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To: All UK Chambers of Commerce  
Attn: Secretary-General

Subject: **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - EGYPT DISRUPTIONS**

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**BUSINESS & TRADE ADVICE**

Business and trade with Egypt is disrupted due to the current anti-regime demonstrations taking place in the country. Customs, shipping and cargo services are closed until further notice. The Suez Canal shipping routes are open and navigation systems are running a normal service. The Egyptian stock exchange and banks remain closed. This is to safeguard against mass withdrawal and transfer of funds.

As of today, Monday 31 January, police are back on the streets of Egypt; however public demonstrations in Cairo, Alexandria, Suez and other big cities are ongoing. The army and newly formed civilian Public Committees are keeping a grip on the country's security to prevent further looting and other criminal acts.

The EBCC expects business and trade to return to normal within the week, subject to the appointment of a new cabinet. Certification and legalisation services by the Chamber and Egyptian Consulate in London are running as usual. The EBCC will keep everyone informed on latest developments in Egypt as we receive news direct from the country.

**TRAVEL ADVICE**

As a result of the unrest, bmi will operate a revised service to Cairo airport as of today. For travel details, [click here](#).

I thank you for your kind understanding and support

Best regards

Yours truly

Taher El Sherif  
Secretary-General