Soummam – Abane Ramdane Airport (French: Aéroport de Bejaia / Soummam – Abane Ramdane[1]) (IATA: BJA, ICAO: DAAE), also known as Soummam Airport[3] or Bejaia Airport,[5] is an airport serving Béjaïa, a city in the Béjaïa Province of northern Algeria. It is located 5 kilometres (3.1 mi) south of the city, It was opened in 1982 to national level and his quick development led to its opening in international traffic in 1993.[1] The airport is named after Abane Ramdane (1920–1957)(since 1999 by presidential decree), an Algerian revolutionary and architect of the 1956 Congress of Soummam.

In 2008, the airport handled 52,681 passengers on domestic flights and 170,724 passengers on international flights.[2] The airport offers more than 10 flights per week to Paris, France and some others to Lyon, France, and Marseille, France. There are daily domestic flights mainly to Algiers.

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Airlines and destinations[edit]

Airlines Destinations

Air Algérie Algiers, Lyon, Marseille, Paris-Orly

Tassili Airlines Hassi Messaoud

Transavia Lyon,[6] Paris-Orly[6]

TUIfly Belgium Charleroi, Lille[7]

Volotea Marseille[8]

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

2005 205,298 3.51% 2,967 2.70% 139 25.67%

2006 162,441 20.88% 2,446 17.56% 106 23.74%

2007 75,250 53.68% 964 60.59% 24 77.36%

2008 202,120 168.60% 2,794 189.83% 129 437.50%

2009 216,847 7.29% 3,103 11.06% 114 11.63%

2010 213,490 1.55% 3,134 1.00% 111 2.63%

2011 221,175 3.60% 2,954 5.74% 111 0.00%

2012 245,254 10.89% 2,991 1.25% 134 20.72%

2013 294,933 20.26% 3,664 22.50% N.A. N.A

Source: Airports Council International. World Airport Traffic Reports

(Years 2005,[9] 2006,[10] 2007,[11] 2009,[12] 2011,[13] 2012,[14] and 2013[15])