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# MARITIME SECURITY

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## ALARM RAISED OVER MULTIPLE ROBBERIES IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT

The ReCAAP ISC has warned of rising sea robbery incidents in the Singapore Strait with three cases reported on 28 February 2025 in the Phillip Channel. Two bulk carriers and a petroleum or chemical tanker were targeted. A total of 21 incidents occurred in January and February 2025 which is a sharp rise from six in the same period in 2024. The ReCAAP ISC urges littoral states to increase patrols, while ships are advised to stay vigilant, follow security guidelines and report incidents immediately.

**Editorial comment:** The surge in sea pirate operations in the Singapore Strait sector has become a critical maritime security concern. Countering these incidents requires emphasis on increased patrols, enhanced cooperation, and stricter monitoring. In order to improve monitoring, discourage illicit activity, and protect ships, regional stakeholders must act promptly.

**Source:** [Here](#) 03 March 2025

## NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT FORMS SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTING MARITIME ACCIDENTS

The Nigerian Government has set up a special committee to prevent boat accidents and improve waterway safety. This move comes in the wake of numerous accidents occurring due to overloading, poor vessel maintenance, and obstructed waterways. Regulatory lapses, especially in remote areas have made enforcement difficult. The committee led by NIWA MD Bola Oyebamiji, includes state officials, maritime safety experts, and boat operators. The committee will review commercial boat operations and find long-term solutions to reduce accidents.

**Editorial comment:** Nigeria's move to establish a special committee on boat safety is a crucial step in addressing the rising rate of maritime accidents. Nigeria ranks second globally in passenger vessel fatalities and this underscoring the urgent need of reforms. Overloading and poor maintenance must be tackled through stricter regulations and enforcement. A coordinated effort among stakeholders will be essential in ensuring safer inland water transport for Nigerians.

**Source:** [Here](#) 06 March 2025



## HOUTHIS VOW TO RESUME ATTACKS ON ISRAELI SHIPS

Yemen's Houthis have announced the resumption of attacks on Israeli-linked ships in the Red Sea, the Arabian sea, the Bab al-Mandab Strait, and the Gulf of Aden. This follows a brief pause after the Gaza ceasefire in January. Since November 2023, the group has launched over 100 attacks. These attacks caused sinking of two vessels, the seizure of another, the killing of least four seafarers and severely disrupting global shipping. The decision comes after Israel blocked aid to Gaza on 2 March, escalating tensions. The US State Department has classified the Houthis as a "foreign terrorist organization," reinstating the classification in January to impose stricter penalties.

**Editorial comment:** The Houthis' decision to resume attacks on Israeli-linked shipping in the Red Sea and surrounding waters threatens to further destabilise an already volatile region. Their past attacks have severely disrupted global trade, forcing longer, costlier shipping routes. With tensions escalating over aid restrictions in Gaza, the renewed aggression risks provoking stronger military responses. The situation underscores the urgent need for diplomatic intervention to prevent further escalation.

Source: [Here](#) 11 March 2025

## ARMED INDIVIDUALS BOARD TANKER IN THE PHILIP CHANNEL

A Panama-flagged tanker was boarded by seven armed individuals in the Philip Channel on 10 March but continued its voyage. The incident occurred six nautical miles east of Kasu, Indonesia. Ambrey advises ships in the Singapore Strait to secure access points and conduct deck patrols.

**Editorial comment:** The boarding of a Panama-flagged tanker in the Philip Channel underscores the persistent security risks in the Singapore Strait. Enhanced patrols and stricter enforcement by littoral states are crucial to deter such incidents and ensure safety in this critical shipping lane.

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## HYBRID WARFARE

ABS has granted Hanwha Systems approval for its SecuAider® in compliance with the IACS UR E27 cyber resilience rules. Cyberattacks on maritime infrastructure are increasing, with critical systems being targeted by state-sponsored groups. Obsolete Operational Technology remains vulnerable, with ransomware attacks often leading to shutdowns. Cyber warfare has become a pivotal aspect of global conflicts, making digital security a top priority for experts.

