



## Spain closes its airspace to US military aircraft over Iran issue



USA Aircraft. Picture: Collected

Spain has barred US military aircraft from using its airspace amid Iran tensions, Defense Minister Margarita Robles confirmed Monday. Madrid had earlier also denied access to its military bases.

The Spanish government has stated that it will not provide any support for military operations related to Iran. As a result, both airspace access and military base usage by US forces have been fully restricted.

Despite being a NATO member, Spain's move will force the United States to use alternative routes. However, local media El País reported that exceptions may apply in urgent humanitarian situations.

Regarding concerns over possible diplomatic fallout with the United States, Spain's Economy Minister Carlos Cuerpo said that the government does not support any military action initiated in violation of international law. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has strongly criticized US and Israeli strikes related to the Iran situation, calling them reckless. In response to Spain's decision, former US President Donald Trump has hinted at possible trade pressure against Madrid.