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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

We are pleased to update you in the current situation as follows:

I.) Cargo Flights to KRG

Airline	To Erbil Airport	To Baghdad Airport	To Basrah Airport
Emirates Sky Cargo	abandoned	unrestricted operation	unrestricted operation
Lufthansa / Austrian Airlines	A319 max 150 kg/pce	no service	no service
Etihaad Crystal Cargo	abandoned	max 50 kg/pce	max 150 kg/pce
Royal Jordanian	abandoned	unrestricted operation	abandoned
Coyne Airways (RUS Aviaton)	abandoned	1 freighter / weekly	on request only
Qatar Airways	3 freighter + 4 pax weekly	4 pax weekly	4 pax weekly – PAX = max 150 kg/pce
Turkish Airlines	2 freighter + pax weekly	abandoned	abandoned

II.) 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.
- Jordan / Iraqi border (Trebil)  
We do not recommend this border points at the moment. The Road from Trebil towards Baghdad is controlled by IS. Cargo for the private sector can pass after paying road fees but for governmental cargo, there is a high risk that cargo gets confiscated / diverted.  
We recommend not to ship any goods via Trebil at this moment in time.

- Syrian / Iraqi border (Al Waleed)  
We are not offering any services via this border point for the time being due to the current crisis in Syria and in the northwestern areas of Iraq.
- Baghdad International Airport (BIAP)  
BIAP is working normally. There are regular passenger and cargo flights available.  
Deliveries are possible within Baghdad city limits and to all destinations south of Baghdad.  
Deliveries to destinations north of Baghdad are subject to the situation.
- Umm Qassr / 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



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destinations and oilfields in the southern area of Iraq.

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

#### III.) 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

##### Province Dohuk:

The area is safe – no attacks registered.  
Deliveries and transit traffic possible without any obstacles or delays.

##### Province Erbil:

Generally the security measures have been clearly tightened after the last attacks around Erbil area. After IS attacks west and southwest of Erbil many companies take an alternative road for their trips from Zakho to Erbil or Erbil back to Zakho in order to avoid mossul city area fully.

##### Province Sulaymaniyah:

The area is safe – no attacks registered.  
Deliveries and transit traffic possible without any obstacles or delays.

#### Central- and South Iraq

##### Province Al-Tamim (Kirkuk):

Deliveries coming from the North (KRG region) possible. Transit towards south is temporary possible.

##### Province Nineveh:

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

##### Province Salahaddin:

Presently shipments can be only delivered or routed transit to / via northwestern part of Salahaddin. Deliveries to Tikrit are not possible as per now.

##### Province Diyala:

Presently shipments can be only delivered or routed transit to / via eastern part of Diyala. Transit traffic or deliveries to Baqubah / Jalawla are only temporary possible but very risky.

##### Province Anbar:

The security situation is quite mixed.  
Presently no governmental shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area. For private shipments the IS controlled areas are very risky. Road fees are applicable.

##### 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:



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

2 of 3 routes from KRG region towards rest of Iraq blocked.

Routes from Umm Qassar / 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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