

UAE fully reopens airspace after two months

- A Monitor Desk Report

Date: 03 May, 2026



Dhaka: The United Arab Emirates has announced the full resumption of air traffic operations, lifting all restrictions that had been in place for more than two months following the outbreak of the US-Iran war, said the country's General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) on May 2.

"The decision was taken after a comprehensive evaluation of operational and security conditions and in coordination with relevant authorities," the GCAA said, adding that continuous real-time monitoring remains in place to ensure aviation safety.

The UAE's airspace initially closed following the outbreak of war on February 28. It has been partially open since early March, when flight operations gradually resumed through controlled air corridors.

The full resumption clears the way for UAE carriers Emirates and Etihad

to expand operations significantly, alongside opening the door for international airlines, many of which had suspended services to the region during the period of unrest.

Emirates is currently operating close to 80% of its pre-war route network, flying to more than 100 destinations. Etihad is operating at around 75%, serving more than 80 destinations.

Since an extended temporary ceasefire was agreed between the US and Iran, several neighboring countries have partially reopened their airspace through controlled corridors, including Bahrain, Qatar, and most recently Kuwait.

The GCAA expressed appreciation for the cooperation of passengers and airlines throughout the precautionary period and confirmed the readiness of its teams to respond to any emerging developments.

V