



### Dubai's DP World to partner with Israeli firm in bid for Haifa Port

Dubai's DP World is partnering with an Israeli group to bid for one of Israel's two main ports and to examine opening a direct shipping line between the two Middle East states, it said recently. The announcement came a day after Israel and the United Arab Emirates signed an historic agreement to normalize ties, and marks a big development in trade and economic collaboration. Dubai state-owned DP World, which operates ports from Hong Kong to Buenos Aires, signed a series of agreements with Israel's DoverTower including a joint bid in the privatization of Haifa Port on the Mediterranean, one of Israel's two main sea terminals. "Israel has two ports, the port of Ashdod and the port of Haifa. They are strong ports in excellent locations. If there is an opportunity, there is nothing to prevent us from having a presence there," DP World Chairman Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem told. DoverTower is owned by Israeli businessman Shlomi Fogel, a shareholder in Israel Shipyards and a partner in the Eilat port. Fogel said as a result of the deal, DP World will collaborate with Israel Shipyards on the joint venture that will participate in the tender for the Haifa privatisation.

### Largest container ship to visit U.S. east coast arrives in Charleston

The largest ship to ever visit the U.S. east coast is in Charleston. It arrived at the Wando Welch Terminal on Sunday morning. The Ports Authority created a graphic showing the ship. It is 1,200 feet long, which is longer than two Washington monuments. It's also the length of four football fields. Greater Bay area. The President and CEO of the Ports Authority, Jim Newsome, says the ship traveled from Malaysia and went by the Suez Canal, a waterway in Egypt. Some of the other stops will include Vietnam and China. "Big ships mean lower costs for transportation and that's the future of the shipping industry," Newsome said. Newsome says this ship is scheduled to return to Charleston in about 84 days. It's carrying various commodities including general department store and retail goods in addition to hardware, tools and more. He says the ship came here because they can handle it. Newsome says there are about four ports on the U.S. East Coast that have the capacity for a ship of this size. The CEO for the South Carolina Ports Authority Barbara Melvin says it's an exciting day.

### Hamad Port's Container Terminal 2 initial operation begins in December

The Ministry of Transport and Communications has announced that the initial operation of Hamad Port's Container Terminal 2 (CT2) is set to begin this December for container handling. The CT2 development consists of four phases. Full operation of Phases 1 and 2 will start before the end of 2022, taking the port's capacity to 3mn TEUs per year. Phases 3 and 4 will be developed later to raise the port's operational capacity according to local market's needs. The Minister of Transport and Communications Jassim Seif Ahmed al-Sulaiti said, "Announcing the initial operation of CT2 is a new achievement to be added to Hamad Port's series of previous achievements, thus boosting its huge potential, advanced utilities and modern systems for increasing Qatar's trade with the world, in addition to improving the country's competitiveness by transforming it into a regional business hub with sustainable development for the coming generations." "During developing CT2 and its associated building and construction works, MoTC's vision has been implemented, which aims at supporting the local manufacturing and deploying latest technologies that are based on environmental sustainability and clean energy, he added.

### 72% increase in goods handling at King Abdullah Port

Amidst the challenges of COVID-19, King Abdullah Port has ensured uninterrupted services, playing an active role in facilitating the smooth flow of the logistics chain for essential commodities. The port's world-class infrastructure with mega capacity combined with its efficient operation capabilities enabled an increase of 72 percent in handling pharmaceutical and medical supplies during the first eight months of 2020. More than adequate refrigerated storage facilities with high efficiency have been installed as pharmaceutical and medical supplies are areas of particular focus at King Abdullah Port. The supplies imported to the Kingdom through the port included medicines, which require specialized cooling mechanisms, and air filters for respiratory devices, among others. The increase in the handling of containers signifies King Abdullah Port's enhanced efforts and its contribution toward achieving the goals of the Kingdom's Vision 2030. Necessary preventive measures have been taken in cooperation with the Ministry of Health to ensure the health and safety of all port staff and visitors while maintaining a high level of efficiency.

### Indian shipping industry records 9 per cent increase in tonnage capacity

Ministry of Shipping recently announced the growth rate of Indian industries. The data released by the Ministry stated that the tonnages of vessels under the Indian flag saw an increase of 9.7 per cent from 11.55 MT to 12.68 MT between March 2017 and March 2020. The gains were largely led by a few important government initiatives intended towards incentivising the shipping sector. These majors included a reduction in GST from 18 per cent to 5 per cent on bunker fuel used in Indian flag vessels, providing cargo support to the Indian shipping industry through the right of first refusal (RoFR), allowing shipping enterprises based in India to acquire ships abroad and flag them in the country of their convenience, bringing the parity in the tax structure of Indian seafarers, removal of licensing requirements for chartering of foreign-registered ships for encouraging coastal movement of agriculture and other commodities, fertilisers, EXIM-laden transshipment containers, and empty containers, etc. The growth in tonnage carrying capacity is also expected to strengthen the shipbuilding sector. Ministry of Shipping in this month directed the major ports of India to procure tug boats from Indian made sources.



### World's largest LNG-powered containership joins CMA CGM's fleet

The world's largest LNG-powered containership CMA CGM Jacques Saade has joined the fleet of CMA CGM. The 23,000 teu, LNG-powered CMA CGM Jacques Saade was named in a digital ceremony held in Shanghai and joined CMA CGM Group's management online in Marseille. The newbuilding was blessed by father Francis Fang, and was then officially named by her Godmother, Tanya Saadé Zeenny. CMA CGM has made a major commitment to LNG as fuel being the way forward with the newbuilding the first of nine 23,000 teu LNG-powered containerships being built for the company. "This technology is one of the first step towards achieving CMA CGM Group's ambitious 2050 objective of carbon neutrality," CMA CGM said. The LNG-powered containership delivers a 20% reduction in CO2 emissions, has 99% lower Sox emissions, and an 85% reduction in NOx emissions.

### Indian, UAE container ships dock in Chabahar Port

The Managing Director of Ports and Maritime Organization of Iran (PMO) Behrouz Aqaei said on that two container ships carrying kitchen utensils, detergents and wheat from India and UAE to Afghanistan docked in Chabahar Port. Aqaei said the two ships consisted of 666 containers. Referring to special discounts granted to businessmen in Chabahar, he said that thanks to Chabahar capacities in accepting different kinds of ships, decreasing sea transfer charges, loading and unloading and movement of consignments with less time and cost, the cargo shipments will continue from Chabahar Port. He added that by setting up infrastructure and granting special incentives to Chabahar port, it is now an important port and a low-cost route for the regional countries. He noted that Chabahar Port has encouraged investors in various fields especially owners of businesses, goods and shipping lines to take advantage of the capacities. Chabahar, as Iran's only ocean port, plays an important role in developing trade, exports, and imports and in fishing as well.