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YOUR RELIABLE PARTNER FOR SHIPMENTS TO IRAQ

November 28th, 2014 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

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

1. Latest News

US air strikes in Mosul

After the recent incidents because of the US air strikes in province Nineveh (Capital Mosul) the security situation in the last days has been facing a negative development. All roads to Mosul are currently risky and we do not recommend any roads until the situation has calmed down.

Erbil car bomb explosion

On 19th Nov a car bomb exploded in Erbil in the city near the Government Building. Temporarily there were restrictions for trucks to enter / pass the city. Current shipments to Erbil could be delayed because of the tightened security measurements.

Baiji Refinery

The security situation in Baiji is quite mixed. The refinery is completely under the Iraqi Army again. Deliveries to Baiji have to be checked locally and intensively prior dispatch of the shipments.

Important Note:

From the 30th of November till the 18th of December partial or full road blocks are expected from approx. 100 km north of Baghdad region up to Basrah region due to Ziyarah Arbainiyah.

2. 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.



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Province Erbil:

Current situation in Erbil see note above please! Currently we recommend the alternative road from Zakho to Erbil or Erbil back to Zakho in order to avoid Mosul.

Province Sulaymaniyah:

The area is still safe. Deliveries and transit traffics are possible although sometimes there are obstacles or delays.

Central- and South Iraq

Province Al-Tamim (Kirkuk):

Deliveries coming from the North (KRG region) are possible. Transit towards the south is possible. Since Kirkuk's security has been taken over by Peschmerga units in September after the IS attack, the current security situation is still under their control.

Province Nineveh:

US air strikes attacked several areas of IS in Mosul. Mosul still under full control of IS and we do not offer any deliveries to this area or routed in transit via this area.

Province Salahaddin:

The Iraqi army took again control over this area. Presently shipments can only be delivered or routed in transit to / via eastern / northeastern part of Salahaddin. Deliveries to Tikrit are not possible as per now.

Province Diyala:

The security situation of this area is still quite mixed. The Iraqi army took control over most of the areas again. As per our information, shipments still can be delivered or routed in transit to / via eastern part of Diyala. Transit traffic or deliveries to Baqubah / Jalawla are only temporary possible and at the same time risky.

Province Anbar:

Also here the security situation is still quite mixed. Since a few weeks the Iraqi army and allied troops are fighting against IS and are winning back area by area. However, there are a few areas in the province Anbar which are still under IS control. Currently we do not offer deliveries to Anbar City, Falluja and Ramadi. Furthermore we do not offer the service via Trebil.

Province Baghdad:

In general, there are still almost daily attacks registered in Baghdad area. As per now and after intensive security checks – shipments to Baghdad or via Baghdad Airport or from Umm Qassr Seaport are possible.



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Provinces Babil – Karbala – Wasit – Qadisiya – Maysan – Najaf – Thi Qar – Muthanna – Basrah:

Under control of the Iraqi army. No attacks by ISIS registered yet. Shipments via Baghdad- / Basrah Airport or Basrah- / Umm Qassr Seaport can be delivered.

3. Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border (Ibrahim Khalil border)

The situation in the southeast of Turkey is back to normal since nearly 2 weeks. But the border staff is still operating at daylight only. At the same time the truck and cargo inspection became more detailed. Therefore trucks still face longer waiting times. The current waiting time ex Turkey towards Iraq increased to 5-6 days. The waiting time ex Iraq towards Turkey increased to 9-10 days. The a.m. reasons have caused lack of trucks in the market and clear rate increases for shipments via Turkey to Iraq.

Jordanian / Iraqi border (Trebil border)

The Iraqi army and allied armed groups have taken full control of a few more areas in province Anbar again. Nevertheless, we still do not recommend these border points at the moment as clashes are reported daily. A part of the Road from Trebil towards Baghdad is still controlled by IS. Cargo for the private sector can pass after paying road fees to IS. But there is still a high risk that governmental cargo gets confiscated. Therefore, we are not offering this route till further notice.

4. Airfreight:

Cargo Flights to KRG

| Airline | To Erbil Airport | To Baghdad Airport | To Basrah Airport |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Emirates Sky Cargo | 3 freighter + 4 pax weekly | unrestricted operation | unrestricted operation |
| Lufthansa / Austrian Airlines | A319 max 150 kg/pce | no service | no service |
| Etihad Crystal Cargo | abandoned | max 50 kg/pce | max 150 kg/pce |
| Royal Jordanian | abandoned | unrestricted operation | abandoned |
| Coyne Airways (RUS Aviaton) | 1 freighter / weekly | 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 |



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Erbil Airport

Erbil Airport is working normal and regular passenger and cargo flights are available as per above schedule.

Sulaymaniyah Airport

Airport is working normal and regular passenger and cargo flights are available.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP)

BIAP is working normal and under control of the Army. There are regular passenger and cargo flights. 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 and the dedicated destination.

Basrah Airport

Basrah Airport is still working normal and regular passenger flights are available. Cargo flights are possible on request only as per above schedule.

5. Oceanfreight:

Umm Qassr / Khor Al Zubair ports

Both ports are working normal. 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.

6. Upcoming Holidays

Ziyarah Arbainiyah

Due to the 40th day of Islamic Imam Hussein's martyrdom many pilgrims from Shia populated regions of Iraq and also from abroad are expected at Imam Hussein's shrine in Karbala. Peak of the period is expected for 12th until 15th Dec 2014.



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Yours sincerely,

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