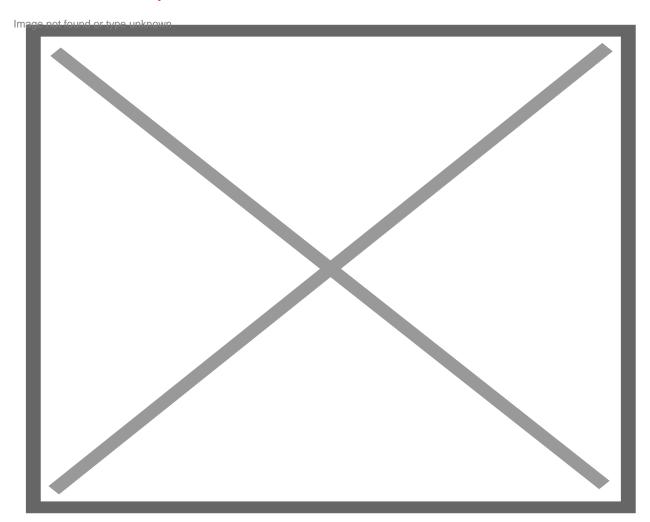
Update: Cyril E. King Airport Reopens After Disabled Private Aircraft on Runway Led to Delayed Flights

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The Cyril E. King Airport in St. Thomas.

Update: The runway at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas reopened today at 1 p.m. and normal operations have resumed, the V.I. Port Authority said Saturday.

Original Story: The V.I Port Authority on Saturday alerted the public that the Cyril E. King Airport's runway is temporarily closed as of 9:30 am.

A private aircraft with the tail number N44GF developed a flat tire and is now disabled on the runway, the authority said.

VIPA Territorial Airport Manager Jerome Sheridan reported that emergency response crews are presently working to tow the aircraft. "After the aircraft is removed, the runway must be inspected before it can reopen. Sheridan estimates that the runway should reopen by 1 p.m. or sooner," the Port Authority said.

Flight delays to and from St. Thomas are anticipated due to the runway closure. VIPA advised travelers to call their airlines directly for flight information, according to the release.

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