Crisis Management – Brief Talking Points

GCAA response to regional geopolitical disruption — coordination framework, operational tools & institutional lessons.

- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Continuous coordination with the Ministry of Defence, MOFA, NCEMA, ANSPs, airports & national air carriers.
- **Risk-Based Airspace Management:** DANS simulation tool evaluating operational scenarios to optimise safe use of available airspace by risk level.
- **Repatriation & Passenger Welfare:** Coordinated repatriation & special flights; supported stranded passengers with accommodation, meals, alternative travel & timely information.
- **Supply-Chain Continuity:** Fast-tracked Cargo in Passenger Cabin (CIPC) approvals to protect essential cargo flows & national supply chains.
- **Emergency Passenger Protection Guidance:** Developed GCAA guidance material directing airlines & airports on passenger welfare during emergencies & major disruptions.
- **Support to UAE Carriers:** Directed ASAS inspectors to provide maximum regulatory support & operational flexibility while maintaining required safety standards.

Lessons Learned:

ASAS Geo-Political Risk Guidelines: Developed ASAS Geo-Political Risk Monitoring Coordination Guidelines.

AI Sentinel: Predictive decision-support tool monitoring geopolitical developments (Developed In-house), anticipating risk & conflict-duration scenarios to inform restriction decisions.

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INTERNATIONAL IMPACT — EASA ADVISORY SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED

Following UAE GCAA safety management, operational measures, risk mitigation & international engagement:

BEFORE

CZIB-2026-07

EASA advisory: operators NOT to fly through UAE FIR at ANY altitude. Entire Emirates FIR restricted.

UAE ACTIONS

- ✓ ESCAT activation & ICAO-compliant safety framework
- ✓ Dynamic capacity management (cap → ATFM) Air Traffic Flow Managment
- ✓ Comprehensive NOTAM & risk assessment programme
- ✓ Continuous GNSS monitoring & Radar Vector procedures
- ✓ Proactive engagement with EASA, ICAO & stakeholders

AFTER

CZIB-2026-07R2

Restriction narrowed to Arabian Gulf waters portion of Emirates FIR only. All other UAE airspace & arrivals/ departures enabled.

✈ CONTINUITY

74,495 movements managed. No operator refused.

🔗 CONNECTIVITY

UAE global hub status protected throughout.

💰 ECONOMIC PROTECTION

Disruption minimised — trade, cargo & repatriation prioritised. Restoring EU Clents Maintenance , Aerodromes, etc…

🌎 INTL. CONFIDENCE

EASA advisory reduced — global confidence restored.

🏆 EXCELLENCE

Proactive leadership, evidence-based decisions, measurable outcomes.

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Communicable Disease Management Protocol: Aviation-Health Preparedness

Transforming the COVID-19 challenge into a permanent, risk-based regulatory framework for communicable disease management — proposing the amendments of the International Health Regulations (2005).

International Health Regulations (2005) & ICAO ALIGNMENT

Harmonising IHR 2005 with ICAO Annex 9 across operators, GCAA & health authorities

CAR-Communicable Disease Management Program REGULATION

Core regulatory framework for communicable disease management

GCAA SURVEILANCE

Operational implementation & surveillance

MONITORING

Training, response & continuous monitoring

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION & LEADERSHIP

UAE CAR-CDMP Framework

ICAO Resolution 40-14 Reform

advocating expansion beyond vector-borne diseases

WHO Regional Recognition

acknowledged by WHO (Middle East Region for global health-security contribution

Scalable & Replicable

a model other states can adopt to protect passengers & communities