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Sudan - Disruption and Closure of the Port of Port Sudan



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The Club's local correspondent, Mutual Marine Services Al Mushtaraka Ltd, has informed us that the Port of Port Sudan is facing significant disruption and closure, with port operations suspended and cargo being unable to enter or leave the port due to the bridge and road connections being blocked on 16 April 2023.

The ongoing clashes between the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and the army in the capital city of Khartoum appear to have spread to Port Sudan, with reported gunfire heard in the city.

The Port of Port Sudan is the country's main seaport and is strategically located on the Red Sea coast making it an essential hub for trade between Sudan and other regional countries. The port handles around 90% of the country's exports and imports, including oil, gold, and other minerals. In addition, the port also handles goods transported through land borders with neighbouring countries, such as Ethiopia and South Sudan.



Subsequently, the continuing clashes between the RSF and the army following their disagreements over the distribution of power and resources within the government will likely cause significant setbacks for shipping companies and importers/exporters, the Sudanese economy, and affect the humanitarian situation in Sudan.

We recommend that any Member planning to call at or with ships in transit toward ports in Sudan contact their local protective agency to obtain the latest information on the situation and status of maritime operations. Furthermore, the Members can utilise the Club's local correspondent network to provide any assistance and information required.

Members requiring further guidance should contact the Loss Prevention Department.