

Cargo diversity at Mersin Port... Hurriyet, 06.01.2010

Mersin International Port (MIP) notified that "delicate and valuable" cargos are started to come to Mersin port.

Beginning of the privatization of Mersin port, MIP has made studies of renovations and development. Now, MIP is obtaining results of these renovations and development stated.

MIP Authorities indicated that the numbers of equipments are increased. On the other hand, huge investments are made in order to renew the existing equipments. In this context, authorities stated that "delicate and valuable" cargos are started to be come to Mersin port.

Moreover, authorities indicated that cargo diversities are increased. Thus, they are creating value-added. Additionally, Mersin port is now using the advantages of facilities of frequented port.

The first delicate cargo is "Helicopter"

One of the described as "delicate and valuable" cargos is helicopter. This helicopter has been come from USA loaded in Baltimore Port. Additionally, helicopter has been come to Mersin port in 25 days with "Skanderborc-George Town" vessel.

Helicopter is described as the type of "Bell 407" and discharged from this vessel. Only airscrews removed from the helicopter *was taken to the warehouse with a forklift as a result of 1 hour-work in order to be prepared for flight.*

Saymur Tourism Inc. Com. bought this helicopter (around 3 million dollars). Pilot from this company Tarik Tarhan made a statement to the press. Mr. Tarhan said that Mersin port was not used for this type of cargos previously and Mersin port is the safe port for every type of cargos.

Technician Mutlu Şanlı will be in Istanbul and give service as air taxi. Thus, after the completion of the process of the helicopter, helicopter will be taken away to Istanbul.