



Press Statement

OICCI Press Statement on National Highway Blockade in Sindh

The ongoing six-day blockade of the National Highway in Sindh has severely disrupted local trade and industrial activity across the country, causing serious financial losses due to shipment delays and a mounting container backlog.

Over 3,500 vehicles remain stranded near Sukkur, many carrying export consignments, perishable items, and critical industrial inputs. The complete halt in goods movement is already affecting market supplies, with shortages looming.

This disruption has fractured essential supply chain linkages. Industries across provinces are facing shutdown risks due to raw materials stuck at Karachi Port, while exporters are missing delivery deadlines further damaging Pakistan's credibility as a reliable trading partner and threatening future contracts.

Unless resolved immediately, the blockade could lead to widespread operational shutdowns, job losses, and a costly, prolonged recovery beside negatively impacting the image of the country as a trading hub.

The OICCI is confident that the authorities concerned in Sindh and the Government of Pakistan are aware of the criticality of the issue and will act swiftly to restore the flow of goods. Uninterrupted trade is vital to promote local trade and safeguard export competitiveness and economic stability.

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