

KHARTOUM (KRT/HSSK)

Elevation 1,265ft

CATEGORY B

AV brief – not required

GENERAL

- The airfield is 1 nm E of the town on flat desert terrain.
- The Blue Nile flows E to W just N of the airfield, joining the White Nile, which flows S to N, 4 nm NW of the airfield.
- Overflights of Khartoum city prohibited below 2000ft agl.
- Much E-W traffic in Khartoum FIR during the Hajj season.
- R/T communication just adequate although HF is often very poor.
- Extended VHF frequencies have been installed.
- Poor ATC contact with neighbouring FIRs.
- No Radar available.

Threats

Runway Excursion

- Avoid confusing Rwy 36 approach lights with a line of red street and bridge lights parallel and 3 nm to the W of the runway. An aircraft has ended up in the Nile in the past.
- Turning circle at old Rwy 36 threshold is unlit.

Special Considerations

- See the OM C RIM Section – ‘Hot and High’ Operations brief for Information on High Density Altitude Operations.

ARRIVAL

- DME Arc procedures used.
- Navigation and landing aids often subject to unserviceability.
- Circling to E of airport only.

GROUND

- No parallel taxiway, back tracking required after landing and before take-off. 180° turns are only permitted at the Rwy ends.
- Runway and Apron in poor condition. Loose stones and debris present a FOD problem. Extreme caution is required when maneuvering.
- Concrete kerbs 9" in height are located on both sides of the entrance to the main apron.
- Parking only authorised under marshalling guidance.

DEPARTURE

- Contact tower 5 mins before ready to start engines.

WEATHER

- May to Sep – hot season – Thunderstorms, which may be severe, preceded by rising dust and sand reducing visibility to about 0.5 nm.
- Heavy rain that follows may cause flooding but the runway usually remains clear. Worst months are July and August. Line squalls possible.
- Oct to Apr fine weather.
- Strong winds at any time of the year will reduce visibility drastically in rising sand.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	MACS AVIATION SERVICES
Handling Agent VHF	
Potable Water	Not assessed