

REGIONAL CARGO & LOGISTICS ALERT — ONGOING CONFLICT & STRAIT OF HORMUZ CLOSURE

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BREAKING: Iranian drone strikes UAE Barakah nuclear plant perimeter — no radiological release but IAEA expresses 'grave concern.' Trump posts 'calm before the storm' — US preparing strike contingency plans. Hormuz Day 79: CLOSED. DO NOT ROUTE VIA HORMUZ OR PAY PGSA TOLLS.

● OPEN / OPERATIONAL

● CLOSED / SUSPENDED

● DISRUPTED / RESTRICTED

● ADVISORY / INFORMATION

\$109.00+

BRENT CRUDE (USD/BBL)

\$105.42

WTI CRUDE (USD/BBL)

CLOSED

HORMUZ STATUS

22,500+

MARINERS STRANDED

► **CHANGES SINCE LAST EDITION**

BREAKING IRAN DRONES STRIKE UAE BARAKAH NUCLEAR PLANT (today): Iranian drone struck electrical generator at Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant perimeter, Abu Dhabi. No radiological release, no injuries, all reactors operating normally. IAEA expresses grave concern. First-ever attack on an Arab nuclear facility.

BREAKING TRUMP 'CALM BEFORE THE STORM' (today): Trump posted AI-generated warship image with caption 'It Was The Calm Before The Storm.' NYT reports US/Israel intensifying preparations for renewed strikes if diplomacy fails. US considering 'Operation Sledgehammer' contingency.

NEW IRAN PGSA TOLL MECHANISM IMMINENT: Iran to unveil new Hormuz traffic management system with mandatory fees 'very soon.' Persian Gulf Strait Authority (PGSA) circulating application forms. Tolls up to \$2M per vessel. US sanctions make paying these tolls illegal for most Western entities.

NEW IRAN WARNS ON WEAPONS TRANSIT: Iran — 'we will not permit' transit of enemy weapons through Hormuz. Hezbollah calls Lebanon ceasefire talks a 'dead end' despite 45-day extension.

UPDATE OIL: Brent above \$109/bbl Fri close — weekly gain +8.1%. WTI at \$105.42/bbl. Markets pricing in renewed escalation risk from Trump's post and Barakah strike.

UPDATE EUROPEAN TALKS WITH IRGC: Iranian state TV reports European countries have begun negotiations with IRGC navy over Hormuz transit arrangements following China/Japan/Pakistan access. Unconfirmed.

UPDATE IDF strikes 100+ Hezbollah sites in 2 days (southern Lebanon). Lebanon ceasefire extended 45 days but functionally porous. IDF kills Hamas military wing chief Izz al-Din al-Haddad (May 16).

UNCHANGED Hormuz CLOSED Day 79. PGSA corridor N of Larak Island. IMO lane abandoned. DO NOT ROUTE. DO NOT PAY PGSA TOLLS — US/EU/UK sanctions apply.

UNCHANGED Jebel Ali, Khor Fakkan, Fujairah all operational. GPS spoofing advisory offshore Fujairah in force.

UNCHANGED Maersk landbridge Sohar/Salah/Jeddah active. Salah CT and Port of Aqaba primary sea alternatives. All UAE and Oman airports fully operational.

► MOVE ONE ASSESSMENT

Critical escalation signal today. The drone strike on the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant perimeter — the first attack on an Arab nuclear facility — marks a sharp escalation in Iranian pressure on the UAE. Although the strike caused only a generator fire outside the inner plant perimeter and no radiological release, the IAEA has expressed grave concern and the symbolism is profound. Combined with Trump's 'calm before the storm' Truth Social post and reporting that the US and Israel are actively drafting renewed strike plans, today represents the highest single-day escalation risk since the April 8 ceasefire. Clients should treat the current situation as pre-conflict conditions and plan accordingly.

