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Air Updates

Freighter Operators Demand Better Service at Dhaka in Return for Capacity

Cargo airlines are demanding better services and lower costs in Bangladesh, if exporters want more airfreight capacity.

Elevated air freight rates out of the country have caused a number of airlines to add ad hoc services to the country, including Qatar Airways, Silk Way West and Emirates, which began offering Dhaka freighter services about two weeks ago and are keen to increase capacity amid high demand.

However, in a meeting on September 4 with the Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA), the airlines said they could provide more capacity – if problems with the airport scanners were resolved and adequate handling infrastructure was available.

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Ocean Updates

ILA Chief Vows to Form Global 'Mega-Union' to Fight Port Automation

Belligerent U.S. International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) president Harold Daggett has vowed to initiate strikes on October 1 if agreement is not reached with the "far apart" port operators' United States Maritime Alliance (USMX).

And, he said, he intends to take on all the major carriers by forming a global 'mega-union'.

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International Business/Government

Services Set to Shut Down as 'Super Typhoon' Heads for South China

China is bracing for the arrival of 'Super Typhoon' Yagi, expected to be the strongest storm to hit the country in nearly a decade.

The typhoon hit the Philippines earlier this week, but has since doubled in strength and, according to the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), Yagi now carries sustained winds of 210kph near its centre. It is set to reach land between Qionghai and Dianbai on September 6.

Freightos' head of research, Judah Levine, said: "Super Typhoon Yagi ... is expected to pass over the island of Hainan and parts of southern China on Friday before continuing on to northern Vietnam, Laos and Thailand over the weekend.

"Once there, it is expected to lead to significant flooding as well as disruptions to air and ocean port operations which, in many places, are already slowing down in anticipation of its arrival.

"The more significant port closures will likely be limited to a smaller subset of major ports like Haikou, Sanya, Zhanjiang, Beihai, and Haiphong, as the storm will pass several hundred miles south of major logistics hubs like Shenzhen and Hong Kong."

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