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Eid al Fitr 2014 Mubarak!

May this Eid Al Fitr bring joy, happiness and peace in our lives!

The MGIT Team wishes all a very happy and peaceful Eid Al Fitr.



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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

Below you will find the 10th Newsletter (Newsflash) for this year informing you briefly about the current security situation in Iraq:

I.) Partly resumption of Cargo Flights to KRG
Suspension of Cargo flights to the KRG Region are partly lifted. Cargo flights to Erbil airport may be possible on request only. To Sulaimaniyah there are still only small planes operating.

II.) Eid al Fitr 2014
In most parts of the near middle east countries the Eid Holidays will start within this weekend.

Governmental sector and private sector companies will resume work latest from 3rd August 2014 on.

III.) 5 new border gates between Turkey and Northern Iraq (KRG)
The Turkish and Iraqi authorities have announced that due to the permanently increasing trade volume between Turkey and Iraq 5 new border gates are planned to be opened soon.

IV.) Fuel surcharge
Due to a shortage of fuel all over the country, fuel prices has increased tremendously and still on a very high level. Therefore on certain routs fuel surcharges are still applicable with immediate effect.

V.) Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border (Ibrahim Khalil border)
The border is operating normally without any major delays. We have noticed some additional security measures and more detailed truck and cargo inspection but so far deliveries to the KRG region are running well almost without delays. However, there is a backlog of cargo destined to central Iraq which needs to be stored at Zakho currently due to the closing of the transit routes.

During Eid the operation will not be stopped but just slowed down.

Jordan / Iraqi border (Trebil)
Unfortunately, there are still no clear information available for this border point. We were informed that again trucks are being stopped by armed forces for inspection. It has also been reported again that cargo has been confiscated and re-routed. We recommend not to ship any goods via Trebil at this moment. There is already a backlog of Iraq cargo at Aqaba port. We expect that this backlog will increase in the next couple of days/weeks. The backlog already increased because of Ramadan working hours and a long term strike which ended on 17.07.2014. Furthermore please note that it is still seriously difficult



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to have Iraqi driver`s as well as trucks available for the transport.

Erbil Airport (EIA)

There are some cargo flights operating again, but on request only. Passenger flights still operating on a regular basis. Deliveries to the south e.g. Baghdad area are still not possible.

Sulaimaniyah Airport (ISU)

Regular passenger and cargo flights are operating to Sulaimaniah Airport, but small planes only.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP)

There are still regular flights to BIAP for passengers and cargo. Deliveries are still possible within Baghdad city limits and to all destinations south of Baghdad. Deliveries to destinations north of Baghdad e.g. Kirkuk are currently not possible. If you wish to use this route, please stay in close contact with us.

Basrah Airport

There are still regular flights for cargo and passengers to Basrah airport. Deliveries to all destinations around Basrah up to Baghdad are possible.

Umm Qasr / Khor Al Zubair ports

Both ports are working normally. Customs and all governmental receivers are proceeding with clearing and collecting / receiving the shipments. We still deliver goods on daily basis to various destinations and oilfields in the southern area of Iraq.

VI.) Security Situation

Due to the current crisis, the security situation in the various regions changes almost daily. Therefore, the below details are subject to change and without guarantee.

KRG region

Within the KRG region there are no security issues, all operations are running well so far. We have noted more intensive checks, particularly if trucks are going to the central governmental area or wish to enter the KRG region.

The situation outside of KRG is as follows:

Province Kirkuk:

Deliveries coming from the North (KRG region) possible. Transit towards south is temporary possible again but needs to be rechecked prior dispatch of the trucks from KRG region.

Province Nineveh:

Presently no shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area.

Province Salahaddin:

Presently no shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area.

Province Diyala:

Presently shipments for some areas shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area but needs to be rechecked prior dispatch of the trucks from KRG region.



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Province Anbar:

Presently no shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area.

Province Baghdad:

Shipments via Baghdad Airport or Umm Qassr Seaport can be delivered to this area in case no major issues happen within the next days.

Provinces Babil – Karbala – Wasit – Qadisiya – Maysan – Najaf – Thi Qar – Muthanna – Basrah: Under control of Iraqi army. No attacks by ISIS registered yet. Shipments via Baghdad- / Basrah Airport or Basrah- / Umm Qassr Seaport can be delivered.

General summary about Road situation:

All routes from Trebil border towards rest of Iraq fully or partly blocked.

All routes from KRG region towards rest of Iraq are fully, partly or temporary blocked.

Routes from Umm Qassr / Basrah towards south Iraqi and Baghdad area currently seem to be safe and passable.

We are observing the security situation daily and will keep you updated.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. International Transports GmbH

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