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## New expansion slated for Beirut Port



A.R. Hourie to handle works



Port of Beirut will be expanded from the south west end with the addition of a new container terminal.

“Port authorities were thinking that in five or six years’ time, space would eventually run out and the port will be congested,” Elie Zakhour, Head of the International Chamber of Navigation, said. According to him, this expansion will create space for around 300,000 twenty-foot equivalent unit standard containers (TEUs), bringing the overall container capacity at the port to 1.7 million TEUs.

Zakhour said: “This will be a multipurpose container terminal to be used for transshipments and containers targeting local consumption.” A.R. Hourie, which took on the recently inaugurated Quay 16 expansion, is expected to handle these works.

Port authorities are considering unifying Quays 13, 14, and 15 into one single dock as part of the new terminal and link it to Quay 16. A company might also be contracted to handle the processing of containers and transshipments there.

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