



Suez Canal

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The [Red Sea security crisis](#), triggered by Houthi attacks on commercial vessels, drastically disrupted shipping traffic through the [Suez Canal](#), leading Egypt's Suez Canal Authority to offer a discount on transit fees to incentivize the return of cargo ships amid lingering regional risks.

- **Suez Canal:** The Suez Canal is an artificial sea-level waterway running north-south across Egypt's Isthmus of Suez. It is a vital international shipping route, connecting the [Mediterranean Sea](#) to the **Indian Ocean via the city of Suez on the Red Sea**.
 - Geographically, the canal lies in **northeastern Egypt**, spanning the **Isthmus of Suez**.
 - It stretches from **Port Said in the north to Gulf of Suez in the south**, effectively separating the **African continent from the Sinai Peninsula**, and forms the shortest **maritime route between Europe and the Indian and Pacific Oceans**.
- **Significance:** The canal accounts for approximately 12-15% of global trade and nearly 30% of global container traffic before the crisis. It serves as a key passage for 8-9% of global energy flows.
- **India and Suez Canal:** India relies heavily on the Red Sea route, with nearly 80% of export volumes to Europe transiting the canal.

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