Iran's PGSA toll system — do not engage. Iran's Persian Gulf Strait Authority (PGSA) is operationalising a toll-based transit regime via the IRGC-controlled corridor north of Larak Island. Fees of up to \$2 million per vessel have been reported. MoveOne advises clients clearly: do not submit vessel information to the PGSA and do not pay any transit fees. Paying tolls to the PGSA — an IRGC-administered entity — constitutes material support to a US-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization and creates exposure to criminal prosecution under US law, EU sanctions, and UK sanctions. The formal standing instruction remains: DO NOT ROUTE VIA HORMUZ, DO NOT PAY PGSA TOLLS.

European IRGC talks — implications for non-US clients. Iranian state TV's claim that European countries have begun negotiations with the IRGC navy over Hormuz transit warrants close monitoring. If confirmed, a selective transit corridor for non-US-linked cargo could emerge. MoveOne will provide updates as this develops. Non-US clients should seek legal counsel before any Hormuz transit consideration.

UAE remains operationally robust despite Barakah strike. All UAE ports (Jebel Ali, Khor Fakkan, Fujairah, Hamriya, Khalifa) and airports (DXB, AUH, SHJ) are fully operational. The Barakah plant's four reactors are running normally. Enhanced security protocols are expected at UAE facilities. Iran's strikes on the UAE are escalatory but have not disrupted logistics infrastructure to date.

Alternative corridors holding. The Maersk landbridge (Sohar/Salalah/Jeddah) and Cape of Good Hope routing via Salalah CT remain the recommended sea freight approach. Port of Aqaba continues to absorb elevated volumes — book equipment and berths 72+ hours ahead. Muscat (MCT) remains the primary air freight hub. Amman (AMM) available daytime only.

► MARITIME & CARGO OVERVIEW

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Strait of Hormuz	CLOSED	Day 79. IRGC PGSA toll regime operationalising. IMO lane abandoned. Iranian corridor N of Larak Island. Mines in place. DO NOT ROUTE. DO NOT PAY PGSA TOLLS — US/EU/UK sanctions apply.
● Salalah CT (Oman)	OPERATIONAL	Primary Cape of Good Hope hub. Maersk landbridge fully active. Accepting all cargo. Recommended first port for Gulf-bound sea freight.
● Red Sea / Suez	RESTRICTED	US-Houthi ceasefire (May 6) holds for US-linked shipping. Israeli-affiliated vessels at elevated risk. Most carriers routing Cape. MARAD advisory in force.
● Arabian Gulf	DISRUPTED	West-of-Hormuz Gulf ports operational. US naval blockade on Iranian ports active. Iranian drone attack on UAE Barakah plant today raises risk profile for all Gulf operations.
● Fujairah / Khor Fakkan	OPERATIONAL	Both ports operational. GPS spoofing advisory active (UAEMARITIME 01/2026). Elevated security posture post-Barakah strike. STS operations tug-assessed individually.
● Aqaba (Jordan)	OPERATIONAL	Primary sea alternative. Container and Ro-Ro accepting. Book berths and equipment 72+ hours ahead — volumes elevated.
● Mediterranean / Suez	RESTRICTED	Suez Canal volumes suppressed due to Hormuz closure. Red Sea elevated risk for Israeli-linked cargo. Cape routing dominant for Asia-Europe.
● Duqm (Oman)	OPERATIONAL	Fully operational. Available for project and bulk cargo. Increasing strategic value as Persian Gulf alternative.

► COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY STATUS

● UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Barakah Nuclear Plant	ADVISORY	BREAKING: Iranian drone struck electrical generator on plant perimeter — fire contained, no radiological release. FANR confirms all four reactors operating normally. IAEA expresses grave concern. Enhanced security protocols expected.
● Dubai (DXB)	OPERATIONAL	Full operations. No disruption to freight or passenger services. Enhanced security posture.
● Abu Dhabi (AUH)	OPERATIONAL	Full operations. UAE hosting Israeli Iron Dome systems — heightened Iranian targeting risk. Defence pacts with India signed May 15.
● Jebel Ali Port	OPERATIONAL	DP World confirms all terminals normal. Reduced inbound vessel calls due to Hormuz closure. GPS spoofing advisory active in UAE waters.
● Khor Fakkan	OPERATIONAL	Handling diverted container traffic. Increased throughput. East-coast access unaffected.
● Fujairah Port	ADVISORY	Operational. GPS spoofing/jamming offshore (UAEMARITIME 01/2026). Elevated security posture. STS operations: tug-assisted, individually assessed.
● HHG & Pets — UAE	YES — ACTIVE	HHG moves via DXB/AUH. No restrictions on household goods or pets. Allow extra customs processing time given security posture.

● KUWAIT

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Kuwait (KWI)	OPERATIONAL	Airport operational. Freight accepting.
● Shuwaikh / Shuaiba	DISRUPTED	Operational; vessel calls reduced. Road via Saudi Arabia preferred for time-sensitive cargo.
● HHG & Pets — Kuwait	YES — ACTIVE	HHG via KWI or overland from UAE. Pets accepted with standard documentation.

● SAUDI ARABIA

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Jeddah (JED)	OPERATIONAL	King Abdulaziz Airport and JIBP port operational. Maersk landbridge via Salalah/Sohar active.
● Dammam / KAP Port	DISRUPTED	Operational. Reduced vessel calls. Eastern Province accessible overland.
● King Fahd Causeway	OPEN	Saudi-Bahrain road freight crossing active and operational.
● Saudi Oil Production	ADVISORY	Output at lowest since 1990 per OPEC data. Iran Barakah strike today raises concerns about further Gulf infrastructure targeting.
● HHG & Pets — Saudi	YES — ACTIVE	HHG via JED or overland. Standard SABER compliance required. Pets accepted with health certs and rabies vaccination.

● QATAR

LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Doha (DOH)	OPERATIONAL	Hamad International Airport fully operational. Freight accepted.
● Hamad Port	DISRUPTED	Operational; vessel calls significantly reduced. Cargo via Aqaba/Jeddah overland preferred.
● Ras Laffan LNG	FORCE	QatarEnergy force majeure on all LNG shipments continues. Facility at

		MAJEURE	~83% capacity. Full repair estimated 3-5 years.
●	HHG & Pets — Qatar	YES — ACTIVE	HHG via DOH air or overland. Pets accepted with Qatar environment authority NOC.

● OMAN			
LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
●	Muscat (MCT)	OPERATIONAL	Primary regional air hub. Full freight operations. Preferred routing for Gulf cargo.
●	Salalah CT	OPERATIONAL	Primary Cape of Good Hope transshipment hub. Maersk landbridge active. All cargo types accepted.
●	Sohar Port	OPERATIONAL	Active on Maersk landbridge. Normal vessel schedule.
●	Duqm Port	OPERATIONAL	Fully operational. Deep-water capacity for project and bulk cargo.
●	HHG & Pets — Oman	YES — ACTIVE	All HHG and personal effects via MCT or Salalah. Pets accepted with standard import documentation.

● IRAQ			
LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
●	Baghdad (BGW)	OPERATIONAL	Airport operational. Freight accepted.
●	Erbil (EBL)	OPERATIONAL	Kurdistan Region airport operational. Preferred entry for north Iraq cargo.
●	Umm Qasr Port	DISRUPTED	Operational; vessel calls reduced. Overland via Jordan/Turkey preferred for time-sensitive shipments.
●	Torkham Border (Afghan)	CLOSED	Use Hairatan (Uzbekistan) northern corridor only.
●	HHG & Pets — Iraq	YES — RESTRICTED	HHG via BGW/EBL air. Ground security assessment required for all road moves. Pets: consult MoveOne.

