Qabala International Airport (Azerbaijani: Qəbələ Beynəlxalq Aeroport) (IATA: GBB, ICAO: UBBQ) is an airport serving Qabala[1] (also known as Qəbələ or Gabala), the capital of the Gabala district (rayon) in Azerbaijan. The airport was officially opened by President Ilham Aliyev on 17 November 2011.[3]

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Facilities[edit]

The airport resides at an elevation of 935 feet (285 m) above mean sea level. It has one runway designated 16/34 with an asphalt surface measuring 3,600 by 60 metres (11,811 ft  $\times$  197 ft).[1]

Runway 16 is equipped with an ILS CAT II, which enables aircraft operations in low ceiling (30 meters) and visibility (350 meters).[4]

Airlines and destinations[edit]

**Airlines Destinations** 

Azerbaijan Airlines Baku[5]

Seasonal: Moscow-Vnukovo

Ural Airlines Seasonal: Moscow-Domodedovo[6]

From March to October 2016 Gabala was the Azerbaijan gateway for Pegasus flights from Istanbul.[7] In 2017 flydubai offered summer flights from Dubai-International.[8] In 2018 Air Arabia tried out Gabala as a summer destination from Sharjah[9]

All were suspended after one season.

Statistics[edit]

Traffic by calendar year. Official ACI Statistics

Passengers Change from previous year Aircraft operations Change from previous year Cargo

(metric tons) Change from previous year

2013 46,658 N.D. 900 N.D. 327 N.D.

2014 55,651 19.27% 918 2.00% 3 99.08%

Source: Airports Council International. World Airport Traffic Reports

(Years 2013,[10] and 2014[11])

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