

Stranded ships with Indian seafarers sail from Yemeni port

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Eleven ships stranded at Ras Isa Port in Yemen carrying over 150 Indian seafarers have sailed out after the completion of cargo discharge operations, according to the Indian Directorate General of Shipping on Monday. All 11 vessels stranded at the port have now departed, with the last ship sailing on June 29th.

“The Directorate General of Shipping is pleased to inform that all 11 vessels stranded at Ras Isa Port, Yemen, carrying over 150 Indian seafarers, have successfully sailed out after the completion of cargo discharge operations,” the press release stated.

According to the Directorate General of Shipping, the situation arose following an airstrike on April 17, 2025, which damaged port infrastructure and led to an enforced blockade by local authorities in northern Yemen, who required the completion of cargo discharge operations prior to granting sailing permissions.

The resolution was achieved “through sustained diplomatic efforts led by the Indian Embassy in Yemen, with strong support from Indian Missions in London, Riyadh, and Washington D.C., alongside continuous coordination by this Directorate,” the Directorate General of Shipping noted.

The Directorate General of Shipping expressed deep gratitude to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for their critical interventions and unwavering support.

The announcement comes as the Red Sea crisis has reignited following the recent attack on the Greek-owned Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Magic Seas* in the Red Sea, which has left the vessel taking on water.

EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA confirmed on Monday the successful coordination and facilitation of the rescue of the *Magic Seas* crew. The incident occurred 51 nautical miles southwest of Al Hudaydah, Yemen, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a second merchant ship has been attacked by multiple rocket propelled grenades from small craft. The strike occurred 51 nautical miles west of Al Hudaydah in Yemen.