

Port Berbera

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WFP, the world's largest humanitarian agency uses the port of Mombassa in Kenya and Djibouti but piracy off Somalia's coast has threatened ships carrying its food. This situation is also exacerbated by the recent heavy congestion at Djibouti Port.

WFP is believed to have already built huge warehouses in the southwest of town, where it keeps its food aid. WFP imported 375 metric tons of Sorghum to Ethiopia through the Port of Berbera in March this year, and a total consignment of 2,000 metric tons of sorghum is expected to arrive in the country through the Berbera Port in the next few weeks. The food aid is destined for the needy Somali region in the eastern part of Ethiopia for those affected by famine and internally displaced persons.

Berbera is a city in northwestern Somalia. It was for centuries the capital of the Somaliland region and also the colonial capital of British Somaliland. Located

strategically on the oil route, Berbera has a deep-sea port that was completed in 1969, and it is still the main commercial seaport for Somalia.

Berbera exports sheep, gum arabic, frankincense, and myrrh. Since the Eritrean-Ethiopian War, it has grown as a major export port for Ethiopia, and is now the main source of foreign currency for the secessionist Somaliland region.

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