



Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore

## Safety Information Bulletin

	<b>CAAS SIB No.</b>	2022-02
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	<b>Subject</b>	Safety of civil aircraft operating in Mali airspace within Niamey FIR
	<b>Ref. Publications</b>	1) EASA CZIB No.: 2017-01R10 2) FAA KICZ A0009/22
	<b>Purpose</b>	This is the first issuance for this subject. This SIB is issued to advise civil aircraft operating in Niamey FIR
	<b>Applicability</b>	All Singapore Air Operator Certificate (AOC) Holders
	<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> This SIB is published to highlight information extracted from the reference publications EASA CZIB No.: 2017-01R10 and FAA KICZ A0009/22</p> <p>EASA CZIB No.: 2017-01R10 makes reference to the presence of terrorist groups with access to anti-aviation weaponry that is assessed to pose a HIGH risk to operations within the portion of the Niamey FIR (DRRR), which is situated above Mali territory.</p> <p>Civil air operators are advised not to plan and conduct flights within the territory and airspace of Mali, as part of NIAMEY FIR (DRRR) below FL260, including landing, taxiing, parking and taking off. There are potential risks to aviation from dedicated anti-aviation weaponry and the risk of mortar shelling from possible terrorist attacks at the airports Tombouctou (GATB), Gao (GAGO), Mopti (DAMB) and Kidal (GAKL).</p> <p>The FAA, in KICZ A0009/22 informs operators to exercise caution during flight operations due to ongoing fighting and the possibility of attacks on civil aviation by extremists/militants/private military companies. Aircraft may encounter small arms; indirect fire weapons, such as mortars and rockets; and anti-aircraft-capable weapons, including man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS). Following a 24 May 2021 coup, Mali denied international overflight access to Malian airspace of flights operating to or from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).</p>

- Recommendation(s)** **Assess flight safety risk in Mali airspace within Niamey FIR.**  
Singapore AOC holders are strongly urged to use the reference publications, and any other pertinent information, to assess flight safety risk in the Yemen airspace and within Sanaa FIR. Singapore AOC holders are also encouraged to contact their respective Principal Operations Inspectors (POIs) to share any additional information regarding the threat and risk to safety and security of civil aviation.
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