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SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENTS OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT OPERATING WITHIN DHAKA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This Safety Information (SI) is to raise awareness to all pilots and air operators regarding the potential risks to the safety of civil flights due to the volatile security situation over the territory of Bangladesh. This has resulted in disruption to air traffic control service for aircraft operating within Dhaka Flight Information Region (FIR).

2 Background

- 2.1 Amid escalating political conflict and military activities across the country, there has been a disruption to air traffic services and related supporting services within the above-mentioned airspace.
- 2.2 Attention to be drawn to the limitation of communications with air traffic control personnel, coordination irregularities with adjacent area control centres, inadequate air-ground communications and absence of mobile and wireless internet services (Wi-Fi) for the provision of safe, expeditious and efficient flow of air traffic within the FIR bounded by the international geographic boundary of Bangladesh.

3 Safety Recommendations

- 3.1 Air operators are to exercise extreme caution when operating within Dhaka Flight Information Region (FIR) and shall monitor the situation, establish / review contingency plans, maintain communications with Air Traffic Control (ATC) authorities, and closely follow ATC instructions and other guidance.
- 3.2 Additionally, air operators shall conduct risk assessments and appropriate mitigation actions are taken to ensure the safety and security of the aircraft on the intended route. The risk assessments should consider the routings from the aerodrome of departure to the aerodrome of arrival, as well as the intended take-off, destination and enroute alternate aerodromes.

- 3.3 The absence of any restrictions in foreign airspace should not preclude the air operator from making its own determination on the safety and security risks of the airspace to be flown through. Air operators are responsible for conducting detailed risk assessments customised to their operational geography, types of operations, and the extent of their activities.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 Effective risk assessment and mitigation strategies are essential for ensuring the safety of civil aviation operations within Dhaka Flight Information Region (FIR). CAAM will continue to monitor the situation and will notify its aviation stakeholders accordingly should there be any development.



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