

REGIONAL CARGO & LOGISTICS ALERT

ONGOING CONFLICT — HORMUZ CONTESTED — MOU DRAFT DISPUTED — LEBANON ESCALATING

Day 89
Edition 85

MOU DRAFT DISPUTE: Iran state TV reports unsigned draft MOU — Hormuz to pre-war levels within 30 days; US lifts blockade; Iran manages traffic with Oman. White House calls it a 'fabrication.' Deal not signed. Brent \$96.28, -\$3.92. DO NOT ROUTE via Hormuz.

IRGC / LEBANON: IRGC claims MQ-9 Reaper downed, F-35 and RQ-4 fired upon. Israel hits Lebanon with 120+ airstrikes (27 May) — deadliest day in weeks; 31 killed. Netanyahu deepens ground operations. Direct Israel-Lebanon talks scheduled 2–3 June Washington.

● OPEN / OPERATIONAL

● CLOSED / SUSPENDED

● DISRUPTED / RESTRICTED

● ADVISORY / INFORMATION

BRENT CRUDE

\$96.28

-\$3.92 vs yesterday · deal optimism

WTI CRUDE

\$93.12

-0.82% · 52-wk range \$58.72-\$126.41

HORMUZ STATUS

CONTESTED

4 transits/day (pre-crisis: 95) — Day 89

MARINERS STRANDED

~22,500

401 vessels anchored/stopped

► **CHANGES SINCE LAST EDITION**

NEW Iran state TV publishes unofficial draft MOU (27 May): Hormuz to pre-war levels within 30 days; US lifts naval blockade; Iran manages traffic with Oman; excludes military vessels; UNSC resolution possible within 60 days.

NEW White House calls Iranian state TV draft MOU a 'fabrication.' US and Iran now in public dispute over terms. Deal not signed; language not agreed.

NEW IRGC claims MQ-9 Reaper drone downed, F-35 and RQ-4 intelligence drone fired upon after entering Iranian airspace (26 May). IRGC warns of 'legitimate and definite right to retaliate.'

NEW Israel launches 120+ airstrikes on Lebanon (27 May) — one of heaviest days in weeks. 31 killed including children. Ground operations expanded north of security zone. Additional battalion deployed.

NEW South Korea Foreign Ministry confirms May 4 Hormuz attack on Korean bulk carrier 'likely involved Iranian anti-ship missile.' Seoul formally attributes attack to Iran.

UPDATE Brent at \$96.28 (-\$3.92); WTI \$93.12 (-0.82%) on deal optimism. 52-week range \$58.72-\$126.41. Trading range today \$92.89-\$96.68. Markets pricing deal probability ~50/50.

UPDATE PortWatch (24 May): 4 transits/day vs pre-crisis 95; 401 vessels anchored or stopped. Escalation Probability index jumped 25 points to 62 (high) on closure-odds shifts.

UPDATE Israel-Lebanon direct talks confirmed: 4th round scheduled 2–3 June in Washington. Iran demands Lebanon ceasefire as part of any Hormuz MOU — Israeli escalation directly threatens deal framework.

UPDATE Trump Cabinet meeting convened today to discuss Iran war resolution. Trump: 'time is on our side.' Rubio: Hormuz 'will be reopened one way or another.' Ceasefire framework: ~60-day extension, US eases blockade, Iran reopens strait.

UNCHANGED DO NOT ROUTE via Hormuz. IRGC mine-laying confirmed 26 May. Mine-clearance required before commercial transit resumes safely. War-risk 8x pre-crisis; 6 P&I clubs withdrawn.

UNCHANGED Salalah/Sohar/Duqm operational. Aqaba fully operational. Maersk/MSC landbridge and Hapag-Lloyd Sharjah feeder active. Cape of Good Hope routing mandatory.

► **MOVE ONE ASSESSMENT**

MOU DRAFT — PUBLISHED BUT DISPUTED: Iran's state broadcaster IRIB published what it described as an unofficial draft MOU today. The framework calls for Iran to restore Hormuz shipping to pre-war levels within one month of signing; the US to lift its naval blockade; Iran to manage traffic through the Strait in cooperation with Oman; and military vessels to be excluded from the arrangement. If agreed, the deal could become a binding UN Security Council resolution within 60 days. The framework is significant — it is the most detailed public description of a deal structure yet seen. However, the White House responded quickly by calling it a 'fabrication.' This leaves clients in the worst possible information environment: a published draft with specific commercial terms, disowned by one party. MoveOne's assessment is that the framework likely reflects real negotiating positions even if the specific document is contested — the 30-day Hormuz restoration timeline is consistent with what logistics planners should begin modelling.

