

Port of Salalah handles first shipment of ICRC's relief cargo for Yemen

With the support of the Govt. of Oman under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has recently set up an office in Oman and has chosen Salalah to be its logistics hub for its operation in Yemen.

Port of Salalah handled the first vessel m.v. Stella Di Mare with humanitarian aid to Yemen on 14th June 2015

The ICRC is one of the premier agencies that has been historically in the forefront of organizing and providing humanitarian aid in areas of conflict. It is actively engaged in providing aid to people affected by the ongoing strife in Yemen.

Salalah which is the biggest port in Oman, is already known for its excellent global connectivity, strategic location and efficient operations. It is one of the few ports where the entire gamut of port operations like pilotage, towage, container operations, general cargo and warehousing is provided under a single management which gives unparalleled flexibility and capability to address the diverse needs of organizations like ICRC.

By locating its hub in Salalah, ICRC has also taken advantage of procuring essentials goods like flour, vegetable oil etc. produced in Oman which not only reduces the overall cost but also significantly reduces lead time for delivery of these cargo to the areas of urgent need.

Mr. David Gledhill, the Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Salalah said "We are honored to be chosen by ICRC as its logistics hub for their ongoing humanitarian mission in Yemen. In addition to the state of the art facilities within the port, ICRC can also leverage on the newly constructed airport and the land connectivity to offer a multipronged logistics supply chain into Yemen."

Mr. Ahmed Akaak, the Dy. Chief Executive officer of the Port of Salalah stated "The employees in the port are delighted to be part of the ongoing efforts by the ICRC, the Govt. of Oman under the wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Yemen. Efficiency, flexibility, and global connectivity are critical factors for organizations like ICRC to be able to meet their mission requirements and we in Salalah are happy to be in a position to offer ICRC the same."