



# Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

**CZIB No.: 2017-01R3**

**Issued: 23 April 2018**

**Subject: Airspace of Mali within Niamey Flight Information Region**

## Revision / Cancellation:

This CZIB is revised to extend the validity period, and to refer to additional national publications. The original issue of this CZIB replaced and cancelled EASA SIB 2014-27 dated 13 October 2014.

## Reference Publication(s) (see Appendix):

- United Kingdom AIP ENR 1.1 issued 09 June 2017 (see Appendix 1 of this CZIB).
- United States Federal Aviation Administration KICZ A0005/18 issued 26 February 2018 (see Appendix 2).
- AIC France Circular A06/18 issued 08 February 2018 (see Appendix 3).
- Germany NOTAM B0370/18 issued 13 March 2018 (see Appendix 4).

## Affected Airspace:

Mali airspace, Niamey FIR (DRRR), at altitudes below Flight Level (FL) 250.

## Applicability:

This CZIB applies to operators.

## Description:

This CZIB is issued on the basis of information available to EU Member States and EU institutions. The presence of terrorist groups with the necessary capabilities (including anti-aircraft weaponry) is assessed to pose a HIGH risk to operations within the portion of the Niamey FIR which is situated above Mali territory, at altitudes below FL 250. Terrorist groups continue attacks on the country with the risk of mortar shelling on airstrips and airports.

Additionally, the Agency draws the attention of the aviation community to the above referenced information, copies of which are attached to this CZIB.

## Recommendation(s):

Operators should take this information and any other relevant information into account in their own risk assessments, alongside any available guidance or directions from their national authority as appropriate.

## Validity:

This CZIB is valid until 23 October 2018.

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This is information only. Recommendations are not mandatory.



**Contact(s):**

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## Appendix 1

Source: [United Kingdom AIP ENR 1.1](#)  
[United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Service](#)

Maintain at least 25,000' AGL above Mali.

Hazardous situation in Mali

Potential risk to aviation overflying this area at less than 25,000 ft above ground level (agl) from dedicated anti-aviation weaponry.

Operators are strongly advised to take this potential risk into account in their risk assessments and routing decisions.

Contact UK Department for Transport +44 (0)207-944 4426  
or +44 (0)207-944 5999 out of hours.

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## Appendix 2

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration

[KICZ A0005/18](#) - SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADVISORY FOR MALI

THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A BELOW SHOULD AVOID FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN OR OVER THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF MALI AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 DUE TO ONGOING FIGHTING AND EXTREMIST/MILITANT ACTIVITY.

A. APPLICABILITY. THIS NOTAM APPLIES TO: ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS; ALL PERSONS EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AIRMAN CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE FAA, EXCEPT SUCH PERSONS OPERATING U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER; AND ALL OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH AIRCRAFT IS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.

B. PLANNING. THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A PLANNING TO FLY INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE ABOVE-NAMED AREA AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 MUST REVIEW CURRENT SECURITY/THREAT INFORMATION AND NOTAMS; COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FAA REGULATIONS, OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS, MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATIONS, AND LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION, INCLUDING UPDATING B450; AND PROVIDE AT LEAST 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE OF PLANNED FLIGHTS TO THE FAA AT AEO-CITWATCH@FAA.GOV WITH SPECIFIC FLIGHT DETAILS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

C. OPERATIONS. EXERCISE CAUTION DURING FLIGHT OPERATIONS DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTACKS ON CIVIL AVIATION BY EXTREMISTS/MILITANTS. AIRCRAFT MAY ENCOUNTER FIRE FROM SMALL ARMS; INDIRECT FIRE WEAPONS, SUCH AS MORTARS AND ROCKETS; AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT CAPABLE WEAPONS, INCLUDING MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS). SUCH WEAPONS COULD TARGET AIRCRAFT AT LOW ALTITUDES, INCLUDING DURING THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PHASES OF FLIGHT, AND/OR AIRPORTS AND AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND. THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A MUST REPORT SAFETY AND/OR SECURITY INCIDENTS TO THE FAA AT +1 202-267-3333 OR +1 202-267-3203.

THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS ADVISORY WILL BE RE-EVALUATED BY 26 FEBRUARY 2019.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR\\_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/US\\_RESTRICTIONS/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/us_restrictions/)

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### Appendix 3

Source: [AIC France Circular A06/18](#)

Maintain FL320 (increased from FL240) or greater above Mali.

From 11/01/2018 and until further notice, French carriers are requested to ensure that their aircraft maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL320 in the part of the Niamey FIR (DRRR) located above the Malian territory.

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## Appendix 4

Source: [Germany NOTAM B0370/18](#)

Avoid GATB, GAGO and GAKL airports.

B0370/18 (Issued for EDWW EDMM EDGG) - SECURITY AND MALI AND POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION - FIR NIAMEY (DRRR):

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ADVISES GERMAN OPERATORS NOT TO PLAN AND CONDUCT FLIGHTS TO THE AIRPORTS TOMBOUCTOU (GATB) GAO (GAGO) AND KIDAL (GAKL) WITHIN FIR NIAMEY (DRRR).  
POTENTIAL RISK TO AVIATION DURING TAKE OFF, LANDING, TAXIING AND PARKING AT THE AIRPORTS DUE TO POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACKS.

EMERGENCY SITUATION: IN AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ACTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT, THE PILOT IN COMMAND MAY DEVIATE FROM THIS NOTAM TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THAT EMERGENCY. 13 MAR 09:23 2018 UNTIL 12 JUN 23:59 2018 ESTIMATED.

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Appendix 5

Geographical Area: Niamey FIR (DRRR)



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