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Middle Eastern Countries Sever Diplomacy, Trade Routes with Qatar

Diplomatic ties to Qatar have been cut from several countries in the Middle East after allegations that the nation has supported “Iranian-backed terrorist groups.” On June 5th, [a press release issued by the Saudi Press Agency](#) notified that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has taken a stand in solidarity with the Kingdom of Bahrain, along with the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Egypt, Libya, and the Maldives. All have cut diplomatic ties with Qatar, and shipments can no longer be transported via land, air, or sea through Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, or the United Arab Emirates to reach Qatar and vice versa. There is current speculation as to whether Egypt will allow Qatari vessels to use the Suez Canal, and it’s reported that any vessels currently traveling through Qatar will be banned from certain ports. Meanwhile, Qatari diplomats have received orders to leave the UAE and Egypt.

[Kuwait has offered to hold mediations](#) between Qatari representatives and those of its neighbors, and other country leaders and organizations [have also spoken out on the matter](#). In the meantime, carriers and freight forwarders have received instructions on alternative routings to ensure that goods in transit are delivered. KWE will provide more information as the story develops.



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