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Elevation 14ft

CATEGORY B

No AV brief available.

GENERAL

- Sultan Abdul Halim airport is located 8 NM north of Alor Setar on Malaysia's north western coast.
- Terrain precludes approaches to Rwy 22 and departures from Rwy 04

Threats

CFIT

- Although the airfield is at sea level, terrain rises steeply to the north, east and south with a spot height of 1,414 ft asl at 7 NM on the Rwy 22 extended centreline
- The 2000 ft asl contour is within 15 NM and there are numerous peaks over 2,500 ft asl within 20 NM directly north-east.
- The SSA to the south east is 5,500 ft and there is a 2,836 ft peak 20 NM SE

Runway Incursion

- Opposite direction runway operations
- Departures from Rwy 04 will require backtrack, as would arrivals on Rwy 22

Mid Air Collision

 Due to the terrain, opposite direction arrivals and departures are normally used with departures from Rwy 22 and arrivals to Rwy 04

ARRIVAL

Diversion Airports			
HAT YAI	HDY/VTSS	44 nm/360°T	CAT A
PENANG	PEN/WMKP	54 nm/188°T	CAT B
KUALA LUMPUR	KUL/WMKK	220 nm/160°T	CAT B

Approach

- The only instrument approaches available are to Rwy 04 due to terrain rising steeply on all other sides of the airfield
- Missed approach Rwy 04 requires an early left turn and accurate tracking due to terrain
- Normal operations use Rwy 04 for arrivals and Rwy 22 for departures (opposite direction); for World Flight it is likely that this will be suspended and arrivals and departures will operate in the same direction.

GROUND

Departure Rwy 04 requires backtrack



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- Note that Taxiways K and L are limited to small aircraft (<7,000kg MTOW) only
- Limited parking available

DEPARTURE

- Normally all departures are from Rwy 22. However during World Flight it is likely that this procedure will be suspended.
- Departure Rwy 04 will require visual conditions to MSA

WEATHER

- Temperatures are relatively consistent year round with average daily high/low 32°C/23°C.
- The wet season is lengthy and runs Mar-Nov with September and October the wettest months, though rain is often seen even during the 'dry' season. Thunderstorms are frequent during the afternoons.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	Aerohandlers
Handling Agent VHF	
Potable Water	Not assessed

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use APU (GPU equipment not available)	
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use APU (ACU equipment not available)	