



Middle East Port Advisory

Date / Time: 04/03/2026 - 10:00 UAE LT

Regional Overview						
As of 4 March 2026, there has been no internationally recognised legal closure of the Strait of Hormuz, but Iranian radio warnings, heightened military risk, and company level directives have led to a sharp reduction in commercial traffic, with most vessels temporarily avoiding transit despite a small number continuing to pass through.						
Airspace is closed in most Gulf countries.						
	Port Status	ISPS Level	Air Space	Impact to travel	Remarks	Date Logged - UAE LT
UAE	Fully operational	Ruwais PPA ISPS Level 2 All other ports ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abu Dhabi: crew change is restricted Dubai, Sharjah, RAK, Fujairah, Khorfakkan: crew change is allowed but limited to movements to and from hotels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jebel Ali, Hamriya, and Sharjah Port, all terminal port operations are normal. Fujairah and Khor Fakkan, Local port authorities have not issued any alerts at this time. However, navigational warning No. 01/2026 has been disseminated, addressing reported incidents of intermittent GPS signal spoofing and jamming in offshore areas of Fujairah. These disruptions may lead to a loss of positional accuracy, erratic vessel movements on Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS), and potentially misleading positional information. Mariners are advised to consider this area as high risk. All port operations are now proceeding as normal, including activities at the Fujairah Oil Tanker Terminal. Ras Al Khaimah Ports - remains open and is operating normally. Ruwais and Abu Dhabi petroleum ports are operational. Ruwais PPA (ISPS level 2) & Abu Dhabi Ports (ISPS Level 1). Abu Dhabi Ports confirmed that all UAE ports managed and operated by AD ports remain fully open and are operating as usual. Gulf carriers keep UAE skies largely closed until March 5. Crew changes are possible in most cases, but are limited to movements to and from hotels. A few repatriation flights have been reported; however, fewer than 60 passenger flights departed the UAE on 3 March, compared with a normal daily average of more than 900. (updated) 	04/03/2026 - 08:30
Kuwait	Fully operational	Shuwaikh and Shuaiba Port ISPS Level 2 All other ports ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shuwaiba crew change is restricted. Shuwaikh is allowed basis prior approval and only with movements to and from hotel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No alerts / notifications / circulars from the Kuwait Port authorities. Presently, no stoppage of operations has been reported, and no official information from the port authorities. All ports controlled by KOTC MINA TANK, Mina Al Ahmadi, Mina Abdulla and Mina Al Zour are operational. All vessels currently bound for Shuaiba Port must redirect to Shuwaikh Port to discharge their cargo. This instruction applies provided that the vessel's draft does not exceed 9.6 meters. Please note that all manifests will be automatically transferred to Shuwaikh Port. Please note 	04/03/2026 - 08:00
Oman	Partial restrictions	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airspace is open; however, some airlines have cancelled their flights, impacting crew change arrangements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port operations are partially restricted. Suspended Port Ops: Asyad Drydock - Duqm, Port of Salalah - (GCT Terminal) suspended operations until further notice. Partially Suspended Port Ops: Port of Duqm only arrived vessels operations ongoing, new call subject approval (updated) Ports working normally: Port Sultan Qaboos, Muscat, Mina Al Fahal, Port of Sohar, Qalhat LNG Terminal - Sur, OMIFCO Terminal - Sur, Port of Salalah - CT Terminal ISPS Level: 1 Airspace remains open, although some international flight routes have been suspended 	04/03/2026 - 08:15
Saudi Arabia	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flights to 8 countries suspended. Some incoming flights from Gulf countries are suspended due to their local airspace closures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are presently no alerts or warnings issued by the local port authorities. All operational activities are functioning at full capacity. Saudi Arabia's national carrier confirmed flights suspended for Bahrain, Kuwait, Amman, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Russia and Peshawar. 	04/03/2026 - 08:30
Bahrain	Operations temporarily suspended	ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No crew change possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port operations are temporarily suspended, including pilotage services. 	04/03/2026 - 08:00
