

Nigeria's Forcados crude oil exports have resumed, says Shell

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Exports of Nigeria's Forcados grade of crude oil resumed on Sunday, a Shell spokesperson said on Monday, roughly a month after loadings of the medium sweet grade were suspended because of a potential leak at the export terminal.

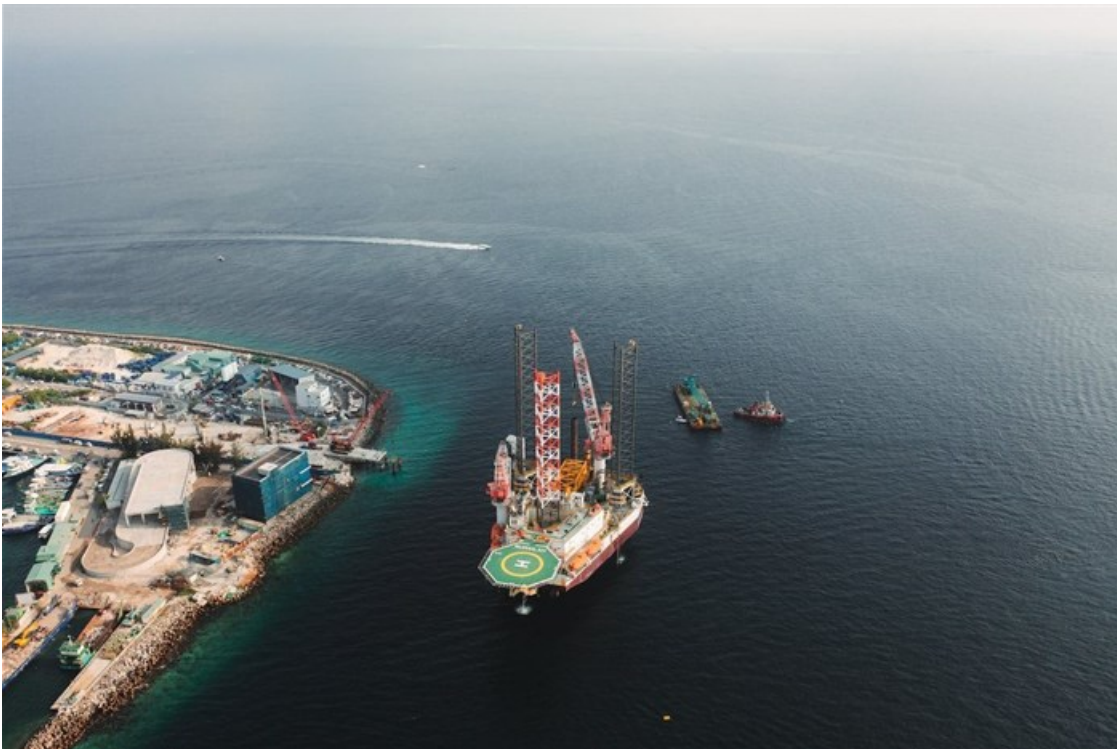


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Sources had told *Reuters* that exports of the grade, which was scheduled to ship 220,000 barrels per day (bpd) in July, were halted on the evening of 12 July after workers saw fumes near a single buoy mooring where oil was being loaded onto a vessel.

A single buoy mooring is essentially a floating loading facility that allows large tankers to moor offshore to discharge cargoes.



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Shell confirmed that injections into the terminal had been curtailed after the report, though no *force majeure* was declared.

The Shell spokesperson said the cause of the suspension would be determined by a joint investigation between company and community representatives in tandem with government agencies.

The suspension of Forcados loadings contributed to Nigeria becoming the second-biggest contributor to the drop in OPEC crude oil output in July, a *Reuters* survey showed.

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