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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,
we are pleased to update you on the current situation in Iraq as follows:

1. Latest News

► Upcoming Islamic New Year and Ashura period

This year, Islamic New Year is expected to be on 02nd Oct and Ashura days are expected for 11th/12th Oct. Because the masses of pilgrims will move from central and southern Iraq towards Kerbela region road blockades around Baghdad and Kerbela will start around 01st/02nd Oct and are expected to be lifted around 14th/15th Oct. Official details will be provided once announced by the central government.

► Upcoming Holidays
02nd Oct – Islamic new year
11th/12th Oct – Ashura days

2. Security Situation

The security situation is improving. The roads between KRG and Central Iraq as well as between Southern Iraq are currently free of obstacles. As per now and after intensive security checks – sending shipments to Airports and Seaports is still possible.

3. Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border

The security situation is stable. The border gates are permanently open. The current waiting time ex Turkey towards Iraq and ex Iraq towards Turkey is 2-3 days.

Jordanian/Iraqi border

No improvement or development on the security situation registered locally. Therefore, we still do not offer transports crossing this route until further notice.

4. Airfreight

Erbil & Sulaymaniyah Airport

Currently, operations are running smoothly. Regular passenger and cargo flights are available. Please check the possibilities as per your requirements with us case by case.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) and Basrah Airport

BIAP and Basrah Airport are working normally. Regular

passenger and cargo flights are available. Please check the possibilities as per your requirements with us case by case.

5. Umm Qassr / Khor Al Zubair ports

The security measures at both ports are tight and the ports are considered as safe. Generally the operation is running smoothly.

6. Mersin / Iskenderun seaport

Port operations are running smoothly as usual.

7. Overland Transport

Cargo movements towards Iraq via southeast Europe as well as via Trieste-Mersin Ferry are running well. No obstacles are registered.

Thank you for your attention.
Yours sincerely,
M.G. International Transports GmbH

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