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To the Members

Conflicts in the Middle East (No.6)

We have received information from our correspondents in Saudi Arabia, Mutual Marine Services Al Mushtaraka Ltd., regarding the recent update of the situation in the Middle East as of 15 March 2026 following attacks by the United States and Israel against Iran.

Strait of Hormuz

Remains closed.

Port Situation:

UAE - All ports are operational.

Oman - Duqm and Sohar are operational. Salalah is closed, but may resume operations.

Qatar - Ports are operational.

Kuwait - Ports are operational, but with very few ship movements.

Iraq - Ports are operational.

Bahrain - Operations have been suspended.

Saudi Arabia - All ports on the Arabian Gulf side are operational. Red Sea Ports are currently not affected and operating normally. The government has been working to connect Red Sea ports to logistics routes extending to the Gulf countries, and the "Logistics Corridors Programme" was officially launched at the Jeddah Islamic Port.

The situation remains highly fluid and unpredictable. Please act with the utmost caution, prioritising Crew Safety and Vessel Security over all commercial instructions.

We will provide further updates as further information becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association