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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,
we like to update you regularly on the day-to-day situation.

1. Corona Virus / Curfew

Please note that there has been announced a new curfew for a period of approx. 14 days in Central and South Iraq starting on June 23rd.
In Baghdad a lockdown from 6 pm to 6 am is in place.
Ministries are working 5 hrs per day with 25% of their staff.
Currently there is no official lockdown in the KRG region.

2. Ibrahim Khalil Border

The situation at the border returned back to normal as good as possible. Still there are some delays, but nothing major for the time being. The transport from the border to the inland destination is still only possible by changing the prime mover. The cargo cannot be transshipped onto an Iraqi truck as off today.

3. Iraqi Airports

Baghdad Intern. Airport is working with 25% of their staff. So the local operation capacity is very limited which can cause delays in customs clearance and cargo handling at the airport.

Erbil Intern. Airport

Flights to and from Erbil airport are suspended as per Governments decision until 01.07.2020 at least.

QR is offering special flights on 28.06. from Baghdad and there might be a flight from Erbil added, but it is not sure how these flights will be organized and/or what the purpose will be (cargo or passenger flights).

The customs office at the airport is open five days a week from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Sulaimaniyah Intern. Airport

Passenger flights to Sulaimaniyah are suspended, cargo flights are available but very limited in dimensions and weights (only very small and light packages).

Basrah Intern. Airport

Similar to the operational situation at UQ port (see below). Most of the ministries are closed.

4. Iraqi Seaports

Um Qassr Port has announced to be closed 1-2 days this week. But actual situation is that at few berths incoming vessel are under discharging.

Customs are also still working with limited numbers of officers.
By tomorrow , Wednesday June 24.06.2020, the government has advised that normal port operation and customs to continue with limited or full operation – or in worst case with a complete shutdown (which is not expected).

5. Jordanian Seaport

Aqaba is working as usual, there are no major delays in operation.

Please feel free to contact us in case of any specific question and please stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. International Transports

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