Supply Chain Disruptions



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Libya Alert (UPDATE): NOC claims armed group shut valve on main Hamada–Zawiyah pipeline on October 30; remain cognizant of supply disruptions

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Current Situation:

- On October 30, Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) announced that an armed group had shut the valve on the main crude oil transmission pipeline in the al-Rayyana area, linking the al-Hamada (NC-8 and NC-5) and Tahara (NC-4) fields to the Zawiya refinery.
- Al-Rayyana is located in the Jabal al-Gharbi District of western Libya, approximately 50 km southwest of Zawiyah.
- NOC stated that the forced closure caused a sharp increase in operating pressure, prompting technical crews to suspend pumping at 00:30 (local time) on October 30 to prevent damage to the pipeline and associated facilities.
- The shutdown disrupted crude oil supplies from the connected fields, with the NOC warning that a prolonged closure could result in the loss of approximately 15,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil intended for the refinery.
- The NOC also condemned the incident and called on the relevant authorities, particularly the Petroleum Facilities Guard (PFG), to secure the pipeline, reopen the valve, and resume pumping

operations.
- This incident marks the second reported incident of its kind since October, following an earlier pipeline valve closure on October 22.

Source: NOC

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Libya, particularly in the Tripolitania area, are advised to remain aware of potential supply disruptions over the coming hours on October 31 due to the reported valve closure.