



IRAQ OIL REPORT

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SMUGGLING ROUTES FROM IRAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Iraq Oil Report recently conducted an on-the-ground survey at various border crossings throughout Basra and Missan provinces. Using a standard survey methodology, unbiased and independent data was gathered for an international organization which used the survey to complete their annual analysis on smuggling trends into and out of Iraq.

The researchers polled businessmen and truck drivers using legitimate border crossings; Iraqi Security Forces and Border Enforcement Officers responsible for protection of the borders; pilgrims, residents and tribes in neighboring communities; and individuals working illegal border crossings.

Respondents were polled on various topics related to cross-border smuggling activities to and from Iran.

The most common items smuggled to and from Iran:

- Illicit drugs, including in transit to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia*
- Animals (sheep etc.)
- Alcohol, including in transit to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia
- Oil goods
- Illegal weapons and ammunition
- Fresh, canned and frozen food
- Reinforced steel; electrical appliances; and plastic products used for domestic use

For a copy of the full survey, please contact research@iraqoilreport.com. Please also see October 2010's **BEYOND THE HEADLINES - TRENDS IN FOCUS** section for more information on illicit drug use and smuggling in Iraq.