IRGC AERIAL INCIDENTS — CEASEFIRE FRAYING: The IRGC's claim to have downed an MQ-9 Reaper and fired on an F-35 and RQ-4 intelligence drone on 26 May represents a material escalation. Even if some of the claims are exaggerated — IRGC communiqués routinely are — the confirmation that IRGC air defences are actively engaging coalition aircraft is a significant data point. The IRGC has explicitly reserved the 'legitimate and definite right to retaliate' against ceasefire violations. With both sides now publicly accusing the other of violations, the ceasefire framework is under acute strain. Trump's Cabinet meeting today and Rubio's 'one way or another' language are signals the administration is prepared to escalate militarily if the diplomatic track fails.

LEBANON — WORST SINGLE DAY IN WEEKS: Israel launched over 120 airstrikes on Lebanon on 27 May — the heaviest bombardment in weeks — killing at least 31 people including children. Netanyahu has authorised expanded ground operations north of Israel's self-declared security zone and called up an additional battalion. This is happening three days before Lebanese and Israeli delegations are set to meet in Washington on 2–3 June. Iran has explicitly conditioned any Hormuz deal on a Lebanon ceasefire. Israel's intensification is therefore a direct act of sabotage — whether intentional or not — against the US-Iran diplomatic track. Unless the US applies direct pressure on Netanyahu to pause Lebanon operations before the 2 June talks, Iran has a documented justification to withdraw from deal discussions.

ROUTING POSTURE — PLAN FOR 30-DAY REOPENING WINDOW: MoveOne's Hormuz routing ban remains absolute. IRGC mine-laying was confirmed yesterday; a mine-clearance phase is required before commercial transit can safely resume. However, the 30-day reopening timeline in the Iranian draft is operationally credible — it is consistent with the time needed for mine-clearance, insurance reinstatement, and carrier route reactivation. Clients should begin contingency planning now for what a partial reopening looks like: which cargo moves first, what the new IRGC 'coordination' fees may involve, and how the backlog of 401 anchored vessels will be managed. MoveOne will issue a formal Route Resumption Advisory the moment a signed deal is confirmed and the transit regime is commercially verified.

► **MARITIME & CARGO OVERVIEW**

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
• Strait of Hormuz	CONTESTED / MINED	4 transits/day (pre-crisis 95). IRGC mine-laying confirmed 26 May. Draft MOU published, White House disputes. DO NOT ROUTE.
• Salalah CT (Oman)	OPERATIONAL	Primary Cape hub. CT and GCT fully operational. High throughput — pre-book slots. No security incidents.
• Red Sea / Bab el-Mandeb	RISK — PAUSED	Houthi attacks paused. MARAD 2026-006 active (to Sep 2026). Lebanon escalation raises Houthi reactivation risk. Cape routing mandatory.
• Arabian Gulf (Upper)	RESTRICTED	Behind Hormuz. MSC/Hapag-Lloyd feeder via Sharjah and Maersk Saudi landbridge active.
• Fujairah (UAE)	DISRUPTED	Operational. GPS spoofing Nav Warning 01/2026 active. IRGC zone-of-control map extends to UAE eastern coastline.
• Khor Fakkan (UAE)	OPERATIONAL	All 6 berths active, 54,000+ TEU since crisis start. AD Ports 800-truck landbridge to Jebel Ali/Sharjah active.
• Port of Aqaba (Jordan)	OPERATIONAL	Primary sea alternative. All terminals and services normal. Jordan stable.
• Port of Duqm (Oman)	OPERATIONAL	Normal operations. DG cargo: advance ministry approval. Backup Cape hub.

► COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY STATUS

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
• Jebel Ali / DXB	DISRUPTED	Jebel Ali Gulf-side — landbridge only. DXB airport operational. GCAA NOC required. IRGC zone-of-control map covers eastern UAE coast.
• Khor Fakkan	OPERATIONAL	Primary container gateway. 54,000+ TEU since crisis. AD Ports 800-truck bonded landbridge to Jebel Ali/Sharjah. 8 feeder services (24 vessels) active.
• Fujairah	DISRUPTED	Operational. Crude exports +38%. GPS spoofing advisory active. IRGC published zone-of-control map encompassing eastern UAE coast.
• Sharjah / AUH	ADVISORY	Normal ops. Hapag-Lloyd feeder hub at Sharjah. AUH airport open. AD Ports regional feeder active.
• HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via east-coast ports or DXB/AUH air. GCAA NOC for UAE corridor: foa@gcaa.gov.ae Pet permits required.

