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# Global Insider

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A foreign tanker attacked by Iran, near Basra, Iraq, March 12. [REUTERS]

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## MARCH 2026 KEY DEVELOPMENTS

In January 2025, the Trump administration launched a sweeping review of U.S. foreign aid, proposing a significant restructuring that includes consolidating key functions within the State Department.

- March 09** ● According to Devex, the U.S. State Department launched a new umbrella platform that, for the first time, demonstrates how it will operationalize funding of global health projects outside of the bilateral health deals it's signing with countries under its new "America First" global health strategy. [[Devex](#)]

## Logenix Crisis Management

When hostilities escalated between the United States, Israel, and Iran on February 28, the impact was immediately felt across the Middle East. Regional air defense systems have intercepted thousands of incoming missiles and drones, while continuing to respond to attacks daily. In the United Arab Emirates alone, air defense forces have intercepted 425 ballistic missiles, 15 cruise missiles, and 1,941 drones to date, underscoring the ongoing disruption across the region.

The UAE, specifically Dubai, serves as a key gateway for global cargo flows. At the start of the conflict, Logenix had several hundred shipments actively transiting through Dubai, many supporting humanitarian, healthcare, and infrastructure programs across developing regions.

Within hours of the first alerts, Logenix activated contingency procedures to ensure both employee safety and cargo continuity. With Fifteen Logenix staff stationed in Dubai operating our 24/7 Control Tower and regional flights paused, multiple contingency evacuation plans had to be formulated to enable our staff to not only evacuate, but to maintain the control tower functions overnight in a safe location, most likely India. Due to Logenix's cloud-based logistics platform, the team will be able to transition operations seamlessly, maintaining full shipment and communication visibility.

### Emergency Alert

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نظرا للأوضاع الراهنة تهديد صاروخي محتمل، يرجى الاحتماء  
نورا في مبنى آمن بعيدا عن النوافذ والأبواب والمناطق المفتوحة  
وانتظر التعليمات الرسمية ( وزارة الداخلية )



Due to current situation, a potential missile threats,  
Seek immediate shelter in the closest secure  
building, and to steer away from windows, doors,  
and open areas. Await for further instructions.  
( MOI )

Currently, our Control Tower team continues to remain fully operational, monitoring shipments and coordinating carriers across the global network.

As the conflict continues to disrupt global supply chains, Logenix will continue to operate decisively, delivering strategic solutions when customers need them most. The events of recent weeks serve as a reminder that resilient logistics networks and the people behind them are critical to keeping global trade moving, even amid significant uncertainty.



# GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE

## OCEAN INSIGHTS

Since the U.S.–Israel conflict with Iran began, Iran has restricted passage through the Strait of Hormuz for vessels linked to the U.S. and its allies, sharply reducing traffic in the region. According to Lloyd’s List Intelligence, only 77 ships transited the strait between March 1–11 compared to 1,229 during the same period last year, a -94% year-over-year decline, highlighting the scale of disruption across global shipping flows.

Sea-Intelligence warns that while the current disruption in the Strait of Hormuz is widely viewed as short-term, a more prolonged impact cannot be ruled out. Drawing parallels to the Red Sea crisis that began in late 2023 and continues to affect global shipping networks today, there is growing concern that similar conditions could develop in the Gulf region. If sustained, this would introduce long-term structural challenges for carriers and put further pressure on global supply chains.

The Drewry World Container Index (WCI) rose 5%, marking its fourth consecutive weekly increase as geopolitical tensions continue to influence market conditions. While the uptick was driven primarily by stronger rates on the Asia-Europe and Transpacific lanes, disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz have tightened fuel supply and increased costs across all lanes.

Over the next five weeks (Weeks 14–18), 38 blank sailings are expected out of 706 scheduled departures, representing a 5% cancellation rate. Cancellations are primarily concentrated on the Transpacific eastbound trade (58%), followed by Asia-Europe/Med (26%). Overall schedule integrity remains relatively stable.

- CMA HAS CHANGED THE ROUTING TO MOZAMBIQUE VIA COLOMBO DUE TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.
- MSC ANNOUNCED GENERAL RATE INCREASE'S ON FREIGHT ALL KIND (FAK) FROM INDIA TO NORTH AFRICA.
- IN AN EFFORT TO EXPAND CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN ASIA AND WEST AFRICA, CMA CGM ADDS TWO NEW SERVICES TO ITS WEST AFRICAN EXPRESS SERVICE.
- ON MARCH 27, CMA CGM IMPLEMENTED PEAK SEASON SURCHARGES FROM CHINA TO WEST AFRICA AS FUEL DISRUPTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST DRIVE COST PRESSURE UPWARD.

## AIR INSIGHTS

- EMIRATES RESUMES OPERATIONS FOLLOWING THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT REOPENING FLIGHTS TO NBO, JNB, AND DAR. THE CARRIER WILL RESUME ADDITIONAL AFRICAN DESTINATION SERVICES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.
- LOT POLISH SUSPENDS ALL SERVICES FROM INDIA TO POLAND.
- IN AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY WITH LATIN AMERICA, AIR CHINA CARGO LAUNCHES ITS LONG-HAUL CARGO ROUTE FROM SHANGHAI (PVG) TO MIAMI (MIA).
- SKYWAY AIRLINES LAUNCHES 6X WEEKLY ALL CARGO ROUTE CONNECTING SHENZHEN (SZX) AND MANILA (MNL).
- QATAR AIRWAYS HAS RESUMED FLIGHT OPERATIONS, THOUGH ROUTES TO AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST REMAIN SUSPENDED.

Global airfreight rates continue to climb with average rates rising +7% WoW. Spot rates also increased +6% WoW driven by Middle East & Asia Pacific markets. Global spot rates are up +26% YoY, with significantly elevated pricing across all major regions.

On a two-week-over-two-week basis, chargeable weight increased +5% worldwide, led by Asia Pacific (+11%), while Africa (-9%) was the only region to record a decrease. Rates also increased by +18%, South Asia (+51%), Asia Pacific (+18%), Europe (+14%) and Africa (+9%) all had notable increases. Capacity went up by +3% 2Wo2W, driven by Asia Pacific (+6%) and Europe (+2%), despite declines from Africa (-3%) and South Asia (-3%).

From a yearly standpoint, chargeable weight declined -6% YoY, led by South Asia (-16%) and Africa (-15%). Rates increased +13% globally YoY, led by South Asia (+57%), Europe (+25%) and Africa (+18%). While capacity fell -6% YoY, with the sharpest reductions in South Asia (-37%) and Africa (-9%).



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# Industry News

## Strait of Hormuz shutdown: How port congestion and schedule chaos are hitting shippers – and what to do about it

*“Since the escalation of conflict in the Middle East on 28 February, the critical Strait of Hormuz has been effectively closed to major container shipping.”*

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## Hapag-Lloyd faces up to US\$50m a week in extra costs as Middle East crisis bites

*“Hapag-Lloyd flags sharp cost increases from Middle East disruptions, driven by higher bunker costs, and a rise in insurance and storage expenses.”*

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## Asia-Middle East Capacity Plummets Despite Cosco Vessels Exiting Hormuz

*“Since the start of the US-Israel-Iran War, Far East-Middle East container shipping capacity has seen the sharpest drop, with shipping lines pulling a quarter of their vessels from this route.”*

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# Thank You

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