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To the Members

Conflicts in the Middle East (No.7)

We have received an update from our correspondents in Saudi Arabia, Mutual Marine Services Al Mushtaraka Ltd., regarding the situation in the Middle East as of 25 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 - All ports are operational.

Qatar - All ports are operational.

Kuwait - All ports are operational.

Iraq - All ports are operational.

Bahrain - Operations have been suspended.

Saudi Arabia - All ports on the Arabian Gulf side are operational. Red Sea Ports are operating normally.

The Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) has announced a maritime connection with Bahrain via the GULF SHUTTLE shipping service. Operating through King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam, the service has a capacity of up to 3,000 standard containers.

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 more information becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association