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September 28th, 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

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

1. Latest News

► Demonstrations in South Iraq

Still there are ongoing demonstrations and protests going on around Basrah area.

Reason for demonstrations are still the missing supply of sufficient and clean fresh water and Electricity as well as general services. Water quality is bad (salty, poisoned and dirty). Huge unknown number of infected people are under medical treatment every day.

General Security Situation in South Iraq remains volatile and not stable.

► UMQ "Mid" Port

As already reported in our previous newsletter from June 1st 2018 all Government Shipments must be customs cleared from Mid Port Customs at Umm Qassr Port.

Mid Port Customs location is in the north part of Umm Qassr Port (behind jetties 13, 14 and 15)

First weeks after new regulation it was a common practice that shipments could be shifted from

arrival Port (e.g. North Port) to Mid Port in order to complete Customs Clearance.

On August 08th the Customs stopped this option and shifting of cargo from other locations to Mid Customs is no longer required and cargo can be cleared from incoming Customs subject to availability of proper documentation available showing entry port (DEL/TEL).

2. Border situation

► Ibrahim Khalil border

Security situation is stable. Border gates are open. The waiting times are around 2-4 days. No major delays or obstacles are reported these days.

► Jordanian/Iraqi border

The border gates are open. Operation is running smoothly. Mainly goods such as foodstuff and local Jordanian Products are imported through this gateway for the time being.

► Saudi Arabian/Iraqi border

The border gates are open. As per now no obstacles are registered.

3. Airfreight

► Baghdad/Basrah Airport

Airport operations are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.

► Erbil Airport

Airport operations are running smoothly. Regular passenger and partly full cargo flights are available.

However, due to the high demand of air cargo, a proper pre-booking is required.

4. Ocean freight

Umm Qassr/Khor Al Zubair Seaport

Please see Point No. 1 for further explanation.

Mersin/Iskenderun seaport

Port operations are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.



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5. Overland Transport

RoRo Ferry Trieste-Mersin and Route via Balkan

Cargo movements via Trieste-Mersin RoRo Ferry are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.

6. Elections KRG

General Parliament Elections are scheduled to take place on September 30th. They were earlier scheduled for November 1st 2017

but were postponed by eight months. Due to the election curfews may apply and delays for customs clearing at the land / airport may occur.

7. Holidays

Peak time of Ashura holidays is expected to start by October 15th and is schedule to last until end of October. During this period we expect a decrease in working times of official/governmental institutions and offices. Work in

Umm Qassr Port might also be effected by this.

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

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