



Middle East Port Advisory

Date / Time: 18/04/2026 - 10:00 UAE LT

| Regional Overview | | | | | | |
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| The operational status has not changed since the last report. | | | | | | |
| | Port Status | ISPS Level | Air Space | Impact to travel | Remarks | Date Logged - UAE LT |
| UAE | All ports are operational with some restrictions. | Ruwais/Das/Zirku PPA ISPS Level 2 All other ports ISPS 1 | Open - Limited | • Limited airport operations across the country. | • Fujairah and Khor Fakkan - The Fujairah Oil Tanker Terminal (FOTT) is mostly operational, according to the latest update from the port. Berth 6 is offline and under maintenance. Berths 4 and 5 are reserved for Bulk Carriers. • Vopak Terminal is operational. ADNOC SPM Terminal is operational. Khor Fakkan Port is operational. • General cargo and container discharge operations are proceeding as scheduled at both the Fujairah and Khor Fakkan Terminals, without disruption. • 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. • Anchorage services are all normal without interruption. • Jebel Ali, Hamriya, and Sharjah Port, all terminal port operations are normal. • Khalifa port terminals - Operations resumed, including at CSP AD Terminal. • STS operations are resumed in Dubai waters anchorage with tug assistance as of now; each operation will be assessed separately. No underway STS is permitted till further notice. • 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. • Ras Al Khaimah Ports remain open and are operating normally. • Dubai Airport has resumed operations at 90% capacity. • 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. • 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. | 18/04/2026 - 09:00 |
| Kuwait | Fully operational | Shuwaikh and Shuaiba Port ISPS Level 2 All other ports ISPS 1 | Temporarily Closed | • Shuwaiba crew change is restricted. • Shuwaikh is allowed basis prior approval and only with movements to and from hotel. | • Presently, no stoppage of operations has been reported, and no official information from the port authorities. • Coast Guard notice: Kindly note that entry permits for foreign vessels arriving from Iraqi ports are temporarily suspended until further notice. • Shuwaiba and Shuwaikh Port ISPS Level: 2 • Air space temporarily closed. | 18/04/2026 - 09:00 |
| Oman | Fully operational | Qalhat LNG terminal, Sur: ISPS Level 2. All other ports: ISPS Level 1 | Open | • Airspace is open; however, some airlines have cancelled their flights, impacting crew change arrangements. | • Current Status: All ports are fully operational. • Vessels calling at all Oman ports 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. • 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. • Qalhat LNG terminal, Sur: ISPS Level 2. All other ports: ISPS Level 1. The instructions are that vessels must inform Port control if any IMDG or Military cargo is on board to obtain permission from the authority. • Airspace remains open, although some international flight routes have been suspended. | 18/04/2026 - 09:00 |
| Saudi Arabia | Fully operational | ISPS 1 | Open | • Flights are operating, except for Emirates, which is not operating flights out of Dammam. | • There are presently no alerts or warnings issued by the local port authorities. All operational activities are functioning at full capacity. • Flights have resumed out of KSA. Emirates is not flying to Dammam. Fly Dubai, Air Arabia, Qatar Airways, and Etihad Airways are operating from Dammam. FlyDubai is operating and connecting Emirates passengers from Dubai to onward connections. | 17/04/2026 - 08:30 |
| Bahrain | Gradual resumption of operations. BAPCO and APMT operations suspended. | ISPS 1 | Temporarily Closed | • No crew change possible | • Vessel movements in Bahrain have resumed; however, operations remain limited due to the current situation. BAPCO operations remain suspended. • APM Terminals operations have resumed from 06:00hrs to 18:00hrs. • At present, crew changes are not feasible as the airspace remains closed. • ISPS security level remains at Level 1. | 17/04/2026 - 09:00 |
| Qatar | Most ports are operational with some restrictions, apart from Al Shaheen Terminal and Halul Island Terminal | ISPS 1 | Temporarily Closed | • Hamad International Airport has resumed a small number of flights. • RLC Immigration have resumed normal operations as of 24.03.2026 | • 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. Customers are advised to contact Inchcape for location specific guidance and support. • Mesaieed Port and Ras Laffan Port - Port operations ongoing. Qatar Energy has ceased production of LNG and associated products. • Al Shaheen Terminal and Halul Island Terminal - Operations suspended until further notice. • The official security status remains at Security Level 1. However, as a proactive measure, all vessels are requested to exercise heightened caution and vigilance. • 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. • Mvni Qatar (Hamad & Ruwais Ports) activates Exceptional Package of Port Tariff Facilities in response to exceptional circumstances that are disrupting supply chains and creating operational and logistical challenges. The decision remains in effect throughout the exceptional phase until further notice. • Hamad International Airport continues to welcome passengers as more flights are added. As additional flights are introduced, airport operations continue to support smooth passenger flow, with key services and facilities readily available to make travel as comfortable and seamless as possible. Passengers departing from Doha are advised to travel to the airport only if they hold a valid and confirmed ticket. (updated) | 18/04/2026 - 09:00 |
| Egypt | Fully operational | ISPS 1 | Open | • None | • No alerts/notifications have been issued by the local authorities. • Suez Canal and all Egyptian ports are running normally. • (Egyptair) Operating some flights to/from Gulf countries. | 18/04/2026 - 09:30 |
| Jordan | Fully operational | ISPS 1 | Open | • Flight cancellations to high risk destinations. | • Jordan remains stable. Authorities continue to issue general public awareness guidelines purely as precautionary measures. There are no security incidents inside Jordan. • 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. • Royal Jordanian and the Jordanian airspace remain open, flights to Qatar, UAE, Syria, Bahrain and Kuwait remain closed. | 17/04/2026 - 15:30 |
| Pakistan | Fully operational | ISPS 1 | Open | • None | • All Ports / Terminals / Shipping movements are operational as usual. | 17/04/2026 - 15:30 |
| Iraq | Fully operational apart from Basra Oil Terminal and SPM Somo Terminal which have ceased export operations. | ISPS 1 | Open | • None | • UQR North & South port, KHOR ZUBIR ports operating but with fewer vessels. • Basra Oil Terminal and SPM Somo Terminal have ceased export operations. • 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. | 17/04/2026 - 15:30 |
| Cyprus | Fully operational | ISPS 1 | Open | • None | • All ports remain fully operational. • ISPS level remains at Level 1. • Airports and airspace remain open, with no operational impact reported (flight scheduling almost back to normal). | 16/04/2026 - 11:30 |
| Lebanon | Fully operational | ISPS 1 | Open | • Operating only Middle East Airlines flights. | • 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. • ISPS level remains at Level 1. • Airspace remains open and operating only Middle East Airlines flights. • All private & public sectors are working normally. | 16/04/2026 - 11:30 |
| Israel | Fully operational | ISPS 1 | Open / Restricted | • Crew change is possible. | • Eilat, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Hadera and Haifa are fully open for business and functioning at full capacity. • Ashdod Port is not accepting RORO vessels due to the previously advised restrictions. • No ship has left Israel or was forced to leave outside its schedule. • Airspace is now open but restricted. Flights are coming in and out of Israel on a limited basis, with restrictions. • 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. 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. Communication may be established via marine VHF radio / telephone / satellite phone, if required, with the RCC (Rescue Coordination Center) or the naval authorities. Any changes in the maritime security situation will be communicated through subsequent maritime safety notices. | 16/04/2026 - 11:30 |
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