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## RED SEA TENSIONS REVIVE TRADE LINE BETWEEN IRAQ, JORDAN, EGYPT

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*The Egyptian Ministry of Transport announced on Saturday that the first phase of the Arab trade line linking Iraq, Egypt, and Jordan began operations in early 2024, following the Red Sea tensions.*

The Houthi groups attacks on international cargo ships in the Red Sea and the subsequent threat to navigation in the Suez Canal highlighted the importance of a trade project linking Iraq, Egypt, and Jordan.

According to the Egyptian Transport Ministry, work is currently underway to implement the second phase of the integrated Arab trade line by building a 500-kilometer railway to increase the volume of goods transported from the Gulf, Iraq, and Jordan to Europe and the United States.

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