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Ukraine Sinks Russian Warship in Libya as Conflict Spreads

Africa | Europe | War Risk | Navy

Ukraine reportedly sank a Russian naval corvette in a Libyan port using naval drones on Sunday. This incident follows a drone strike on a Russian military-linked cargo ship in the Gulf of Finland the previous day. The attacks indicate a broadening of the conflict beyond its traditional European theater.

Eagle Read: This expansion of maritime conflict into new regions significantly elevates global war risk assessments for shipping.

Source: gcaptain.com ->

U.S. Expands Iranian Blockade Amid Continued Ship Attacks

Middle East | War Risk | Regulation

The United States has expanded its blockade of Iranian ports and coastline to include any vessel receiving cargo via ship-to-ship transfer from a ship that loaded at an Iranian port. This measure aims to counter evasion tactics amidst ongoing ship attacks in the region. The advisory from the Joint Maritime Information Center highlights increased scrutiny on cargo origins.

Eagle Read: Operators must exercise extreme caution and due diligence regarding cargo provenance to avoid sanctions violations in the Middle East.

Source: usni.org ->

Tanker Incidents Reported Near Oman, Vessel Struck by Mine

[CREW ALERT] Middle East | War Risk | Casualties

A tanker transiting the Strait of Hormuz was reportedly struck by an unidentified projectile about 11 nautical miles north of Oman's Khasab. This incident is one of two recent tanker-related events in the region, raising significant concerns about maritime security and the safety of navigation. Preliminary reports suggest a vessel was hit on its stern by a mine.

Eagle Read: The direct targeting of commercial vessels underscores the severe and immediate threat to seafarers and assets in this critical chokepoint.

Source: gcaptain.com ->

Iran Asserts Control Over Hormuz Amid Escalating Regional Strikes

Middle East | War Risk

Iran has declared control over the Strait of Hormuz following alleged strikes on U.S. air defense radars in Bahrain. Renewed Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia further threaten to broaden the regional conflict, impacting maritime transit. An Iranian army spokesman stated Tehran, not foreign forces, controls the strategic waterway.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

LA/Long Beach Ports Avert Strike with Watchmen Union Deal

[CREW ALERT] Americas | Ports | Crew Welfare

Terminal employers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have reached a tentative agreement with the union representing security guards. This deal successfully averts a potential strike that could have significantly disrupted operations at the largest U.S. container port complex. The agreement is subject to ratification by rank-and-file port workers.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Maritime War Spreads Beyond Black Sea

Africa | Europe | War Risk | Navy

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has expanded geographically, with a Russian naval corvette reportedly sunk in Libya and a sanctioned Russian cargo ship attacked in the Baltic Sea over the weekend. These incidents highlight the increasing reach of maritime hostilities. The Russian navy's Merkury was struck at the port of Benghazi.

Source: splash247.com ->

Russian Cargo Ship Continues to Burn Off Finland After Drone Attack

[CREW ALERT] Europe | War Risk | Casualties

A Russian cargo ship, struck by drones in the Baltic Sea, remained on fire through the night off the coast of Finland. Efforts to extinguish the blaze are ongoing following the suspected drone attack. The vessel, linked to Moscow's military logistics network, drifted into Finnish territorial waters.

Source: gcaptain.com ->

CBO Finds Navy Shipbuilding Plan Exceeds Budget by Billions

Americas | Navy | Shipbuilding

A Congressional Budget Office analysis indicates that the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan, aiming to increase the fleet by 112 ships, would require a 41% increase in its annual budget. This projection exceeds the Navy's own estimates by approximately $234 billion. The report evaluates the 30-year shipbuilding plan for Fiscal Year 2027.

Source: usni.org ->

U.S., Philippine Marines Deploy Surveillance Radar in Palawan

Asia | Navy | War Risk

U.S. and Philippine Marines recently installed coastal surveillance radar on a Palawan beach facing the South China Sea. This deployment was part of a maritime strike targeting drill conducted earlier this month, enhancing regional security capabilities. Marines with Marine Rotational Force-Southeast Asia practiced deploying a Ground Based Maritime Systems-Light system.

Source: usni.org ->

Northern Sea Route Cargo Volumes Exceed 40 Million Tonnes

Europe | Markets | Ports

Cargo volumes along Russia's Northern Sea Route have surpassed 40 million tonnes for the first time, establishing a new record for the Arctic shipping corridor. Despite this growth, the total volumes remain significantly below President Vladimir Putin's long-term ambitious targets for the route. This milestone marks continued growth in Russian Arctic shipping.

Source: gcaptain.com ->

Fake Iran Tanker Raises Hormuz Traffic Obfuscation Concerns

Middle East | War Risk | Regulation

An Iranian oil tanker, lacking a verifiable track record, reportedly signaled its passage through a U.S. blockade outside the Strait of Hormuz. This unusual trajectory raises new questions about obfuscation tactics and the challenges analysts face in accurately tracking vessel movements in the sensitive area. The incident highlights uncertainty around Hormuz traffic.