KUWAIT

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
• Shuwaikh Port	RESTRICTED	Security Level 2. Container berths active. Behind Hormuz — landbridge/feeder via Khor Fakkan only.
• Shuaiba Port	RESTRICTED	Security Level 2. Oil terminals operational. Hapag-Lloyd/MSK Sharjah feeder for upper Gulf cargo.
• Kuwait Intl (KWI)	RESTRICTED	Airport open. Some international routes suspended. Check airline advisories.
• HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via Saudi landbridge or Khor Fakkan feeder. KWI air freight. Pets: Kuwait MOI approval.

SAUDI ARABIA

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
• Jeddah / King Abdullah	OPERATIONAL	Both ports operational. Maersk Sohar/Salah/Jeddah landbridge and MSC ME Express active. Primary west-coast gateway.
• Dammam / Jubail	RESTRICTED	Behind Hormuz. Hapag-Lloyd/MSK feeder from Jeddah/Khor Fakkan. 5–10 day transit premium.
• King Fahd Causeway	OPEN	Saudi-Bahrain causeway OPEN. Normal traffic.
• Riyadh / KAIA / Yanbu	ADVISORY	Airports operating normally. DO NOT pay Persian Gulf Strait Authority tolls — US Treasury sanctions.
• HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via Jeddah sea or KAIA air. SABER certification required for regulated goods.

QATAR

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
• Hamad Port	RESTRICTED	Behind Hormuz. Feeder only via Khor Fakkan/Jeddah. Qatar hosting Iran-US talks (26 May) — diplomatic hub role ongoing.

•	Ras Laffan (LNG)	DISRUPTED	AIS restrictions CANCELLED — AIS on normally. LNG force majeure (March 2026) under commercial review.
•	DOH Airport	RESTRICTED	Qatar Airways active. BGW/BSR/EBL resumed 10 May. Some Gulf routes constrained.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via DOH air or Khor Fakkan feeder. Pet import: MOPH permit.

OMAN

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
•	Salalah CT	OPERATIONAL	Primary MoveOne Cape hub. CT and GCT fully operational. High throughput — pre-book. Oman envisaged as co-manager of Hormuz transit under draft MOU.
•	Sohar Port	OPERATIONAL	Normal. Maersk Sohar/Salalah/Jeddah landbridge active. DG cargo: ministry approval letter required.
•	Duqm Port	OPERATIONAL	Normal. DG cargo advance approval. Backup Cape hub.
•	Muscat MCT	OPERATIONAL	Primary regional air hub. Fully operational. Oman neutral and diplomatic — lowest risk country in region.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via MCT air or Salalah/Sohar sea. Lowest-risk regional routing. Pet import: MAFW permit.

IRAQ

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
•	Umm Qasr	RESTRICTED	Container ops normal. Basrah Oil Terminal exports suspended. Saudi-Iraq border drone investigation ongoing.
•	Baghdad (BGW)	RESTRICTED	Operating. Qatar Airways BGW resumed 10 May. Some carriers suspended. Crew change limited — visa backlog.
•	Erbil (EBL)	RESTRICTED	Open. Qatar Airways EBL resumed 10 May. Kurdistan stable. Regular cargo ops.
•	Torkham Border	CLOSED	CLOSED. All Afghanistan cargo via Hairatan (Uzbekistan) northern corridor only. No exceptions.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via BGW/EBL air or Umm Qasr sea (advance coordination). Shore leave: emergency medical only.

BAHRAIN

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
•	Khalifa Bin Salman	RESTRICTED	Operational. Behind Hormuz — King Fahd Causeway primary access.
•	King Fahd Causeway	OPEN	OPEN — critical Saudi-Bahrain land link. Normal traffic.
•	Bahrain Intl (BAH)	RESTRICTED	Airport open. Gulf Air at reduced frequency. Some routes suspended.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via BAH air or King Fahd Causeway road. Pet import: BNA permit.

JORDAN

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
•	Port of Aqaba	OPERATIONAL	Fully operational. All terminals normal. Primary MoveOne sea alternative. Jordan fully stable.

•	Amman (AMM)	OPERATIONAL	Daytime only: 09:00–18:00 GST (MoveOne standing rule). Secondary air hub. EgyptAir Gulf routes resumed.
•	Trebil Border	OPERATIONAL	Jordan-Iraq crossing open. Monitor for congestion from rerouted cargo.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	Jordan stable. HHG via AMM air or Aqaba sea. Pet import: Jordan vet authority.

