

# HormuzTracker — Situation Report

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## 1. Status

**CLOSED** | Day 22 | Severity 10/10

Ship Traffic: 10/10 — ~93% drop from 138/day baseline. ~7-15 ships/day post-ceasefire. Iran caps at 15/day under permit regime.

Oil Prices: 9/10 — Brent +32% (\$72 ! \$95), WTI +49% (\$65 ! \$97). Peaked a 13% pullback but prices still elevated.

Insurance: 10/10 — P&I war risk coverage withdrawn. Premiums surged 300%+.

Carriers: 10/10 — 9/9 major container carriers suspended. All Gulf bookings halted.

Transit Risk: 10/10 — Strait classified as high-risk zone by all major maritime authorities. Transit deemed unsafe.

## 2. Energy Prices

Commodity	Current	Pre-Crisis	Change
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	\$94.45	\$72.00	+31.2%
WTI Crude (USD/bbl)	\$95.72	\$65.00	+47.3%
TTF Gas (EUR/MWh)	€43.15	€30.00	+43.8%
US Gasoline (USD/gal)	\$4.12	\$2.97	+38.7%

## 3. Ship Traffic

Vessels detected: ~10/day (baseline: ~138/day, down 93%)

Ships trapped inside Gulf: ~2,000 | Waiting outside: ~400

Container ships affected: ~147 (~10% of global fleet)

Seafarers stranded: ~20,000 | Cruise passengers: ~15,000

~7-15 ships/day post-ceasefire via Larak Island corridor. Iran caps at 15/day with transit permits. ~93% below peacetime baseline. Insurance still withdrawn — commercial passage remains restricted.

## 4. Pipeline Bypass Capacity

Total bypass capacity: ~7M bbl/day vs ~20M bbl/day normal Hormuz flow.

Pipeline	Route	Capacity	Status
East-West Pipeline (Saudi)	Ras Tanura to Yanbu	~5M bbl/day	Active — Saudi Aramco diverting oil to Red Sea
ADCOP Pipeline (UAE)	Abu Dhabi to Fujairah	~1.5M bbl/day	Active — bypasses Hormuz to Indian Ocean
Iraq-Turkey (Kirkuk-Ceyhan)	Kirkuk to Ceyhan	~0.5M bbl/day	Partial — limited by maintenance & politics

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## 5. Carrier Status

Carrier	Status	Vessels Trapped	Updated
Maersk	SUSPENDED	14	2026-03-19
MSC	SUSPENDED	15	2026-03-18
CMA CGM	SUSPENDED	1	2026-03-18
Hapag-Lloyd	SUSPENDED	6	2026-03-28
COSCO	SUSPENDED	5	2026-03-30
ONE	SUSPENDED	—	2026-03-18
HMM	SUSPENDED	—	2026-03-18
Evergreen	SUSPENDED	—	2026-03-18
PIL	SUSPENDED	4	2026-03-18

## 6. Insurance

**Status: WITHDRAWN**

P&I war risk coverage formally cancelled for Hormuz transit. Strait declared high-risk zone. Ships cannot legally or practically sail without P&I cover.

War risk premiums: 0.125% -> 0.8% - 1.5%+ | VLCC cost per passage: \$125,000 -> \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000

## 7. Country Exposure & Strategic Reserves

Country	Hormuz Dep.	SPR Volume	SPR Days
Japan	88%	470M bbl	149 days
South Korea	73%	190M bbl	76 days
India	64%	30M bbl	5 days
China	40%	465M bbl	28 days
EU	14%	N/A (90-day mandate)	90 days
United States	5%	415M bbl	20 days

## 8. Timeline (Last 7 Days)

### %i Day 22 — 2026-03-21

IEA emergency reserve release begins. Brent eases to ~\$108. IMO council votes to establish humanitarian maritime corridor for crew evacuations. 6 permitted transits recorded.

Impact: Oil prices dip slightly on reserve release but remain elevated. Humanitarian corridor does not extend to commercial shipping.

### %i Day 21 — 2026-03-20

Kuwait refinery infrastructure disrupted. IMO reports 3,000+ ships and 40,000 seafarers stranded. Brent at ~\$110, WTI ~\$96, US gas \$3.85/gal.

Impact: Largest maritime disruption since WWII by vessel count.

### %A Day 21 — 2026-03-20

IEA announces coordinated 400M barrel emergency release. US 172M bbl, Japan 80M bbl, South Korea 22.5M bbl.

Impact: Largest coordinated SPR release in IEA history.

### %i Day 20 — 2026-03-19

Seven-nation joint statement calls for reopening the strait. Brent briefly touches \$119.

Impact: Broad diplomatic coalition forming.

### %i Day 19 — 2026-03-18

Ship transits nearly double — 8 non-state-linked vessels detected via AIS in one day. IMO opens emergency talks in London.

Impact: First signs of increased (but still minimal) traffic. IMO council may vote on safe maritime corridor.

### %i Day 18 — 2026-03-17

Further disruption to UAE energy infrastructure. Additional tanker incidents reported near strait.

Impact: Oman ports of Duqm and Salalah also affected.

### %i Day 17 — 2026-03-16

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Diplomatic efforts to reopen strait stall. Dubai airport briefly disrupted.

Impact: Ship tracking shows dozens of vessels waiting on each side of strait.