

Subject: Recent NRT Article

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Dear [REDACTED],

We have looked into this and have the following observations:

1. The map shown in the NRT article does appear to be part of a map that we had on our public website in June 2015, however we note that the footer of the map is removed. If it is our June 2015 map, paper copies of it were also freely available at the June 2015 CWC conference in London.
2. As is common to all our maps, the footer of the June 2015 map had a disclaimer stating "No copying or Distribution without the permission of WesternZagros" and "Data shown is to the best of knowledge at time of printing, however we cannot be held responsible for outdated or incorrect information. To inform us of any discrepancies, please contact....."
3. After we put the June 2015 map on our website we were informed by our consultant in September 2015 that it contained a discrepancy as it contained erroneously placed information, and we promptly replaced the map on the website. In subsequent versions of the map, the production data was replaced with data published by the Ministry.
4. We have been publishing these maps based on our compilation of public information since 2012 and have received many compliments on how useful they are. The publishing of the June 2015 map was the one and only time a discrepancy was brought to our attention and we promptly attended to it.
5. Our June 2015 map was not a 'secret document' containing 'new and secret information' as the NRT article implies. In fact it was publicly available on our website for anyone to make comment on.
6. It is normal for responsible journalists to check their information before publishing. NRT made no attempt to contact us prior to this article being published and we are also not aware that they contacted the other operators cited. If they had contacted us, we would have pointed out our disclaimer and that we had replaced the June 2015 map with a corrected map. In addition, if they had checked our more recent maps, they would have noticed we had replaced the production information. We will be writing to NRT to object to their misleading portrayal.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this has caused the Ministry.

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