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

Newsflash

Highway cut-offs and strikes affect cargo movements between Kirkuk and Baghdad

Cargo movements between Kurdistan Regional Government and Central-/Southern Iraq are presently affected by several obstacles.

Especially Kirkuk-Baghdad Highway is currently the most affected route. Movements right now take more than two weeks. Local strikes have led to delays along the entire route.

Because Safra customs and its surroundings are too crowded the authorities kept the trucks waiting at the checkpoints. Due to this fact the queue of trucks waiting between Kirkuk and Safra customs reached a length of 50 km.

Furthermore the drivers were complaining about the policy of the checkpoints which ask them for a certain amount to let the trucks pass. Therefore truck drivers have cut off and blocked roads at Tuz Khurmatu and at Al Khalis which are two important bottle necks on the road where most of the trucks are stucked.

The tensions between the drivers and the authorities rise from time to time. Local authorities are trying to mediate between the involved parties in order to find sustainable solutions.

As per local sources it might still take a few weeks till the situation is back to normal.

For more detailed information please contact our team.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. International Transports GmbH

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