**Editorial comment:** Cyber threats have morphed into tools for hybrid warfare, which is why maritime cybersecurity cannot be relegated to the back burner. Although the IACS UR E27 standard has been approved, there is a presence of constant vulnerabilities in operational technology. These vulnerabilities require urgent and powerful cyber defense. Maritime cyber resilience does not only mean protecting ships; it also concerns the security of the nation and the stability of the world.

Source: [Here](#) 13 March 2025

# MARITIME FORCES

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## BONGOSAGAR 2025: INDIA, BANGLADESH CONDUCT NAVAL EXERCISE TO STRENGTHENS MARITIME SECURITY, INTEROPERABILITY

Bongosagar 2025, the India-Bangladesh naval exercise and a Coordinated Patrol (*CORPAT*) was conducted in the Bay of Bengal. *INS Ranvir* from the Indian Navy and *BNS Abu Ubaidah* from the Bangladesh Navy participated in advanced drills, including surface firing, tactical manoeuvres, and VBSS operations. The exercise aimed to enhance interoperability, coordination, and maritime security cooperation. These joint efforts align with India's SAGAR policy and reflect the growing cooperation between both navies in countering regional security threats.

**Editorial comment:** The Bongosagar Exercise 2025 reinforces regional maritime security. The exercise showcased interoperability between India and Bangladesh, highlighting their deepening naval ties. As both nations confront shared challenges, engagements like this enhance coordination, trust, and operational synergy. Strengthening such partnerships is crucial for ensuring stability in the Bay of Bengal and advancing India's SAGAR policy.

**Source:** [Here](#) 05 March 2025

## SA NAVY FRIGATE WRAPS TWO-MONTH MARITIME PROTECTION TASKING

*SAS Amatola* (F145) completed a seven-week Operation Corona deployment, boarding 25 vessels and detaining 55 undocumented persons. The mission aimed to protect the maritime borders of South Africa against illegal activities. During the operation, the vessel also diverted to Durban to pay its respects to *INS Tushil* (F70), India's newest guided-missile stealth frigate. The SA Navy, on the other hand, is expected to receive its third multi-mission inshore patrol vessel, *SAS King Adam Kok III* (P1573), in Durban this month.

**Editorial comment:** The successful deployment of *SAS Amatola* underscores South Africa's commitment to maritime security, yet persistent illegal activities highlight the need for sustained enforcement and regional cooperation. The commissioning of *SAS King Adam Kok III* signals progress in bolstering naval capabilities, but operational readiness remains key. The brief visit of *INS Tushil* reflects growing Indo-South African naval ties, reinforcing broader maritime diplomacy in the Indian Ocean.

**Source:** [Here](#) 10 March 2025

## INS-IMPHAL COMPLETES VISIT TO PORT LOUIS FOR MAURITIUS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

*INS Imphal* has completed her visit to Mauritius, fostering maritime cooperation between India and Mauritius. The warship participated in the 57th National Day celebrations, conducted training for the Mauritius National Coast Guard, hosted a medical camp, and participated in diplomatic interactions. A Passage Exercise and EEZ surveillance with MCGS Victory strengthened bilateral

relations. The visit reaffirmed India's role as the 'First Responder and Preferred Security Partner' in the Indian Ocean Region.

**Editorial comment:** Visit of *INS Imphal* to Mauritius highlighted India's deepening maritime links and its commitment to regional safety. Starting with the National Day celebrations, professional exchanges and community outreach were the positive aspects of the deployment, which were instrumental in strengthening bilateral cooperation. The passage exercise and EEZ surveillance with *MCGS Victory* further consolidated operational synergy between the two forces, establishing India as a key security partner in the region.

**Source:** [Here](#) 15 March 2025

## RUSSIA BEGINS NAVAL EXERCISES WITH CHINA AND IRAN IN GULF OF OMAN

Russia, China, and Iran began the Marine Security Belt 2025 naval exercises in the Gulf of Oman. Key agenda items include countering piracy, terrorism, and maritime security. Russia's Pacific Fleet deployed two corvettes and a tanker, while China dispatched a guided-missile destroyer and a supply ship. The drills will focus on joint naval operations under various sea conditions, according to the Pacific Fleet's press service. The exercises, featuring live-fire drills and rescue operations, are being held for the seventh time since 2018. Observers include representatives from Azerbaijan, South Africa, Oman, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Qatar, Iraq, the UAE, and Sri Lanka.

