

Update 2: Damascus, Syria - Possible Terror Attack on Gas Pipeline Causes Total Blackout Adding Further Challenges to Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

- On August 24, an explosion in Arab gas pipeline occurred, east of Damascus, Syria
- Minister of oil stated it was a terrorist attack but provided no further details
- The explosion caused power outages throughout the country
- The electricity minister of Syria stated power had gradually started to get restored to the provinces
- The Arab gas pipeline system extends from Egypt into Jordan and Syria
- No immediate casualties were reported
- The country reported 74 COVID-19 confirmed cases on August 23, 2020
- As of now, Syria has reported 2,217 COVID-19 confirmed cases and 89 related deaths (4% of total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Syrian Ministry of Health (<http://www.moh.gov.sy>) for latest information on COVID-19 in Syria

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

Syria

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures, if any
- It is advised to evaluate options to migrate critical processes to nearby unaffected regions, to avoid disruption to business operations, in the event of an extended power outage
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Staff and travelers to the region are advised to remain vigilant, maintain a low profile in crowded places and pay close attention to travel warnings and advisories issued by the local authorities
- Ensure strict screening process for vehicles and people entering the businesses premises in the region
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Immediate

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High

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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.