



## Middle East Port Advisory

Date / Time: 03/03/2026 - 11:00 UAE LT

Regional Overview	As of 3 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
<b>UAE</b>	Fully operational	Ruwais Port petroleum port operating at ISPS Level 2 All other ports ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abu Dhabi: crew change is restricted</li> <li>Dubai, Sharjah, RAK, Fujairah, Khorfakkan: crew change is allowed but limited to movements to and from hotels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jebel Ali and Sharjah Port</b>, all terminal port operations are normal.</li> <li><b>Fujairah and Khor Fakkan</b> ports are open and operating at full capacity, with no navigational warnings issued by local port authorities. Port and Oil Tanker Terminal Operations: All operational activities at the ports are proceeding at full capacity, with no reported disruptions.</li> <li><b>Ras Al Khaimah Ports</b> - remains open and is operating normally.</li> <li><b>Ruwais and Abu Dhabi petroleum ports</b> 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>Airspace remains closed. Crew changes are possible in most cases, but are limited to movements to and from hotels.</li> </ul>	03/03/2026 - 09:00
<b>Kuwait</b>	Fully operational	Shuwaikh port ISPS Level 2 All other ports ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shuwaiba 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 has been reported, and no official information from the port authorities.</li> <li>All vessels currently bound for Shuwaiba 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 that this applies exclusively to container vessels.</li> </ul>	03/03/2026 - 09:36
<b>Oman</b>	Partial restrictions	ISPS 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>Port operations are partially restricted.</li> <li><b>Suspended Port Ops</b>: Port of Duqm, Asyad Drydock - Duqm, Port of Salalah - General Cargo Terminal (GCT) suspended operations until further notice.</li> <li><b>Ports working normally</b>: Port Sultan Qaboos, Muscat, Mina Al Fahal, Port of Sohar, Port of Salalah - CT terminal, Qalhat LNG Terminal - Sur, OMIFCO Terminal - Sur</li> <li>ISPS Level: 1</li> <li>Airspace remains open, although some international flight routes have been suspended</li> </ul>	03/03/2026 - 10:30
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	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>The morning incident at Ras Tanura was contained, and the port remained operational.</li> <li>Saudi Arabia's national carrier confirmed flights suspended for Bahrain, Kuwait, Amman, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Russia and Peshawar effective until 02 March at 23:59 GMT.</li> </ul>	02/03/2026 - 18:00
<b>Bahrain</b>	Operations temporarily suspended	ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No crew change possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port operations are temporarily suspended, including pilotage services.</li> </ul>	03/03/2026 - 11:00
<b>Qatar</b>	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Temporarily Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Qatar crew change is allowed, subject to movements to and from the hotel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business as usual with all ports operating.</li> <li><b>Mesaieed Port</b> - 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.</li> <li><b>Al Shaheen and Halul Island offshore terminals</b> are operational.</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>Qatar Airways flights temporarily suspended due to Qatari airspace closure.</li> <li>The Ministry of Transport has instructed shipping lines and freight forwarding agents to continue operations without interruption, complete all port and shipment procedures as normal, ensure the uninterrupted flow of goods, and take any necessary organisational measures to maintain business continuity without impacting operational performance.</li> <li><b>Hamad Port</b> - 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.</li> <li><b>Doha Port</b> - 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.</li> <li><b>Mesaieed Port</b> - Immigration and Gate Pass offices operational. Crew change can be carried out if crew is already inside Qatar.</li> <li>New seaman's visa request: Currently on hold seaman's visa processing.</li> <li><b>Ras Laffan Port</b> - 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)</li> </ul>	03/03/2026 - 09:15
<b>Egypt</b>	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>EGYPTAIR announced the suspension of its flights from Cairo to the following destinations: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Beirut, Doha, Amman, Dammam, Bahrain, Baghdad, Erbil and Kuwait until further notice.</li> </ul>	03/03/2026 - 10:00
<b>Jordan</b>	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No crew change possible</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>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.</li> <li>All operations remain normal at Aqaba Port. Terminals, marine services, cargo handling, and gate operations are functioning without disruption. There are no operational changes for today.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wider Middle East aviation remains significantly impacted, with large-scale rerouting and global delays.</li> </ul>	03/03/2026 - 11:00
<b>Pakistan</b>	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>	02/03/2026 - 16:15
<b>Iraq</b>	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No damage at Umm Qasr.</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>	02/03/2026 - 16:15
<b>Cyprus</b>	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No official cancellations for vessel operations.</li> <li>Airspace is open; however, flights are being cancelled, impacting crew change arrangements.</li> </ul>	
<b>Lebanon</b>	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beirut &amp; Tripoli ports are open and operating properly.</li> <li>Airspace is open.</li> <li>ISPS level remains at level 1.</li> <li>All private &amp; public sectors are working normally.</li> </ul>	02/03/2026 - 14:00
<b>Israel</b>	Fully operational	ISPS 1	Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No crew change possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Besides restrictions on DG, every port is working as normal.</li> <li>No ship has left Israel or was forced to leave outside its schedule</li> </ul>	02/03/2026 - 14:35
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