UAE Building Alternative Oil Route Beyond Hormuz

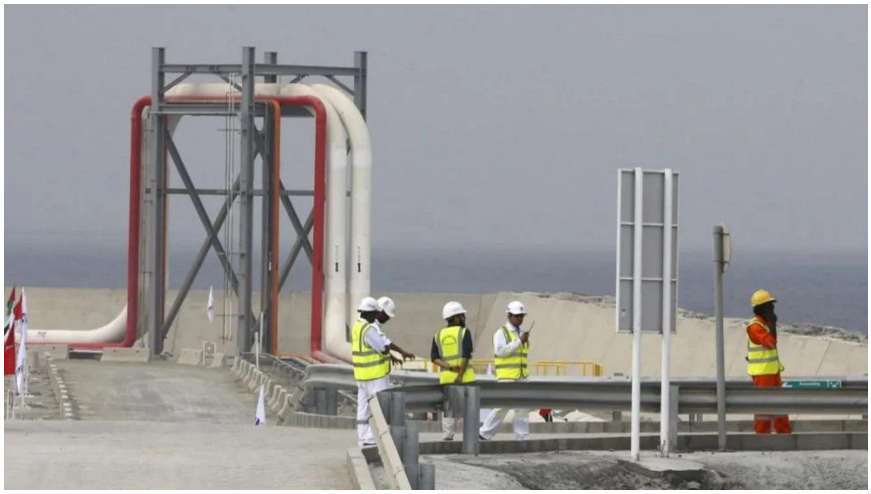


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The United Arab Emirates is planning to launch a new oil pipeline by 2027 as part of efforts to reduce its dependence on the Strait of Hormuz. According to international media reports, the new infrastructure will significantly increase the country's ability to export oil through alternative routes.

On Friday (May 15), the state-owned energy company ADNOC announced that construction of the new pipeline toward the Port of Fujairah along the Gulf of Oman is progressing rapidly. The project was officially unveiled in the presence of Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed, and work has already begun.

At present, the Habshan-Fujairah pipeline can transport around 1.8 million barrels of oil per day. UAE officials say the addition of the new pipeline will nearly double export capacity without relying on the Strait of Hormuz.

Before regional tensions involving Iran escalated, the UAE exported roughly 3.4 million barrels of oil daily. However, instability around the Strait of Hormuz severely affected exports. Abu Dhabi expects the new project to help restore much of that lost capacity. The country has also set a target of exporting 5 million barrels of oil per day by 2027.

Recently, the UAE announced its withdrawal from the Saudi-led OPEC alliance, saying the move would allow it greater independence in production and export policies. Analysts, however, warn that the country's energy facilities remain vulnerable due to their proximity to Iran. At the same time, Saudi Arabia is also working to strengthen alternative export routes by expanding its East-West pipeline system linked to the Port of Yanbu.