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EVENING INTELLIGENCE CLIPPINGS

Middle East Tensions Escalate: Oil Prices Rise Amid Increased Attacks in Strait of Hormuz

Middle East | Global | War Risk | Markets

Oil prices, including WTI, saw a significant rise on Friday, extending their weekly recovery. This surge is attributed to renewed attacks on Saudi energy infrastructure and commercial shipping in and around the Strait of Hormuz, intensifying concerns over potential disruptions to regional crude supplies. The Joint Maritime Information Center (JMIC) reports that 17 tankers have been struck in the Strait of Hormuz this month, with Iran reportedly expanding its campaign to include tugboats.

Eagle Read: The escalating maritime incidents in the Strait of Hormuz pose a critical threat to global energy markets and underscore the volatile security landscape in the Middle East.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Jordanian Seafarer Confirmed Dead Following Attack on ADNOC L&S Vessel in Strait of Hormuz

[CREW ALERT] Middle East | Casualties | Crew Welfare | War Risk

ADNOC Logistics & Services has confirmed the death of a Jordanian crew member who was previously unaccounted for after an attack on one of its vessels in the Strait of Hormuz on November 17, 2026. The UAE Coast Guard located the seafarer's body near Ras Al Khaimah on November 25. Nine of the eleven injured crew members have been discharged, while two remain hospitalized for medical care.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Iran Claims Two Tankers Hit Sea Mines Near Oman, Raising Regional Tensions

Middle East | War Risk

Iran's Revolutionary Guards stated on Thursday that two tankers exploded and caught fire after striking sea mines north of Oman's Khasab port. They claimed the vessels were attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz via an unauthorized route. While Iran attributes the explosions to sea mines, other maritime security agencies have reported incidents involving unidentified projectiles in the region, without confirming mine strikes.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Seafarer Seriously Injured in Hormuz Tanker Attack on Hong Kong-Flagged Kun Peng

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A seafarer sustained serious injuries after the Hong Kong-flagged tanker Kun Peng was struck by an unknown projectile during its outbound transit in the Strait of Hormuz on November 26. The attack caused an engine room fire onboard the 2005-built chemical/products tanker, which has since been extinguished. The extent of the vessel's damage and its current movements remain unconfirmed.

Source: seatrade-maritime.com ->

Ukraine Moves to De-escalate Tensions with Libya Following Benghazi Port Attack

Europe | Africa | War Risk

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha announced efforts to calm tensions with Libya after a Ukrainian action against Russian ships in Benghazi port. Sybiha clarified that Kyiv's operation was directed solely at Moscow's military assets and not at Libya itself. This statement aims to reassure Libya and prevent further diplomatic strain.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Russia Attacks Two Foreign Grain Vessels Near Ukraine's Odesa, Raising Black Sea Security Concerns

[CREW ALERT] Europe | War Risk | Markets

Russian forces attacked two foreign cargo ships carrying over 100,000 tonnes of grain near Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odesa overnight. Ukrainian Prime Minister Sergiy Koretskyi confirmed the attacks, which highlight the ongoing threats to commercial shipping in the region. These incidents further exacerbate concerns about global grain supply chains and maritime safety in the Black Sea.

Eagle Read: Continued Russian aggression against civilian grain vessels in the Black Sea directly threatens global food security and demands urgent international attention to protect vital shipping lanes.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Panama-Flagged Containership Sinks Off Cuba, Leaving One Dead and Three Missing

[CREW ALERT] Americas | Casualties | Crew Welfare

A Panama-flagged containership, the Halima, sank off Cuba's northwestern coast on November 26, resulting in one confirmed fatality and three crew members still missing. Twelve seafarers were rescued from the 1997-built vessel, which was carrying 208 containers. Cuban authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the sinking and are coordinating search and rescue efforts.

Eagle Read: The sinking of the Halima highlights persistent maritime safety risks, particularly for older vessels, and underscores the critical need for robust search and rescue capabilities.

Source: splash247.com ->

Diesel Tanker Capsizes Off Ibiza, Killing Crew Member and Prompting Pollution Response

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

A Maltese-flagged diesel tanker, the Med Emre, capsized and partially sank off the Spanish island of Ibiza on November 26, leading to the death of one crew member. All 17 crew members were rescued, with six treated for minor injuries, primarily hypothermia. Spanish authorities have activated a national maritime pollution contingency plan amid concerns over a potential spill of the estimated 7,000 tonnes of diesel onboard.

Eagle Read: This incident underscores the dual risks of maritime accidents: immediate loss of life and the long-term environmental devastation from hazardous cargo spills in vulnerable ecosystems.

Source: aljazeera.com ->

Former Filo Jet Crewmember Arrested in Northern Cyprus Over Alleged Hull Fracture Photos

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

Authorities in Northern Cyprus have arrested a former crewmember of the high-speed catamaran ferry Filo Jet as part of the ongoing investigation into its fatal capsize on August 30. The individual, identified as S.S., was detained at Famagusta port and is being investigated for allegedly photographing a hull fracture in June and sending the images to the ferry's second officer, months before the incident. Investigators plan to examine his phone for evidence.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Philippine Forces Conduct Drills to Secure Luzon Strait with Warships and BrahMos Missiles

Asia | Navy | War Risk

Philippine forces are conducting annual territorial defense exercises this month, focusing on securing the strategically vital Luzon Strait. The drills involve the deployment of warships and a BrahMos missile battery for maritime strike operations. These exercises aim to bolster Taipei's maritime strike capabilities and enhance regional security.

Eagle Read: The Philippines' enhanced military exercises in the Luzon Strait signal a growing commitment to maritime defense and regional stability amidst increasing geopolitical tensions.