**Editorial comment:** The Marine Security Belt 2025 drill is clear evidence of the ongoing military integration among Russia, China, and Iran. This cooperation raises concerns for Western naval forces operating in the region. Given the rising tensions in global maritime security, the drills can be seen as a response to the presence of the US and its allies in the area.

**Source:** [Here](#) 10 March 2025

## THE US NAVY WANTS A SUBSEA CRAWLER TO DEFEAT SEA MINES

The US Navy is exploring the development of a remotely operated seabed crawler to detect and disable underwater mines. The device must be lightweight (under 150 pounds), autonomously swim two nautical miles, operate at depths of up to 2,000 feet, and carry modular payloads of up to 100 pounds. It requires a low magnetic signature to approach influence-activated mines and must function for at least six hours. While subsea crawlers exist, none meet these specifications. The project, currently open only to US firms, could become classified if successful.

**Editorial comment:** The self-deploying lightweight seabed crawler is part of the US Navy's underwater strategy. It is designed for mine clearance; however, it faces challenges in autonomy, endurance, modularity, and low magnetic signature. No commercial off-the-shelf alternative exists. Developing this crawler poses technological hurdles but enhances underwater warfare capabilities. It also underscores the strategic importance of the seabed domain.

**Source:** [Here](#) 11 March 2025

# SHIPPING, PORTS AND OCEAN ECONOMY

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## INDIA-EU TO TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO MAKE THE IMEC A REALITY

India and the EU are taking concrete steps to advance the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). During the discussion between European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Prime Minister Modi, the Prime Minister emphasised its potential to boost trade, maritime security, and sustainability. Announced at the 2023 G20 Summit, IMEC aims to enhance Asia-Europe connectivity via ship-to-rail networks. India and the EU also plan to strengthen cooperation in green energy and the International Solar Alliance.

**Editorial comment:** India-EU cooperation on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) represents a strategic step in improving global trade links. But, despite the political push, there are obstacles, which can slow down the process. The issues are geopolitical tensions, infrastructure financing, and alignment of national interests. The success of IMEC is possible only if it works at all levels and overcomes regional complexities, especially against the background of the BRI.

Source: [Here](#) 03 March 2025

## JNPA'S GATEWAY TERMINALS INDIA HOSTS NAMING CEREMONY FOR MAERSK'S NEWEST DUAL-FUEL METHANOL VESSEL 'ALBERT MAERSK'

A.P. Moller-Maersk hosted the naming ceremony for its newest methanol-fueled, dual-fuel vessel, *Albert Maersk*, at Gateway Terminals India Pvt Ltd (GTI), a key terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA). This marked the first time a global shipping company held such a ceremony in India, highlighting the nation's growing strategic importance for Maersk in securing alternative fuels for its next-generation fleet.

**Editorial comment:** Maersk's dual-fuel methanol ship naming ceremony, *Albert Maersk*, at JNPA's Gateway Terminals India is to be a milestone in sustainable shipping. Boasting 16,592 TEU capacity, it is counted as a part of Maersk's attempts for net-zero emissions by 2040. The event underscores India's growing part in green maritime initiatives and global decarbonisation attempts.

Source: [Here](#) 03 March 2025

## UNDERSTANDING BILLS OF LADING BILL, WHICH WILL REPLACE COLONIAL-ERA INDIAN BILLS OF LADING ACT

Lok Sabha has passed the Bills of Lading Bill which repeals the colonial era Indian Bills of Lading Act, 1856, to modernize and simplify the shipping documentation. The new law is in line with global standards, leading to the simplification of the processes by reducing litigation and providing clarity to carriers and shippers. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has termed it as a landmark towards making India's shipping sector more efficient and competitive. The Bill reorganizes the provisions, simplifies the legal language and gives authority to the government to make regulations in an effective way supporting India's growing role in world trade and fostering a business-friendly maritime environment.

