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EVENING INTELLIGENCE CLIPPINGS

Russian Military Convoy Reverses Course After Ukraine Sinks Warship in Libya

[CREW ALERT] Europe | Africa | War Risk | Navy

A Russian military convoy, including three cargo ships escorted by the frigate Golovko, reversed course in the Mediterranean after Ukrainian sea drones sank the Russian corvette Merkury at the Libyan port of Benghazi on November 22. The convoy, which departed Kaliningrad on November 5 and was last tracked near Algeria on November 25, was reportedly transporting military vehicles. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed the operation, which also targeted the Russian cargo ship MV Angara, accused of carrying weapons.

Eagle Read: This incident demonstrates Ukraine's expanding operational reach and Russia's vulnerability in distant maritime theaters, potentially impacting global military logistics and regional stability.

Source: marineinsight.com ->

US Military Disables Bulk Carrier Attempting to Breach Iran Blockade

[CREW ALERT] Middle East | War Risk | Regulation

The US military disabled the Palau-flagged bulk carrier Pacific Archer in the Gulf of Oman on November 26 after it attempted to breach an American blockade of Iranian ports. US Central Command (CENTCOM) stated that precision munitions struck the vessel's stern, disabling its propulsion, though the civilian crew was unharmed. The ship reportedly departed from Bandar Abbas, Iran, and ignored multiple warnings.

Eagle Read: The continued enforcement of the Iran blockade, including disabling commercial vessels, escalates tensions in a critical shipping lane and poses direct risks to merchant shipping operations.

Source: marineinsight.com ->

Russia Attacks Grain Ships Near Odesa, Threatening Black Sea Corridor Recovery

[CREW ALERT] Europe | War Risk | Markets

Russian forces attacked two foreign civilian vessels carrying over 100,000 metric tons of grain near Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odesa overnight between November 25 and 26. Ukrainian Prime Minister Sergii Koretskyi confirmed the strikes, which reportedly hit the bulk carriers Gladiator and Virtuous Striker, managed by a Greek firm. While no seafarers were reported injured, the incident clouds the recovery of Ukraine's vital grain export corridor, which has seen shipments severely disrupted since July.

Eagle Read: Targeted attacks on civilian grain vessels in the Black Sea directly undermine global food security and exacerbate war risk premiums, making critical trade routes increasingly perilous.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Russia Commissions First Submarine Armed with Zircon Hypersonic Missiles

Global | Europe | Navy | Shipbuilding

Russian President Vladimir Putin commissioned the nuclear-powered submarine Perm on November 27, claiming it is the first in the fleet to be equipped with Zircon hypersonic cruise missiles. During a flag-raising ceremony at the Sevmash shipyard, Putin announced plans to add five more nuclear submarines to the Russian Navy by 2030, including three Yasen-M class vessels. The Perm, a Project 885M Yasen-M class submarine, is designed for global operations and will join Russia's Pacific Fleet.

Eagle Read: The commissioning of the Zircon-armed Perm submarine signifies a significant advancement in Russia's naval capabilities, enhancing its strategic deterrence and projecting power globally.

Source: marineinsight.com ->

Strait of Hormuz Sees Highest Tanker Attacks Since War Began

[CREW ALERT] Middle East | War Risk | Markets

Attacks on tankers around the Strait of Hormuz have reached their highest levels since the conflict began, with 17 vessels struck so far this month. This surge in incidents highlights the escalating risks in the vital waterway. Iran continues to insist the strait will remain closed until its demands are met, while Washington has expanded sanctions on Iran, contributing to heightened regional tensions.

Eagle Read: The unprecedented frequency of tanker attacks in the Strait of Hormuz signals a critical escalation of maritime insecurity, threatening global energy supplies and demanding immediate international attention.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Chinese Military Tests New Taiwan Landing Tactics in Coastal Drills

Asia | Navy | War Risk

China's military is conducting weeks-long amphibious landing drills in the province facing Taiwan, testing innovative methods for troop deployment. Satellite imagery and a research report indicate the drills involve linking civilian vessels to form makeshift floating bridges, showcasing new tactics for potential cross-strait operations.

Source: gcaptain.com ->

Taiwan Navy Receives Last Tuo Chiang-class Missile Corvettes

Asia | Navy | Shipbuilding

The Taiwanese Navy has taken command of its 12th and final Tuo Chiang-class missile corvette, ROCS Bao Jiang (PCG-632), completing an order initiated a decade ago. This delivery by Lungteh Shipbuilding significantly bolsters Taipei's maritime strike capabilities, enhancing its defense against Beijing's expanding naval fleet.

