

German Transport Companies Warn Prices Rising Amid Diesel Surge



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Berlin, March 29 (QNA) – German transport companies have warned that the sharp spike in diesel prices is placing severe pressure on the country's freight sector.

Dirk Engelhardt, head of the German Road Haulage, Logistics and Waste Disposal Association, said diesel prices have soared by around 40 cents per liter since the start of the war in Iran.

Engelhardt noted that the additional operating cost for a single truck - assuming a monthly

distance of 10,000 kilometers and fuel consumption of 30 liters per 100 kilometers-amounts to about EUR 1,200 per month. For a fleet of 50 trucks, these costs exceed EUR 700,000 annually, he opined.

It is clear that this will have potential repercussions on consumer prices sooner or later, Engelhardt added.

In light of this increase, the transport sector is calling for urgent government measures to ease the burden. Engelhardt stressed that what matters most is taking swift steps to ensure companies' liquidity and the continuity of supply chains.

Among the proposals under discussion are the introduction of a diesel price cap to limit pressure on companies and prevent the insolvency of medium-sized firms, as well as the possibility of refunding the carbon dioxide tax on diesel or suspending its inclusion in truck toll charges.

Engelhardt emphasized that the most important factor is that these measures be precisely targeted and that their effects reach transport companies directly.