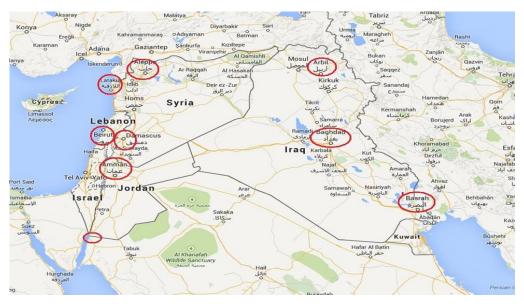


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# Syria

Positive Changes have taken place:

- After 13 years of conflict in Syria, on the 8th Dec 2024 the rebels overthrew the Assad regime, this welcomes many changes & hopefully opens doors to a better and improved Syria.

Previously, imports and sanctions were a problem, but now, and since Tuesday 28/01/2025 the European Union has lifted some of the sanctions, such as banking and flight to/from Syria and Europe, we are hopeful that everything will slowly but surely return to the way it was before 2012.

Land transit has become available to the gulf countries from Europe via Turkey, Syria and Jordan, previously and for 13 years these routes have been closed.

## Syrian Airports:

Damascus airport is operating now, on the 22nd of January, the first Turkish Airlines plane landed and on 31st Jan, the 1st Royal Jordanian Airline landed with plan of 5 flights per week.



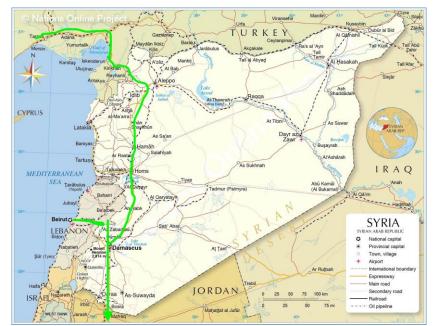
Aleppo's airport is under technical Repair and should be ready on 10 Feb to welcome flights.

Lattakia Airport is still under the Russian Army control.

#### **Syrian Ports**

Lattakia and Tartous Ports, on the day the regime (Assad) fell, on the 8th Dec, it was a lack of security, the mobs took advantage of the opportunity and robbed the warehouses of the port, 90% of the cargo stored at the port /custom yards and warehouses were stollen.

Ports are now under heavy security and vessels start to call again at the ports such as MSC Shipping line while waiting for more to come



(----- Transit Roads) from Europe Mersin/Iskenderun Ports to the gulf countries



### Syrian Iraqi Border

Before the crisis, three border crossings were linking Iraq with Syria, Al-Yarubiyah/ Rabiaa in the north facing the city of Mosul, Abu Kamal / Al-Qaim in the middle, and Al-Tanf/ Al-Walid border crossing located on the Damascus – Baghdad highway.

The border between Iraq and Syria is open for trucks since 2019 through Abu Kamal / Al-Qaim border crossing, which connects the town of Abu Kamal in Syria to the city of Husaybah in Iraq, the border crossing is about 450 km from Damascus and 340 km from the Iraqi capital Baghdad, Al-Tanf/ Al-Walid is still closed because of the US military presence in region, also Al-Yarubiyah/ Rabia in the north facing the city of Mosul is still closed.

#### Syrian Jordanian Border

The Jordanian border is open for all land transit, and the roads are safe, many traders in Syria and Lebanon are using Aqaba Port for their cargo imported from Asia (China, India etc...) as they are saving time and money.

#### Syrian Turkish Border

Syria border crossings with Turkey, currently only Bab Al-Hawa North-west Syria is used for Land Transit, it is expected to open all boarder with Turkey soon.

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