● BAHRAIN			
LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
●	Bahrain (BAH)	OPERATIONAL	Airport operational with normal freight.
●	King Fahd Causeway	OPEN	Road link to Saudi Arabia fully operational.
●	Khalifa Bin Salman Port	DISRUPTED	Operational; vessel calls reduced. Road via King Fahd Causeway recommended.
●	HHG & Pets — Bahrain	YES — ACTIVE	HHG via BAH or road. No restrictions on household goods.

● JORDAN			
LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS	
●	Amman (AMM)	OPERATIONAL (DAYTIME)	Secondary air hub. Operations 09:00–18:00 local for MoveOne routing.
●	Aqaba Port	OPERATIONAL	Primary sea alternative. Elevated volumes — berth congestion emerging. Book 72+ hours ahead. Container and Ro-Ro accepting.
●	Trebil Border	OPEN	Jordan-Iraq crossing operational.
●	HHG & Pets — Jordan	YES — ACTIVE	HHG via AMM or Aqaba sea. Pets accepted with standard health documentation.

● ISRAEL		
LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Tel Aviv (TLV)	RESTRICTED	Ben Gurion operational. IDF killed Hamas military chief al-Haddad (May 16). IDF striking 100+ Hezbollah sites in Lebanon. Check airline advisories before routing.
● Haifa Port	RESTRICTED	Operational. Houthi ballistic missile threat to Israeli-linked shipping in Red Sea persists.
● Lebanon / Hezbollah	ADVISORY	45-day ceasefire extension. IDF continues striking in Tyre/south Lebanon. Hezbollah calls talks a 'dead end.' Treat BEY corridor as active risk zone.
● HHG & Pets — Israel	RESTRICTED	HHG via TLV air. Sea freight elevated risk — coordinate with MoveOne for vessel selection. Expect screening delays.

● HORN OF AFRICA (DJIBOUTI / ETHIOPIA / ERITREA)		
LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Djibouti	OPERATIONAL	Port fully operational. Elevated transit volumes for Ethiopia-bound cargo.
● Ethiopia (ADD)	DISRUPTED	Addis Ababa airport operational. Internal logistics challenges — allow additional transit time.
● Eritrea	ADVISORY	Massawa/Assab ports limited access. Security monitoring advised. Consult Africa Operations.
● HHG & Pets — Horn of Africa	YES — ACTIVE	HHG via Djibouti operational. Contact joseph.myers@moveoneinc.com

● PAKISTAN / AFGHANISTAN		
LOCATION	STATUS	DETAILS
● Karachi (KHI)	OPERATIONAL	Key US-Iran mediation hub. Airport and port operational. Pakistan PM remains hopeful for deal.
● Torkham (Afghan border)	CLOSED	Do not use. Route all Afghanistan cargo via Hairatan northern corridor (Uzbekistan).
● Hairatan Corridor	OPERATIONAL	Northern Afghanistan logistics corridor fully operational via Uzbekistan.
● HHG & Pets — Pak/Afghan	ADVISORY	Pakistan: normal operations. Afghanistan: air only via KBL or overland via Hairatan. Security assessment required.

► GENERAL ADVISORY

SEA FREIGHT

- **DO NOT route cargo via the Strait of Hormuz.** IRGC enforcement active; mines confirmed; PGSA toll regime operationalising.
- **DO NOT pay Persian Gulf Strait Authority (PGSA) tolls.** Payment to IRGC entity = material support to a designated FTO — US/EU/UK criminal and sanctions exposure.
- Primary sea alternative: Port of Aqaba (Jordan). Book berths and equipment 72+ hours ahead — elevated volumes.
- Maersk landbridge (Sohar/Salalah/Jeddah) active and recommended. MSC and Hapag-Lloyd upper Gulf routes (west of Hormuz) operational.
- Empty containers: Do NOT return to normal Gulf depots. Use MoveOne-designated alternative depots only.
- Red Sea: US-Houthi ceasefire holds for US-linked vessels. MARAD advisory active — AIS management advised for all transits.
- Flex Hub / Flex Route (Sales on Water) at Salalah: NOT accepted.

