

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 yesterday, 5th June 2017, Monday, that they were severing diplomatic ties with Qatar, as tensions escalate in the region over accusations that Doha sponsors terrorism.

Further to the updates of yesterday, please find another update today, subject to change should further political developments take place. However, the below information for the time being is correct and actions to be implemented accordingly.

UAE Ports :

- Jebel Ali:
We understand that effective 0001 Hrs/6th 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.
- Hamriyah:
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 a verbal information from Hamriyah Port Immigration. No official circular received till now.
- Fujairah:
Fujairah Port has issued a notification that Qatar flag vessels or any vessel arriving from or proceeding to Qatar Ports will not be allowed to enter Port of Fujairah or Fujairah anchorage. The notice to mariners is attached.
- Abu Dhabi Ports : All vessels flying the Flag of Qatar, and all vessels, arriving from or destined to Qatar, irrespective of its flag, are banned from calling into any of Abu Dhabi Petroleum Ports. In addition, Abu Dhabi Ports have issued a circular banning Qatari flagged vessels and also foreign flag vessels which are bound for or coming from Qatar. (Circular attached).
- Mina Saqr - Below received from the Port Authorities today.
 1. Vessels last port being Qatar is not permitted in Mina Saqr **(in port & OPL)**
 2. Vessels' next port cannot be Qatar **(in port & OPL)**
 3. No crew of the vessels should sign on in Qatar **(OPL vessels)**
 4. Vessels flag should not be of Qatar**(in port & OPL).**
 5. Any passenger/ superintendent / surveyor / technician etc. holding last exit stamp from Qatar is not permitted **(OPL vessels).**
- Qatar Ports:
So far there is no restriction or ban declared on any vessel arriving from/proceeding to Saudi Arabia, UAE and Bahrain. There are no official notification issued by any Qatar port or any authorities yet on this subject.
- Saudi Arabia :
In implementation of the statement issued by Saudi government on the severing of diplomatic and consular relations with State of Qatar and the closure of all land routes, sea and air ports, the General Organization of Saudi Sea Ports Authority announced this evening to all shipping

agents not to receive any vessels hosting Qatari flag or owned by Qatari companies or individuals as well as to unload any goods of Qatari origin in Saudi ports.

- **Bahrain :**

The Ports and Maritime Affairs at Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications have informed that that all Bahrain Ports and territorial waters will remain suspended for marine navigation from and to State of Qatar effective from 6th June 2017.

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