ISRAEL

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
•	Haifa / Ashdod	RESTRICTED	Open. Ashdod NOT accepting RoRo. Haifa capacity increased. Active conflict environment — security escort required.
•	Tel Aviv (TLV)	RESTRICTED	Ben Gurion operating. Some carrier suspensions. Check airline advisories before booking.
•	Eilat Port	CLOSED	Closed — Houthi/Gulf of Aqaba threat. Mediterranean access only. No change expected until Hormuz deal signed.
•	Lebanon (BEY)	DISRUPTED	120+ IDF airstrikes 27 May — heaviest day in weeks. 31 killed. Ground operations expanded north. Additional battalion deployed. BEY airport open but at-risk.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via TLV air or Haifa/Ashdod sea (not Ashdod RoRo). Pet import: IVSAB. Avoid BEY for critical cargo.

HORN OF AFRICA (DJIBOUTI / ETHIOPIA / ERITREA)

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
•	Djibouti Port	OPERATIONAL	Fully operational. Key East Africa transit hub. US military at Camp Lemonnier ongoing. No disruption.
•	Addis Ababa (ADD)	OPERATIONAL	Ethiopian Airlines operating normally. Fully open. Ethiopia-Djibouti corridor operational.
•	Eritrea / Asmara (ASM)	RESTRICTED	Limited commercial access. Diplomatically isolated. Verify options case-by-case.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via ADD air or Djibouti sea. Standard African customs documentation required.

PAKISTAN / AFGHANISTAN

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
•	Karachi Port	RESTRICTED	Operating. Pakistan active mediator — Army Chief in Tehran 23 May; Pakistan key conduit for US-Iran MOU wording. Elevated security posture.
•	ISB / KHI Airports	OPERATIONAL	Both operating normally. Pakistan maintaining diplomatic neutrality — stable environment.
•	Torkham (PAK-AFG Border)	CLOSED	CLOSED. Afghanistan cargo via Hairatan (Uzbekistan) northern corridor only. No exceptions.
•	Hairatan (North Corridor)	OPERATIONAL	Active. Pakistan SRO 691(I)/2026 (six Iran transit corridors from 25 Apr) active. Coordinate with MoveOne before use.
•	HHG & Pets	OPERATIONAL	HHG via KHI sea or ISB/KHI air. Afghanistan: Hairatan only. Pet imports tightly regulated.

► GENERAL ADVISORY

SEA FREIGHT

- DO NOT route via Hormuz — absolute standing order. IRGC mine-laying confirmed 26 May; mine-clearance required before any commercial transit resumes. Draft MOU published but disputed. War-risk 8x pre-crisis; 6 P&I clubs withdrawn. DO NOT pay Persian Gulf Strait Authority tolls.
- Primary Cape hub: Salalah CT (Oman) — pre-book slots, throughput elevated. Primary sea alternative: Port of Aqaba (Jordan) — fully operational.
- Maersk Sohar/Salalah/Jeddah landbridge and MSC Europe-ME Express (Antwerp → Jeddah → Dammam feeder) active. Hapag-Lloyd Sharjah feeder for upper Gulf.
- AD Ports: 54,000+ TEU via Fujairah/Khor Fakkan; 800-truck bonded UAE corridor to Khalifa/Jebel Ali/Sharjah; 8 feeder services (24 vessels) to India, Pakistan, Oman, upper Gulf.
- Begin contingency planning for 30-day Hormuz reopening scenario: cargo priority sequencing, IRGC coordination fees, backlog clearance. MoveOne will issue a Route Resumption Advisory when signed deal and transit regime are confirmed.
- Red Sea: MARAD 2026-006 active (to 22 Sep 2026). Houthi attacks paused. Lebanon escalation is primary Houthi reactivation trigger — Cape routing mandatory.
- Empty containers: NOT accepted at normal Gulf return locations. Designated depots only. Flex Hub / Flex Route at Salalah NOT ACCEPTED.