Source: usni.org ->

Funeral Prayers Held for 31 Victims of Egypt Tanker Crash

[CREW ALERT] Africa | Casualties

Funeral prayers were held at Cairo's Al-Azhar Mosque for 31 individuals who lost their lives in Egypt following a collision between a car and a tanker. The incident, which resulted in a significant loss of life, underscores the dangers of road accidents involving heavy vehicles.

Source: aljazeera.com ->

Pacific Environment and City of Yokohama Sign MOU for Zero-Emission Shipping

Asia | Global | Environment | Ports | Regulation

Pacific Environment, an international environmental organization, and the City of Yokohama's Port and Harbor Bureau signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on November 25, 2026. This agreement establishes a framework to accelerate the transition to zero-emission shipping and port decarbonization efforts in Japan, across Asia, and globally. The five-year MOU will foster cooperation in areas including green shipping corridors and clean maritime energy.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Indian Navy Receives Final Project 17A Stealth Frigate INS Vindhyagiri

Asia | Navy | Shipbuilding

GRSE has delivered INS Vindhyagiri, the last of seven Project 17A stealth frigates, to the Indian Navy. All seven ships under the project have been handed over within a 23-month timeframe, significantly enhancing the Indian Navy's capabilities.

Source: marineinsight.com ->

Reclamation Completed for Northern Berths of Singapore's Tuas Port Phase Two

Asia | Ports

Reclamation work for the 23-meter-deep northern berths of Singapore's Tuas Port Phase Two has been completed, allowing PSA Singapore to proceed with terminal construction. This marks a significant milestone in the development of the mega-port, with reclamation continuing on the southern berths of the 21-berth phase.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Rosslare Europort to Undergo ?33m Berth Extension and Shore Power Installation

Europe | Ports | Environment

Rosslare Europort is set for a ?33 million investment to extend its berth and install shore power facilities. The 90.55-meter extension aims to accommodate longer ferries on the Dunkirk route and provide additional space for unaccompanied trailers, with existing ferry services continuing during construction.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Maersk Confirms Order for Twelve 24,000 TEU Containerships

Global | Shipbuilding | Markets

Maersk has confirmed an order for twelve 24,000 TEU containerships, which are expected to be delivered in 2030 and 2031. These vessels will be the largest in the carrier's fleet upon entering service, though the specific shipyard for construction has not yet been disclosed.

Source: container-news.com ->

Wan Hai Lines Orders Over 110,000 New Shipping Containers

Global | Shipbuilding | Markets

Wan Hai Lines has announced a significant order for 110,050 new shipping containers from four different manufacturers, totaling approximately US$326 million. This procurement aims to support the carrier's ongoing business development, reinforce its independent equipment base, and prepare for the delivery of 11 new ships in 2027.

Source: container-news.com ->

Surge in Arrivals Hits Canary Islands as Eight Illegal Migrants Die

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

At least eight illegal migrants were found dead when a boat carrying approximately 100 people was rescued near Spain's Canary Islands on Friday. This tragic incident highlights the severe dangers of irregular migration routes and comes amidst a surge in arrivals that is overwhelming authorities in the region.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Baltic Index Slips on Capesize Dip, but Notches Weekly Gain

Global | Markets

The Baltic Exchange's main sea freight index experienced a slight dip on Friday due to lower rates for larger Capesize vessels. Despite this daily fall of 15 points, or 0.48 percent, to 3,137 points, the index still recorded a weekly gain of 4.6 percent.

Source: bairdmaritime.com ->

Shipping Industry Calls for Pragmatic Global Framework Ahead of IMO MEPC 85

Global | Regulation | Environment

As the International Maritime Organization (IMO) prepares for MEPC 85, the shipping industry has issued a statement urging Member States to bridge differences and converge towards an alternative global framework. The industry emphasizes its preference for a pragmatic approach to the IMO Mid-Term Measures, aiming for effective and unified international regulations.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->

Maritime Professionals Raise Over US$80,000 for Seafarers in Hong Kong Hike

[CREW ALERT] Asia | Crew Welfare

The 10th annual Hong Kong Maritime Week commenced with a significant new fundraiser for seafarer welfare, where nearly 100 shipping professionals participated in an inaugural hike. The event successfully raised over US$80,000, underscoring the industry's commitment to supporting the well-being of seafarers who are crucial to global maritime operations.

Source: hellenicshippingnews.com ->