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Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

April 29th, 2014

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

below you will find the 4th Newsletter for this year informing you briefly about **the current security situation related to forthcoming Elections held in Iraq on April 30th**:

I.) Elections in Iraq:

We announced already in our previous newsletter that we expect restrictions for the delivery of goods due to the elections in Iraq.

The Iraqi Government has now officially announced State holidays followed by the closing of borders and airports due to the election.

Subject to change without notice, holidays and border / airport closings are as follows:

KRG Region

Please note KRG published for governmental and public sector due to governmental election following days off:

Tuesday, April 29 (Off)
Wednesday, April 30 (off)
Thursday, May 1 (Off)

Private Sector:

Tuesday, April 29 (NORMAL WORKING DAY)
Wednesday, April 30 (off)
Thursday, May 1 (Off)

Central and South Iraq

Please note that the Iraqi government announced official holidays for the governmental and the private sector from 28th April till 3rd May 2014.
Work will start again on Sunday, 4th May 2014.

II.) Border closing

Due to the election the Iraqi government has announced the closing of borders and airports.

Trebil border (Jordan/Iraq)

Trebil border is closed from 28th April till 3rd May. No trucks are allowed to enter or to leave Iraq. Due to the closing of the border of almost one week, we expect backlogs at Aqaba port as well as at the border itself.

Ibrahim Khalil border (Turkiye/Iraq)

So far no official closing of the border has been announced. However, it might be that on the election date itself the border will be closed.

Umm Qasr Port (Iraq):

Operation at Umm Qasr Port will be slowed down to a minimum. Incoming vessels will be discharged and cargo will put on ground. No further operation expected.

Iraqi Airports:

The Head of Civil Aviation Authority announced that all civil airports in conjunction with the election of April 30th will be closed from midnight of April 29/30th to Thursday, May 1st 06:00 local time.

Cargo Flights and Cargo Operation at the airports:

Baghdad Intern. Airport (BIAP)

The airport might accept incoming flights but the cargo will be stored on open storage area (outside). We expect that there will not be any further operation until May 4th. Sensitive cargo should not be sent to Baghdad during this period.



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Erbil Intern. Airport (EIA)

There will be no operation at the Erbil International Airport Cargo starting on April 29,30 and May1. Other conditions similar to Baghdad Airport.

Current Security Situation in Iraq:

Due to the election, the security restrictions have again been increased. No trucking services are permitted in all major cities. Trucks have to stay in their depots and can only travel again from 4th May onwards.

The overall security situation is very fragile and varies a lot. In general we expect an increase due to the upcoming elections, the security situation in Iraq is fragile and varies a lot in the different governorates.

Generally there will be curfews all over the country to be started from tonight (April 29th) lasting until May 1st.

Please contact us for dedicated information for the different areas.

Please consider that for example areas in the Anbar region, Mosul / Baiji region, north west of Basrah region are difficult to pass and delays and bypasses are required.

Thank you for your attention.
Yours faithfully,

M.G. International Transports GmbH