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Kashagan Oil Field Stops Production for Second Time

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ALMATY — Kazakhstan's giant offshore Kashagan oilfield in the Caspian sea halted output after a gas leak was detected Oct. 9, a consortium developing it said Friday, the second stoppage there since its launch a month ago.

The leak was detected on a pipeline running from the artificial D Island to the Bolashak processing plant ashore, the North Caspian Operating Company said.

"As a preventive measure, the respective part of the pipeline has been depressurised and has been flushed with nitrogen to make it accessible for inspection," it said. "No harm to people or environment was observed."

Repair work continued, it said, without giving a date for the resumption of production.

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