

Status of operations in Libyan airspace

IFALPA has received a number of enquires about the situation in Libya, its airports and airspace. Accordingly, the Federation's technical and operational team has carried out research into the question. While clearly the situation is developing and subject to rapid change the following points provide an accurate summary of the present state of affairs.

- ▶ There has been no ICAO assessment at this time
- ▶ An assessment is planned in the short to medium term
- ▶ Steady improvement has been reported but from an unsatisfactory starting point
- ▶ The Libyan CAA is taking a very conservative approach to opening the airspace as evidenced by the current Notams
- ▶ The Notams are seen as providing some cover for the LCAA.
- ▶ No over flights are currently allowed
- ▶ All traffic into Libya routed over Malta or Egypt via "LOSUL"
- ▶ ATC is widely variable between full radar to class F
- ▶ Ground to ground comms unreliable, air to ground acceptable
- ▶ No nav aids have been flight checked and most are Notamed out
- ▶ Aerodromes are Notamed closed but flights are cleared in "pilots discretion"
- ▶ No evidence of a MANPAD threat
- ▶ Ground security is reported as very poor. RON not recommended.
- ▶ UN presence is very limited
- ▶ Each airline is strongly encouraged to do a comprehensive assessment prior to any operations
- ▶ Air Malta, Turkish, Qatar and Royal Jordanian are known to be operating on a non-humanitarian basis
- ▶ Air Malta has completed an assessment and may be able to provide additional information
- ▶ Application for eight over flight routes in procedural airspace pending