Source: gcaptain.com ->

BIMCO Proposal for ISO Shipbuilding Emissions Methodology Advances

Global | Shipbuilding | Environment | Regulation

A BIMCO-initiated proposal for an ISO Technical Specification to standardize the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions from shipbuilding has entered the ISO process. This initiative aims to establish a common methodology for measuring and reporting emissions in the shipbuilding industry. Experts are invited to help shape it through their national standards body.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Hong Kong Develops Green Marine Fuel Trading Platform

Asia | Environment | Ports | Markets

Hong Kong has established an industry group to develop a green marine fuel trading platform and explore a transaction-based price index. The government anticipates a tax-break bill for physical fuel trades to pass on November 25, supporting the initiative. This move aims to advance Hong Kong's position in green maritime initiatives.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

US Firm and SHI Partner for Nuclear-Powered LNG Carrier

Asia | Americas | Shipbuilding | Environment

US nuclear technology firm Tesser Atomics has partnered with South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries (SHI) to develop a nuclear-powered LNG carrier. The collaboration aims to combine SHI's vessel design expertise with Tesser Atomics' nuclear reactor technology for transatlantic voyages. This partnership represents a significant step towards advanced propulsion systems.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Hanwha Ocean Secures Tanker Order at Post-2008 Peak Price

Asia | Shipbuilding | Markets

Hanwha Ocean has secured a $272 million order for two very large crude carriers (VLCCs), with each vessel priced at $136 million. This represents the highest price for such an order since the 2008 global financial crisis, reflecting a booming VLCC market driven by strong demand. The VLCC market has seen strong demand for both new and used vessels.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Middle East Chokepoint Oil Flows Increased in Q3 2026

Middle East | Markets

Collective oil shipments through key Middle East chokepoints, including the Strait of Hormuz and Suez Canal, increased by 19% in the third quarter of 2026. While flows through Hormuz and Suez rose, those through the Bab el-Mandeb experienced a decrease compared to the second quarter. This data comes from the Global Energy Security Data report.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

U.S. Treasury Warns Singapore, Malaysia on Iran Sanctions

Asia | Americas | Regulation | War Risk

U.S. Treasury officials have issued warnings to the governments of Singapore and Malaysia regarding potential risks associated with non-compliance with U.S. sanctions against Iran. The warning underscores the importance of adhering to international sanctions regimes to avoid penalties. This action highlights ongoing efforts to enforce sanctions globally.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Costa Concordia Master Released After Nine Years in Prison

[CREW ALERT] Europe | Casualties | Crew Welfare | Regulation

Francesco Schettino, the former master of the ill-fated cruise ship Costa Concordia, has been released from Rome's Rebibbia prison. His release follows nine years of incarceration related to the 2012 shipwreck. Schettino was convicted for his role in the disaster that claimed 32 lives.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Precious Shipping Secures Year-Long Ultramax Charter

Asia | Markets

Thailand's Precious Shipping has secured an index-linked ultramax charter for its vessel Sarita Naree with Singapore's PACC Line. The 11-to-13-month charter commenced on November 22, with a current equivalent rate of approximately $23,700 per day. This deal reflects continued activity in the dry bulk market.

Source: splash247.com ->

Shipping Corp of India Plans $3.2B Fleet Expansion

Asia | Shipbuilding | Markets

State-owned Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is moving forward with a $3.2 billion fleet expansion, issuing tenders for up to 22 newbuildings. The planned acquisitions span gas carrier, tanker, and container segments, alongside efforts to procure secondhand tonnage. This ambitious plan aims to significantly boost SCI's operational capacity.

Source: splash247.com ->

ExxonMobil Approves $4B Angola Offshore Redevelopment

Africa | Markets

ExxonMobil and its partners have made a final investment decision of approximately $4 billion to redevelop the Kizomba A and B fields offshore Angola. This decision, formalized on November 19, completes the approvals for the Block 15 Life Extension Project and coincides with a new hydrocarbon discovery in the same block. The investment aims to maximize resource recovery.

Source: splash247.com ->

Navy Wants New U.S. Frigate Shipyard Paid for by Foreign Shipbuilder

Americas | Navy | Shipbuilding

The U.S. Navy is seeking a new foreign-owned shipyard in the United States dedicated to building small surface combatants. The Navy's nominee for its number two civilian position indicated support for this approach, arguing it is necessary to expand domestic shipbuilding capacity. This strategy aims to leverage foreign investment for U.S. naval construction.

Source: usni.org ->

Bangladesh Garment Makers Use Airfreight Amid Production Disruptions

[CREW ALERT] Asia | Markets | Crew Welfare

Bangladeshi garment exporters are resorting to expensive airfreight to meet delivery deadlines after weeks of labor unrest impacted production. The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association reported that buyers have shifted confirmed orders worth $254 million to other countries. Production losses are estimated at $428 million in free-on-board value.

Source: theloadstar.com ->

Shipping Faces Increased Regulation if MEPC 85 Fails

Global | Regulation | Environment

The shipping industry could face additional regulatory burdens, higher freight costs, and prolonged uncertainty if governments do not agree on meaningful economic measures at the upcoming IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (MEPC 85). Experts warn of potential consequences if the summit, scheduled from November 30 to December 4, fails to deliver. This could impact decarbonization efforts.

Source: theloadstar.com ->