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IMO Blasts Renewed Houthi Attacks on International Shipping in the Red Sea

IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez has expressed concern over renewed attacks on international shipping in the Red Sea region and has called for “constructive dialogue” for resolving ongoing geopolitical crises.

“After several months of calm, the resumption of deplorable attacks in the Red Sea constitutes a renewed violation of international law and freedom of navigation,” Mr. Dominguez stated. “Innocent seafarers and local populations are the main victims of these attacks and the pollution they cause. Constructive dialogue is the solution to resolving ongoing geopolitical crises affecting seafarers and international shipping.”

Read more in an [article from Maritime Magazine](#).

ITF Calls for Warlike Operations Areas Designation for Strait of Hormuz

The International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) has formally requested that the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and Israeli ports be designated as Warlike Operations Areas (WOA), citing escalating military activity and increased risks to commercial vessels and their crews.

The designation would provide crucial protections for seafarers, including the right to refuse passage through these high-risk zones without penalty and to be safely repatriated.

“Seafarers are being asked to operate in one of the most unstable and militarized regions,” said David Heindel, Chair of ITF Seafarers’ Section. “Our goal is simple: to ensure they are informed of the risks, supported with appropriate protections, and have the right to protect themselves.”

This push comes as major maritime insurers have already classified these waters as war-risk zones, a classification the ITF points to as evidence of the severity of the situation.

Read more in an [article from gCaptain](#).

Coming CMA CGM Low Water Surcharge to Montreal

CMA CGM will implement a low water surcharge of US\$150 per TEU on cargo to Montreal, from:

- all Mediterranean ports, effective July 21
- all ports in North Europe, effective August 1

Find details in a [CMA CGM price and surcharge update](#).
