

## **UAE, Saudi, Bahrain, Egypt cut ties with Qatar over 'terrorism' – Developments in Ports of the United Arab Emirates**

The United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain announced today, 5th June 2017, Monday, that they were severing diplomatic ties with Qatar, as tensions escalate in the region over accusations that Doha sponsors terrorism.

The UAE has given Qatari diplomats 48 hours to leave the country after Abu Dhabi accused Doha of "supporting, funding and embracing terrorism, extremism and sectarian organisations," according to published news. Qatari citizens and residents have been informed by the UAE that they have 14 days to leave, while citizens and residents from Qatar have also been banned from passing through the UAE.

Commercial and cargo airlines ( Emirates and Etihad ) have announced termination of services to and from Qatar from tomorrow until further notice.

As for the Ports in UAE, there are no clear directives which apply to all Ports universally, and below is an update based on the known developments taken place today.

**FUJAIRAH** – All vessels, either flying the flag of Qatar or foreign flag vessels that have their last Port as Qatar or are destined for Qatar after Fujairah will not be allowed into Fujairah Port or anchorage. Such vessels will not only be allowed for cargo purposes ( loading or discharging ) but also crew matters, bunkering, repairs or any other business. All vessels presently at Fujairah Port or Fujairah anchorage have been ordered to leave UAE waters with immediate effect.

Notice to Mariners has been issued to this effect by Fujairah Port.

**KHORFAKKAN** – Similar position as Fujairah, however no official announcement for vessels bound for Qatar to leave immediately. No notice has been received.

**RAS AL KHAIMAH** - Similar position as Fujairah and vessels at anchorage or Port bound for Qatar have been asked to leave immediately, though no notice has been received.

**JEBEL ALI** - Presently vessels arriving from/proceeding to Qatar ports are being granted entry and clearance. We understand that effective 0001 Hrs/6<sup>th</sup> June, vessels arriving from/proceeding to Qatar ports may not be granted entry and clearance. This is verbal information from Jebel Ali Immigration which is the authority granting port clearance for vessels. No official circular received till now.

**HUMRIAH (Sharjah)** - We are informed that effective 0001 Hrs/6th June entry and clearance may not be granted to vessels arriving from/proceeding to Qatar ports. This is again verbal information from Hamriyah Port Immigration. No official circular received till now.

**ABU DHABI** - The Petroleum Ports Authority management ( Abu Dhabi ) has not to-date received firm directives, however as an initial response to the announcement, and until further instructions, vessels flying the "Flag of Qatar" shall not be allowed entry into any of Abu Dhabi Petroleum Ports.

Please note that situation at any Port can change with limited warning and vessels calling at any UAE Port should confirm with either their agents or us for any new updates or for clarifications.

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