AIR FREIGHT

- Primary hub: Muscat (MCT) — fully operational, lowest-risk routing. Secondary hub: Amman (AMM) daytime only 09:00–18:00 GST.
- DXB/AUH: operational. GCAA NOC for UAE corridor: foa@gcaa.gov.ae
- Qatar Airways: BGW/BSR/EBL resumed 10 May. EgyptAir Gulf routes resumed. Ethiopian Airlines (ADD) fully operational.
- Beirut (BEY): IDF striking Lebanon with 120+ strikes today — avoid routing critical cargo through BEY until situation stabilises. Monitor Israeli ground operation expansion.
- FSC under weekly review. TDS active on all rerouted shipments. Brent −\$3.92 on deal optimism; EBS revision possible if Brent sustains below \$100.

ROAD FREIGHT

- King Fahd Causeway (Saudi–Bahrain): OPEN — normal operations. Primary land link for Bahrain cargo.
- Torkham (PAK–AFG): CLOSED. Afghanistan via Hairatan (Uzbekistan) only — no exceptions.
- Pakistan SRO 691(I)/2026 (from 25 Apr): six new overland Iran transit corridors active. Coordinate with MoveOne before use.
- Trebil (Jordan–Iraq): OPEN. Monitor congestion from rerouted flows.

SURCHARGES & EQUIPMENT

- EFS: Active — UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia (Dammam/Jubail), Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman (Sohar). If deal signed within 30 days, expect rapid downward revision.
- EBS: Active — Brent at \$96.28, down 12% from peak. Weekly review. If Brent sustains below \$95, carrier EBS revision likely next week.
- TDS: Active on all rerouted shipments. War-risk 8x pre-crisis. IRGC mine-laying confirmed — Hormuz transits uninsurable until clearance certified.
- DP World London Gateway / Southampton: Export Service Fee (ESF) effective 1 July 2026 — advise clients to factor into Q3 budgets.
- South Korean bulk carrier attack (4 May) formally attributed to Iranian anti-ship missile by Seoul — additional war-risk consideration for all vessels in Gulf of Oman.

► WATCH POINTS

WATCH 1 — MOU SIGNED OR COLLAPSED (NEXT 24–48 HRS): Iran published MOU framework; White House called it a fabrication. Trump convening Cabinet today. Rubio: 'one way or another.' The divergence between public statements and reported negotiating progress is at maximum. A signed deal = Brent collapses toward \$80, surcharge revisions, MoveOne Route Resumption Advisory within 24 hrs. A collapse = US strikes on Iranian energy infrastructure, Brent above \$120.

WATCH 2 — ISRAEL-LEBANON AS DEAL CONDITION: 120+ IDF strikes today — 31 killed. Netanyahu expanding ground ops. Direct talks set for 2–3 June Washington. Iran explicitly requires Lebanon ceasefire in any Hormuz MOU. Unless the US forces Israel to pause before 2 June, Iran has grounds to walk. This is the single largest structural obstacle to Hormuz reopening.

WATCH 3 — IRGC AERIAL ESCALATION / CEASEFIRE: IRGC claims MQ-9 downed, F-35 fired upon. IRGC reserved right to retaliate. Both parties now publicly accusing each other of ceasefire violations. If Iran conducts a retaliatory strike on US forces or Gulf state infrastructure, ceasefire collapses with immediate effect.

WATCH 4 — MINE-CLEARANCE TIMELINE (POST-DEAL): IRGC mine-laying in Hormuz confirmed. Even after a deal is signed, mine-clearance is required before commercial transit can safely resume. Estimated 7–14 days for clearance of known areas, longer if new fields are undisclosed. MoveOne routing ban remains until clearance certified by an internationally recognised body.

WATCH 5 — HOUTHİ REACTIVATION: Israel-Lebanon escalation and a potential deal collapse are the twin triggers for Houthi Red Sea reactivation. MARAD 2026-006 active to Sep 2026. If Houthis reactivate, both Hormuz and Red Sea are simultaneously closed — Cape routing becomes sole viable option with massive congestion premium.

WATCH 6 — OIL PRICE & SURCHARGE VOLATILITY: Brent \$96.28 (-12% from \$111 peak). Today's range \$92.89–\$96.68; 52-week \$58.72–\$126.41. Deal signed = rapid collapse toward \$80. Deal collapsed = spike above \$120. EFS/EBS reprice weekly. Do not rebook at spot assuming deal certainty. Lock current rate agreements where possible.

► MOVE ONE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES

<p>Darfur / Chad Operations</p> <p>Active routing and logistics into Darfur and Chad via established aid and diplomatic corridors. Direct NGO and government coordination on the ground.</p>	<p>Gaza Operations</p> <p>Carl Corriveau leads Gaza capability. Humanitarian corridor access, import/export coordination, and specialist logistics for the most complex delivery environment in the region.</p>
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