Qatar	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qatar's airspace remains closed and all air travel are still suspended due to the current circumstances. Government authorities also strongly advised to avoid road travels due to the high safety risk. All individuals are requested to stay indoors unless absolutely necessary to go out. Qatar crew change is allowed, subject to movements to and from the hotel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual with all ports operating. Mesaieed Port - Significant GPS signal degradation. Although the majority of channel buoys are operational, with only a few exceptions. Pilotage during channel transit between 18:00 hours and 05:00 hours will be mandatory for all vessels, regardless of size, except for Regular caller vessels and OSVs that are not required to navigate through the channel. In addition, if any vessel master is NOT comfortable navigating due to the GPS signal loss and requests a channel pilot during daytime, MPA will arrange pilotage accordingly. Al Shaheen and Halul Island offshore terminals are operational. The official security status remains at Security Level 1. However, as a proactive measure, all vessels are requested to exercise heightened caution and vigilance. Qatar Airways flights temporarily suspended due to Qatari airspace closure. <p>Hamad Port - Immigration officer available noon and night shift basis only. Crew change is possible if crew is already inside the Country (ie: Hotel). New seaman's visa request: Currently on hold seaman's visa processing.</p> <p>Doha Port - Immigration officer available. Crew change is possible if crew is already inside the Country (ie: Hotel). New seaman's visa request: Currently on hold seaman's visa processing.</p> <p>Mesaieed Port - Immigration and Gate Pass offices operational. Crew change can be carried out if crew is already inside Qatar.</p> <p>New seaman's visa request: Currently on hold seaman's visa processing.</p> <p>Ras Laffan Port - Ras Laffan Immigration has suspended processing of all crew visa applications until further notice. No Crew change as well even the crew is inside the Country (ie: Hotel)</p>	04/03/2026 - 08:30
Egypt	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight cancellations to high risk destinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on travel (air and land): Nil; however, National airlines (Egyptair) announced suspension of all its flights to/from Gulf countries till further notice. 	04/03/2026 - 08:30
Jordan	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight cancellations to high risk destinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jordan remains stable. Authorities continue to issue general public-awareness guidelines purely as precautionary measures. There are no security incidents inside Jordan. Jordan has closed its airspace from 18:00 to 09:00 It daily, effective immediately and until further notice. This affects arriving, departing, and transit flights within the closure window. All operations remain normal at Aqaba Port. Terminals, marine services, cargo handling, and gate operations are functioning without disruption. Maritime navigation and cargo operations are proceeding smoothly and without delay. Jordan airspace is fully open as opposed to the previous partial closure. (updated) Flights to Syria, Iraq, the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar remain suspended due to airspace closures in those countries. Royal Jordanian advises passengers to check flight status online before heading to the airport, as schedules may change on short notice. 	04/03/2026 - 08:30
Pakistan	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Ports / Terminals / Shipping movements are operational as usual. 	04/03/2026 - 08:30
Iraq	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No damage at Umm Qasr. Basra Oil Terminal has requested a 100% production reduction from South Rumaila due to a shortage of available tankers, resulting from the deterrence of oil tankers entering the Arabian Gulf basin and critically high onshore storage levels. (updated) No port restrictions or emergency measures in place. Fresh water supply available Food purchasing/provisioning available Crew change is available, but there is a delay in issuing the visa. Shore leave (for emergency medical treatment, etc.) available. 	03/03/2026 - 21:26
Cyprus	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No official cancellations for vessel operations. Airspace is open; however, flights are being cancelled, impacting crew change arrangements. 	03/03/2026 - 14:00
Lebanon	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beirut & Tripoli ports are open and operating properly. Airspace is open. ISPS level remains at level 1. All private & public sectors are working normally. 	03/03/2026 - 14:00
Israel	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No crew change possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Besides restrictions on DG, every port is working as normal. No ship has left Israel or was forced to leave outside its schedule 	03/03/2026 - 14:00
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