

# Transneft Pipeline Breached

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Transneft suspended oil pumping via the Baku-Novorossiisk route due to an unsanctioned pipeline breach, press secretary Igor Dyomin told Interfax on Tuesday.

The pipe was repaired and shipments resumed in full at 4:20 p.m. Moscow time, Dyomin said.

The breach occurred in the Kizlyar region of Dagestan. Leakage from the criminal breach resulted in a spill of 7.4 cubic meters of oil, making it necessary to stop pumping to clean up the spill and repair the pipeline, Dyomin said. "The area contaminated with oil is 30 meters by 35 meters," he added. This is a repeat of an earlier discovered breach. A more than 11-kilometer system of illegal pipelines had been discovered, he added.

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