



**Middle East Port Advisory**  
Date / Time: 17/03/2026 - 17:00 UAE LT

| Regional Overview   |   |  |                    |   |  |                      |
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| The overall operational situation remains broadly unchanged since the last report. Traffic through the Strait of Hormuz remains severely disrupted, with many shipping companies continuing to avoid transits due to heightened security risks. Airspace across most Gulf countries is reopening on a restricted basis. While some countries remain closed, most have resumed limited operations with fewer flights. As a result, crew changes may be possible in certain locations but remain constrained and subject to local conditions. Customers are advised to contact Inchcape for location specific guidance and support. |   |  |                    |   |  |                      |
|   | Port Status   | ISPS Level   | Air Space          | Impact to travel  | Remarks  | Date Logged - UAE LT |
| UAE   | Most ports are operational with some restrictions.  | Ruwais PPA ISPS Level 2<br>All other ports ISPS 1  | Open - Limited     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited airport operations have resumed with a small number of flights.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fujairah and Khor Fakkan - The Fujairah Oil Tanker Terminal (FOTT) is operating as per the latest update from the port. Vopak terminals have suspended operations at their SPM until further notice. ADNOC SPM Terminal - unable to confirm operational status; authorities are not disclosing any details to agents.</li> <li>General cargo and container discharge operations are proceeding as scheduled at both Fujairah Terminal and Khor Fakkan Terminal without any disruption. Anchorage services are all normal without interruption.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Jebel Ali, Hamriya, and Sharjah Port, all terminal port operations are normal.</li> <li>Ruwais and Abu Dhabi petroleum ports are operational. Ruwais PPA (ISPS level 2) &amp; 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.</li> <li>Ras Al Khaimah Ports remain open and are operating normally.</li> <li>Dubai Airports have a gradual resumption of some flights to and from Dubai International (DXB) to selected destinations, following the temporary suspension implemented as a precautionary measure. Passengers are advised to check with their airlines for the latest flight information.</li> <li>Limited airport operations have resumed across the country with a small number of flights operating. Passengers must not travel to the airport unless they have received a confirmed departure time directly from their airline, as schedules remain subject to change.</li> <li>A temporary measure has been implemented to facilitate customs cargo clearance for shipments destined for Jebel Ali or Abu Dhabi Ports via the Ports of Fujairah and Khor Fakkan. In response to ongoing circumstances, this initiative allows direct road transport of containers to Jebel Ali, designated Free Zones, or Abu Dhabi, eliminating the need to adhere to traditional customs clearance procedures.</li> </ul> | 17/03/2026 - 15:40   |
| Kuwait  | Fully operational   | Shuwaikh and Shuaiba Port ISPS Level 2<br>All other ports ISPS 1                             | Temporarily Closed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shuaiba crew change is restricted.</li> <li>Shuwaikh is allowed basis prior approval and only with movements to and from hotel.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No alerts/notifications/circulars from the Kuwait Port authorities.</li> <li>Presently no stoppage of operations reported, and no official information from the port authorities.</li> <li>Shuaiba and Shuwaikh Port ISPS Level: 2</li> <li>Air space closed temporarily</li> </ul>   | 17/03/2026 - 16:00   |
| Oman  | Partial restrictions.   | Qalhat LNG terminal, Sur and Mina Al Fahal, Muscat ISPS Level 3.<br>All other ports Level 1. | Open               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airspace is open; however, some airlines have cancelled their flights, impacting crew change arrangements.</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Status: No alerts/notifications have been issued by the local authorities.</li> <li>Ports working normally: Port of Sohar, Port Sultan Qaboos, Muscat, Mina Al Fahal, Qalhat LNG Terminal - Sur, OMIFCO Terminal - Sur, Port of Duqm, Asyad Drydock - Duqm.</li> <li>Port of Salalah (CT and GCT) have partially resumed operations. However, liquid cargo ops are still suspended.</li> <li>Vessels calling the Port of Duqm must submit an official letter stating that they are not carrying any dangerous Goods on board. If any dangerous Goods are found, the type of cargo must be specified in detail, and the vessel must await the Ministry's approval before entering Omani territorial waters.</li> <li>The Following notification was received from the Mina Al Fahal terminal (Crude Oil) loading facility. All vessels scheduled to call at MAF are to ensure their Doppler log is fully operational. This precaution is necessary due to ongoing GPS interference in the area. Vessels without a functioning Doppler log cannot be berthed due to safety requirements.</li> <li>Qalhat LNG terminal, Sur and Mina Al Fahal, Muscat, ISPS Level 3 as a precautionary measure. All other ports ISPS Level 1</li> <li>Airspace remains open, although some international flight routes have been suspended</li> </ul>  | 17/03/2026 - 16:00   |
| Saudi Arabia  | Fully operational   | ISPS 1   | Open               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flights to 8 countries suspended. Some incoming flights from Gulf countries are suspended due to their local airspace closures.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are presently no alerts or warnings issued by the local port authorities. All operational activities are functioning at full capacity.</li> <li>Saudi Arabia's national carrier confirmed flights suspended for Bahrain, Kuwait, Amman, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Russia and Peshawar.</li> </ul>   | 17/03/2026 - 08:00   |
| Bahrain   | Gradual resumption of operations  | ISPS 1   | Temporarily Closed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No crew change possible</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently, vessel movements in Bahrain have gradually resumed; however, operations remain limited due to the restricted availability of pilots. BAPCO operations remain suspended. APM Terminals have resumed operations.</li> <li>At present, crew changes are not feasible as the airspace remains closed.</li> <li>ISPS security level remains at Level 1.</li> </ul>  | 17/03/2026 - 10:00   |
