

Suzuki halts production at Hungary car plant due to Red Sea attacks

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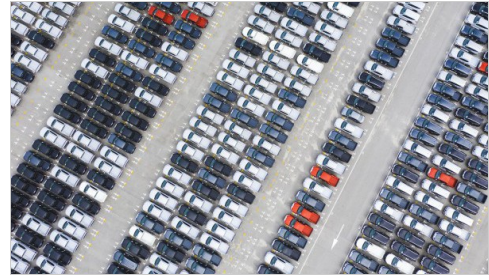
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Japanese automaker Suzuki Motor has suspended production at a Hungarian car plant for seven days through Jan. 21. The move comes amid delays in the delivery of engines and other parts from Japan as a recent wave of attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea disrupts global logistics.



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The suspension will stop the output of the Vitara, which is sold in Japan as the Escudo, and the S-Cross, at Suzuki's factory in the northern Hungarian town of Esztergom. Both models are sport utility vehicles, *Nikkei Asia* reported Jan. 16.

The automaker will on Jan. 22 restart production at the plant, which churned out 142,000 vehicles in the 2022 fiscal year.

The disruption in production of several global automotive companies is impacted due to the attack on commercial vessels, prompting shipping companies to suspend routes passing through the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, instead sending cargoes around the Cape of Good Hope at the southern tip of Africa. Tesla has said it would suspend a German plant as it was unable to obtain components from Asia. Similarly, Volvo Group too suspended production at its European plant due to logistical challenges.

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