Source: news.usni.org ->

Taiwan Navy Receives Final Tuo Chiang-class Missile Corvettes, Completing Indigenous Program

Asia | Navy | Shipbuilding

The Taiwanese Navy has taken delivery of its 12th and final Tuo Chiang-class missile corvette, the ROCS Pao Chiang (PGG-632), completing an indigenous shipbuilding program initiated a decade ago. This delivery significantly bolsters Taipei's maritime strike capabilities. All 12 vessels are expected to enter service by the end of 2026 and will be assigned to the Navy's 131st Fleet.

Source: news.usni.org ->

Photos Reveal Stern Block of Japan's Second ASEV Missile Defense Ship

Asia | Navy | Shipbuilding

New photographs from JMU's Isogo shipyard in Yokohama show a large hull block believed to be the stern section of Japan's second Aegis System Equipped Vessel (ASEV) missile defense ship. This development indicates continued progress in Japan's naval modernization efforts. The ASEV program is crucial for enhancing Japan's ballistic missile defense capabilities.

Source: navalnews.com ->

White House Lists Ford-class Redesign and Battleship Funds for CR Anomaly Funding

Americas | Navy | Shipbuilding | Regulation

The Trump administration has submitted a request to Congress for anomaly funding in the next continuing resolution (CR) to support several major shipbuilding programs. This includes funds for a redesign of the Ford-class aircraft carrier and the development of a 'Trump-class' battleship. The request highlights the administration's priorities for naval modernization and expansion.

Source: news.usni.org ->

UK Port Congestion and Empty Container Restrictions Drive Up Freight Rates

Europe | Ports | Markets

Congestion across the UK container logistics network is intensifying, leading to tighter effective vessel and equipment capacity. This situation is exerting upward pressure on freight prices as carriers grapple with import backlogs, schedule disruptions, and restrictions on returning empty containers. The ongoing challenges are impacting the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of maritime trade in the region.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Guangdong Plans World-Class Port Cluster in Greater Bay Area by 2030

Asia | Ports | Regulation

Guangdong province has unveiled an ambitious plan to establish a world-class port cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by 2030. The initiative aims to significantly enhance the region's annual cargo handling capacity to 2.4 billion metric tons and container throughput to 90 million TEUs. This strategic development will strengthen Guangzhou and Shenzhen Ports as global shipping hubs.

Source: seatrade-maritime.com ->

India Approves Second Container Terminal at Kamarajar Port with Significant Investment

Asia | Ports | Regulation

India's Cabinet has approved the development of a second container terminal at Kamarajar Port in Tamil Nadu. The project involves an investment of INR 42.88 billion (US$463 million) and will be executed under a public-private partnership (PPP) model. This expansion aims to boost the port's capacity and enhance maritime trade infrastructure in the region.

Source: worldcargonews.com ->

Qingdao Port to Upgrade Four Berths, Boosting Annual Handling Capacity to 4 Million TEU

Asia | Ports

Qingdao Port has announced plans to upgrade four berths in the southern part of its Qianwan port area. This modernization project is expected to increase the area's annual handling capacity from 2.6 million to 4 million TEU. The upgrade aims to enhance operational efficiency and accommodate larger volumes of container traffic.

Source: worldcargonews.com ->

JNPA Awards ?76.92 Crore Shore Power Contract for Gateway Terminals India

Asia | Ports | Environment | Regulation

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has awarded a ?76.92 crore contract to Navi Mumbai-based Leena Powertech Engineers for the implementation of a Shore Power Supply (SPS) project at Gateway Terminals India (GTI). This initiative marks the first phase of JNPA's program to provide electricity to berthed ships, allowing them to switch off diesel generators and reduce emissions. The project aligns with India's Green Ports concept and Maritime India Vision 2030.

Source: maritimegateway.com ->

Bremen and Uruguay Sign Declaration of Intent to Deepen Port Cooperation

Europe | Americas | Ports | Regulation

The Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and Uruguay's National Port Administration signed a joint Declaration of Intent in Montevideo on November 21, 2026. This agreement aims to foster cooperation in port management, logistics, and maritime trade, focusing on areas like shore-side power, energy supply, modernization, and digitalization. The partnership seeks to strengthen institutional ties and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

Source: container-news.com ->

Odisha Outlines Ambitious Maritime Development Roadmap for New Port, Shipbuilding, and Green Fuel

Asia | Ports | Shipbuilding | Environment

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has presented a comprehensive maritime development roadmap, including plans for a new port at the Bahuda estuary in Ganjam. The agenda also features the establishment of a shipbuilding and repair cluster at the Mahanadi estuary and a green hydrogen/ammonia fuel berth. This strategic initiative aims to boost the state's maritime infrastructure and promote sustainable shipping practices.

Source: maritimegateway.com ->

US-Led Consortium Acquires Lukoil International Assets in $10 Billion Deal

Global | Markets | Regulation

A US-led consortium, spearheaded by billionaire Todd Boehly's investment firm Eldridge, has finalized a $10 billion share-swap agreement to acquire the international assets of sanctioned Russian oil major Lukoil. The deal involves securities and includes the US International Development Finance Corporation. This acquisition marks a significant shift in ownership for Lukoil's global holdings.

Source: splash247.com ->

X-Press Feeders Launches New Central China Java X-Press Service Connecting China and Indonesia

Asia | Markets

X-Press Feeders is set to launch a new fixed-day weekly service, the Central China Java X-Press (CCJX), commencing operations on December 1. This new route will directly connect Central China with Indonesia, following a rotation of Shanghai - Ningbo - Jakarta - Surabaya - Shanghai. The service aims to enhance connectivity and trade efficiency between these key Asian markets.

Source: container-news.com ->