AIR FREIGHT

- Primary hub: Muscat (MCT) — full freight operations.
- Secondary hub: Amman (AMM) — daytime only, 09:00–18:00 local. No night cargo processing.
- UAE hubs (DXB, AUH, SHJ) fully operational despite Barakah incident. Minor processing delays possible.
- GCAA NOC required for UAE corridor access — submit to foa@gcaa.gov.ae
- TLV routing: verify airline advisories daily given active IDF operations in Lebanon.

ROAD FREIGHT

- King Fahd Causeway (Saudi-Bahrain) OPEN and operational.
- Jordan-Iraq Trebil crossing operational. Allow additional lead time due to volumes.
- Afghanistan: Torkham CLOSED. Route exclusively via Hairatan (Uzbekistan) northern corridor.
- Security assessment required for all Iraq ground moves. Kuwait/Bahrain accessible via Saudi road network.

SURCHARGES & EQUIPMENT

- Emergency Fuel Surcharges (EFS/EBS) active across all major carriers. Verify current levels before booking.
- War risk insurance premiums highly elevated. P&I Club war risk NOT reinstated for Hormuz corridor.
- Equipment shortages at Aqaba and Salalah — book early. PGSA toll payments: legally prohibited for most Western entities.
- QatarEnergy LNG force majeure ongoing. LNG buyers: consult MoveOne for alternative routing.

⚠ WATCH POINTS

- **IMMINENT US/ISRAEL STRIKE DECISION:** Trump's 'calm before the storm' post + NYT reporting on active strike planning = credible near-term escalation risk. Decision reportedly imminent if diplomacy fails. Watch for US military movement orders or NOTAM closures over Gulf airspace.
- **BARAKAH DRONE STRIKE FOLLOW-ON:** First attack on an Arab nuclear facility. UAE has not attributed it but Iran is the clear suspect. Further escalation against UAE infrastructure possible. Enhanced security protocols expected at all UAE facilities.
- **PGSA TOLL REGIME FORMALISATION:** Formal PGSA unveiling imminent. European-IRGC talks reported. If selective corridor opens for certain flags, complex compliance decisions follow for non-US clients. Legal review required before any transit consideration.
- **CEASEFIRE COLLAPSE RISK:** Iran FM 'no trust in Americans.' Trump ceasefire 'on massive life support.' Barakah strike today tests limits. US strike resumption would trigger full Hormuz enforcement and expanded Iranian attacks on Gulf states.
- **AQABA / SALALAH CAPACITY CRUNCH:** Both primary sea alternatives under elevated volumes. Berth delays and equipment shortages developing. Book all sea freight 72+ hours in advance.
- **IRAN MINE TRACKING ISSUE:** Iran lost track of some mines it planted in Hormuz — unable to fully open even if it wanted to. Mine clearance operations required before any commercial reopening, adding weeks to any resolution timeline.
- **OIL UNDERSUPPLY THROUGH OCTOBER:** IEA warns market remains materially undersupplied through October even if conflict resolves next month. Brent above \$109/bbl. Lock in freight rates where possible.

► MOVE ONE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES

Darfur / Chad Operations

Active routing into Sudan/Darfur and Chad via humanitarian and NGO corridors. Air and overland solutions available. Contact Africa Operations.

Gaza Operations

Dedicated Gaza Operations desk. All shipments coordinated by Carl Corriveau. Compliance-reviewed routes only.

US Military Bases

Cleared and experienced in US military base logistics across the Middle East. Government & Military contact: Gregory Forgrave.

Syria & Yemen Compliance

Specialist OFAC and UK sanctions compliance desk for Syria and Yemen-related cargo. All moves pre-cleared.

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