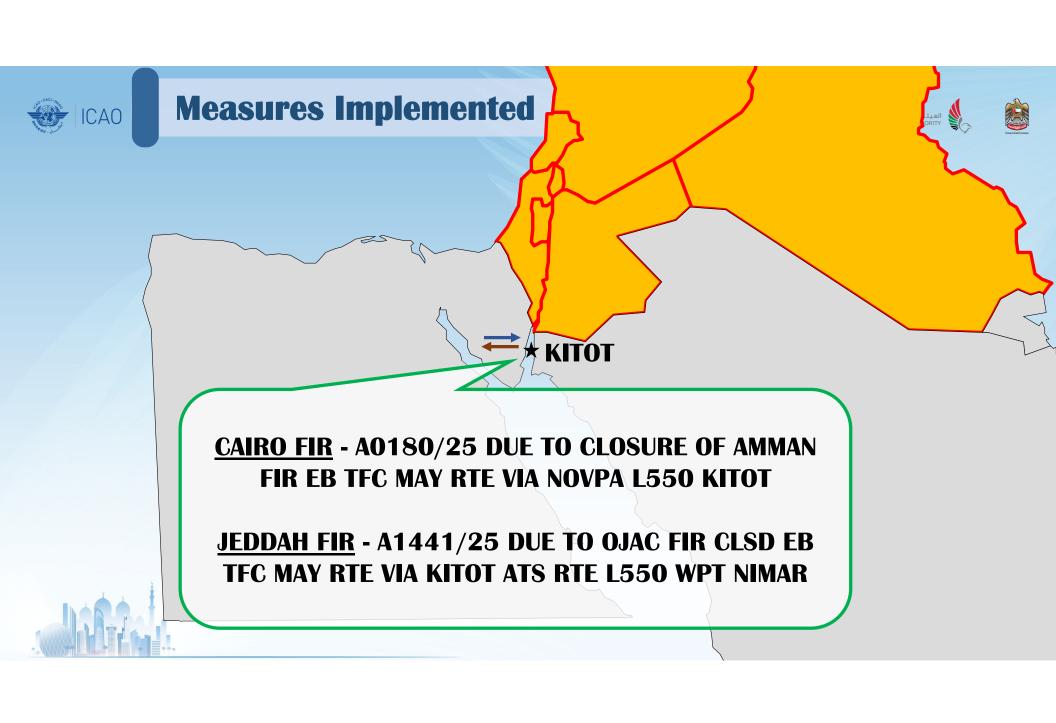










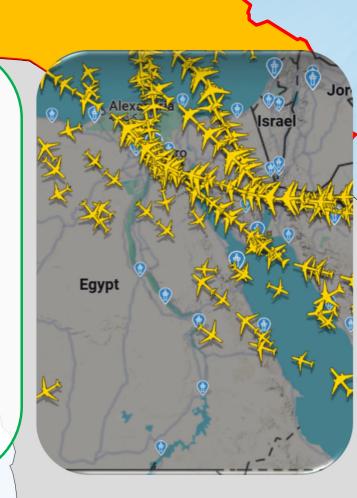




Contingency Plans



- ★ In case of Jordanian airspace closure, KITOT/PASAM/SILKA points will be activated in both directions.
- ★ In case of KITOT/SILKA point closure, IMRAD will be used for air traffic heading towards Saudi airspace.
- ★ In case of PASAM/KITOT point closure for air traffic coming from Saudi airspace, IMRAD/GIBAL will be used for air traffic heading towards Cypriot/Libyan/Greek airspace and Egyptian airports.







Stakeholder Coordination







Coordination has been made with the ICAO Regional Office in Cairo and the HQ in Montreal through the Contingency Coordination Team (CCT) to inform them about the capabilities of Egyptian airspace and the measures taken to increase its capacity, considering regional developments, the closure of neighboring airspaces, and the need for international airlines to use Egyptian airspace as a safe alternative.



Stakeholder Coordination







- Continuous coordination with Eurocontrol to take all immediate measures in case of increased traffic and the need for any exceptional action on border points if needed.
- **★** Coordination has been made with Athens Control to reduce the longitudinal separation between aircraft at the same altitude to 10 Nm to accommodate the increased density of air traffic.



Internal stakeholders













The National Committee for Crisis Management (NANSC – ECAA – NASMC – Egyptian Airport Company – Cairo International Airport) Regular meetings were held to monitor the situation and challenges, with ongoing coordination to find effective solutions.



Internal Measures





- ★ Coordination was done with the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority.
- ★ Military side information updated. Coordination was done to apply ATM Contingency Plan and to apply FUA.
- **★ Recalling all ATCOs staff members (Emergency Situation).**
- **★ Reopen all sectors in the Cairo ACC unit to minimize ATCO workload and fatigue.**









A0193/25 NOTAMR

- Q) HECC/QPFCA/IV/NBO/E/000/999/2721N03009E999
- A) HECC B) 2506211450 2506290600
- E) THE FLW TFC ORIENTATION SHALL BE APPLIED
- -AWY N697 PORTION BTN NOVPA/SISIK NOT AVBL FOR OVERFLYING TFC EXC TFC DEP FM ANY JORDANIAN AP.
- -AWY R650 PORTION BTN NOVPA/SHM NOT AVBL FOR OVERFLYING TFC EXC INBD TFC FM LCCC FIR.
- -BDRY POINT IMRAD AVBL FOR ALL WB TFC (AWY L604 AVBL BIDIRECTION)
- -NB TFC FM HELX AP SHALL RTE VIA Z970 ONLY.
- -OUBD TFC FM HECA AND HESX AP EXIT ULINA MAX FL330.
- -AWY Q777 SHALL NOT BE USED FOR TFC EXIT LAKTO EXC FOR TFC DEP FM HECA AP.

ALL TFC SHALL STRICTLY ADHERE TO ATC INSTRUCTIONS.







T115 One of the New Routes in Cairo Optimization Plan Phase 2

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- AWY R650 PORTION BTN NOVPA/SHM NOT AVBL FOR OVERFLYING TFC EXC INBD TFC FM LCCC FIR.

"This aim to shift Nicosia FIR (LCCC) traffic away from Cairo TMA area."



LCCC







Z970 One of the New Routes in Cairo Optimization Plan Phase 2

- <u>IMRAD</u> AVBL FOR ALL WB TFC

(AWY L604 AVBL BIDIRECTION)

- NB TFC FM <u>HELX</u> AP SHALL RTE VIA **Z970 ONLY**.

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"Removing restrictions at IMRAD This aim to offer an alternative to the congested Waypoint PASAM."







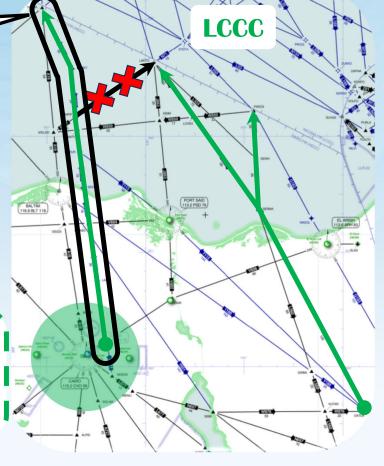


Q777 One of the New Routes in Cairo Optimization Plan Phase 2

- OUTBD TFC FM <u>HECA</u> AND <u>HESX</u> AP EXIT ULINA MAX FL330.

- AWY Q777 SHALL NOT BE USED FOR TFC EXIT LAKTO EXC FOR TFC DEP FM HECA AP.

"To avoid conflict between high-volume traffic coming from the east and the traffic on airway Q777 bound for Nicosia FIR LCCC."













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