

Update 13: Iraq - Resumes International Flights Despite Rise in COVID-19 Cases

- Iraq has reopened its airports to commercial flights as part of a government plan to ease restrictions following months of COVID-19 lockdown that severely hurt the country's economy
- COVID-19 curfew had been extended many times amid rising cases, which has exacerbated a severe economic crisis spurred by falling oil prices and crippled Iraq's private sector
- Flights from the capital, Baghdad, to Beirut and Cairo were scheduled to take off on Thursday (July 23) morning, ending four months of travel restrictions
- Airports in the southern cities of Najaf and Basra also reopened, but those in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, cities in the northern Kurdish region, said they would reopen on August 1, 2020
- The reopening comes as the government moves ahead with plans to allow business activity to return to shopping centers and other commercial areas by the end of July 2020
- A full lockdown will be briefly reimposed next week for the Eid al-Adha holiday before being entirely lifted
- Iraq has so far recorded 102,226 COVID-19 cases, 69,405 recoveries, and 4,122 related deaths
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<http://www.moh.gov.iq/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Iraq

Source(s)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/iraq-reopens-airports-even-as-cases-rise>

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/latest-on-coronavirus-outbreak/iraq-resumes-international-flights-after-4-months/1920149>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/iraq/>

Targets Affected:

Iraq

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

Related Alerts

July 17, 2020

Medium

Update 12: Iraq - Plans to Reopen Scheduled International Flights Starting July 23, 2020, and Lift Night-Time Curfew by August Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

July 6, 2020

Medium

Update 11: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,125 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 60,479

June 20, 2020

Medium

Update 10: Iraq - Reports Highest Single-Day Increase of 1,635 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 27,352

June 7, 2020

High

Update 9: Iraq - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown Until June 13, 2020

June 4, 2020

Medium

Update 8: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 781 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 8,168

May 31, 2020

Immediate

Update 7: Iraq - Imposes Week-Long Curfew Until June 6, 2020 to Contain COVID-19 Infections

May 24, 2020

Immediate

Update 6: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 308 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 4,272

May 18, 2020

Immediate

Update 5: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 144 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 3,404

May 5, 2020

Immediate

Update 4: Iraq - Implements Odd-Even
Traffic Restriction to Curb Spread of
COVID-19

April 29, 2020

Immediate

Update 3: Iraq - Warns of Tightening
Measures and Extending COVID-19
Curfew Until May 22, 2020 as Cases
Increase to 1,928

April 24, 2020

High

Update 2: Iraq - Relaxes COVID-19
Restrictions Amid Cases Totaling 1,677

April 17, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Iraq - Extends COVID-19
Curfew Until April 23, 2020 as Cases
Increase to 1,415

April 8, 2020

Immediate

Iraq - Confirms 91 New COVID-19
Cases in 24 Hours, 1,122 in Total

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.