| Qatar   | Most ports are operational with some restrictions, apart from Al Shaheen Terminal and Halul Island Terminal | ISPS 1   | Temporarily Closed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamad International Airport has resumed a small number of flights.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamad Port, Doha Port, Al Ruwais Port - Ports are operational; however, activity levels are lower than pre-conflict. Al Ruwais Port is restricted to small craft only, including dhows and barges.</li> <li>Mesaieed Port and Ras Laffan Port - Port operations ongoing. Qatar Energy has ceased production of LNG and associated products.</li> <li>Al Shaheen Terminal and Halul Island Terminal - Operations suspended until further notice.</li> <li>The official security status remains at Security Level 1. However, as a proactive measure, all vessels are requested to exercise heightened caution and vigilance.</li> <li>The Ministry of Transport has advised that, to maintain supply chain continuity, shipping lines may route raw materials and consumer goods destined for Hamad Port via designated alternative ports in Oman and the UAE, with maritime agencies required to coordinate with the relevant port authorities and notify the Ministry accordingly. First Alternative - Sohar, Salalah and Duqm Port. Second Alternative - Fujairah and Khorfakkan Port.</li> <li>Following the temporary authorisation from the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority confirming a partial resumption of air flight movement, Hamad International Airport will operate a limited number of repatriation flights for stranded passengers. The temporary closure of Qatar's airspace remains in effect due to the current situation in the region, which is and remains beyond our control. Passengers are reminded not to proceed to the airport at this time and to contact their respective airlines directly for the latest flight information.</li> </ul>  | 17/03/2026 - 16:00   |
| Egypt   | Fully operational   | ISPS 1   | Open               |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No alerts/notifications have been issued by the local authorities.</li> <li>Suez Canal and All Egyptian ports running normally.</li> <li>(Egyptair) commenced operating some flights to/from Gulf countries.</li> </ul>   | 17/03/2026 - 16:00   |
| Jordan  | Fully operational   | ISPS 1   | Open               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flight cancellations to high risk destinations.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jordan remains stable. Authorities continue to issue general public awareness guidelines purely as precautionary measures. There are no security incidents inside Jordan.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Royal Jordanian and the Jordanian airspace remain open, flights to Qatar, UAE, Syria, Bahrain and Kuwait remain closed.</li> </ul>  | 16/03/2026 - 11:30   |
| Pakistan  | Fully operational   | ISPS 1   | Open               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Ports / Terminals / Shipping movements are operational as usual.</li> </ul>   | 16/03/2026 - 11:30   |
| Iraq  | Fully operational apart from Basra Oil Terminal and SPM Somo Terminal which have ceased export operations.  | ISPS 1   | Open               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UQR North &amp; South port, KHOR ZUBIR ports operating but with fewer vessels.</li> <li>Basra Oil Terminal and SPM Somo Terminal have ceased export operations.</li> <li>No port restrictions or emergency measures in place.</li> <li>Fresh water supply available</li> <li>Food purchasing/provisioning available</li> <li>Crew change is available, but there is a delay in issuing the visa.</li> <li>Shore leave (for emergency medical treatment, etc.) available.</li> </ul>   | 16/03/2026 - 11:00   |
| Cyprus  | Fully operational   | ISPS 1   | Open               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All ports remain fully operational.</li> <li>ISPS level remains at Level 1.</li> <li>Airports and airspace remain open, with no operational impact reported (some flights are being cancelled on a daily basis). Potential issues with crew changes due to limited number of flights.</li> </ul>  | 15/03/2026 - 15:00   |
| Lebanon   | Fully operational   | ISPS 1   | Open               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All ports remain operational, with no alerts or warnings issued by the local port authorities so far. South of Lebanon is in an unstable operational situation.</li> <li>ISPS level remains at Level 1.</li> <li>Airspace remains open and operating only Middle East Airlines flights.</li> <li>All private &amp; public sectors are working normally.</li> </ul>  | 16/03/2026 - 16:00   |
| Israel  | Fully operational   | ISPS 1   | Open / Restricted  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No crew change possible</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eilat, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Hedera and Haifa are fully open for business and functioning at full capacity.</li> <li>RORO car deliveries: Only direct delivery allowed at this stage. No storage at ports is allowed until further notice. <b>(updated)</b></li> <li>No ship has left Israel or was forced to leave outside its schedule.</li> <li>Airspace is now open but restricted. Flights are coming in and out of Israel on a limited basis, with restrictions.</li> <li>A briefing update from the Israeli Navy was received relating to operations in Israel. Key points: In order to maintain maritime security, a temporary safety zone has been established along the Israeli coast. In coordination with the Israeli Ministry of Transport, the following temporary measures have been introduced to maintain both the safety of the naval operational activity and freedom of navigation: Vessels with a scheduled port call within 24 hours may remain in the designated anchorage area. Vessels scheduled to arrive in more than 24 hours are required to remain 12-18 nautical miles offshore from the coastline, preferably south of the latitude of Mount Carmel. Vessels carrying DG must obtain berthing approval in advance from the Israeli Navy and the Ports and Shipping Authority.</li> <li>AIS systems - it is recommended to switch off the system after entering the Israeli EEZ in order to prevent civil surveillance from online tracking sites.</li> <li>Communication may be established via marine VHF radio / telephone / satellite phone, if required, with the RCC (Rescue Coordination Center) or the naval authorities.</li> <li>Any changes in the maritime security situation will be communicated through subsequent maritime safety notices.</li> </ul>  | 16/03/2026 - 16:00   |
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