**Editorial comment:** The bill's goal is to replace the 1856 Act by simplifying the terminology, making it internationally compatible, and adding legal clarity to the shipping industry. It cuts down the possibilities of litigation and the procedures are more comfortable, as a result, the bill strengthens India's position in global trade, which facilitates a more efficient and friendlier business environment in the shipping industry.

**Source:** [Here](#) 12 March 2025

## MORMUGAO PORT ENHANCES OPERATIONS WITH NEW CRANES AND PLANS FOR EXPANDED SHIPPING LINKS

Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) enhanced its service functionalities by introducing brand-new mobile harbor cranes on berths 10 and 11. Delta Ports Mormugao Terminal Pvt Ltd has leased these berths under a 30-year deal. The introduction of these cranes is expected to bring about a remarkable improvement in cargo handling efficiency at the port. On the other hand, MPA's expansion of shipping links is an effort to further assert its place as an important maritime hub by providing stronger line-ups in the future.

**Editorial comment:** The Mormugao Port Authority (MPA) has upgraded its operational capability by acquiring new mobile harbor cranes at berths 10 and 11. These berths have been leased to Delta Ports Mormugao Terminal Pvt Ltd for a period of 30 years. The installation of these cranes is expected to increase the efficiency of cargo handling at the MPA even further. In addition, MPA intends to increase shipping links to strengthen its benefits as a major maritime hub.

**Source:** [Here](#) 12 March 2025

## INDIA'S PLANS FOR MASSIVE TRANSSHIPMENT PORT ON NICOBAR ISLANDS SPARK CONTROVERSY

India's ambitious vision of establishing a major transshipment facility on the Great Nicobar Island has raised concerns about the environment and the indigenous community. According to its plan,



a deep-sea port, airport, and infrastructure will help facilitate trade and strategic positioning in the region. However, critics believe the project would put the delicate ecosystem of the island in jeopardy, particularly in Galathea Bay, which is an important breeding area for giant leatherback turtles. Critics also point out the need to protect the Shompen tribe that is semi-isolated and already faces health and cultural risks as they learn of the plans. Furthermore, experts expressed concern about the sustainability of the proposed population increase from 8,500 to 650,000 by 2050 with questions surrounding community livelihood and biodiversity.

**Editorial comment:** The planned transshipment port on Great Nicobar Island seeks to combine economic development with environmental and social considerations. While it is important to strengthen India's maritime trade, sustainable development must also ensure the protection of biodiversity and Indigenous communities. A carefully planned approach is necessary to be able to achieve positive development without causing permanent damage.

**Source:** [Here](#) 12 March 2025

# MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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## HOW GLOBAL WARMING IS KILLING UNDERWATER FORESTS

Sea ice is receding at an alarming rate of approximately 13% per decade, increasing global sea levels and severely affecting the Arctic. According to a new study recently published in Scientific Reports, it provides detailed information on how climate change is affecting kelp forests, which are critical marine ecosystems. More freshwater runoff is disrupting ocean food chains by shifting salinity, adding heavy metals, and disrupting the entire system of life. Although kelp has a fantastic capacity to absorb carbon, we need to act more aggressively to respond to the disruption that climate change is bringing to the Arctic.

**Editorial comment:** The rapid melting of Arctic Sea ice, driven by climate change, is reshaping marine ecosystems. A new study highlights the threat to kelp forests, which are vital to marine biodiversity and coastal health. Increased freshwater runoff alters salinity, introduces heavy metals, and disrupts ecosystems, affecting marine food chains. While kelp's absorptive capacity offers some benefits, urgent action is needed to mitigate climate-related disruptions in the Arctic.

**Source:** [Here](#) 10 March 2025

## SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED A NEW TYPE OF ENDEMIC FOREST-DWELLING FISH IN KENYA. AND IT MAY ALREADY BE ON ITS WAY OUT

*Nothobranchius sylvaticus* is a new species of killifish that is unique to the woods of Gongoni in Kenya, according to a team of researchers from multiple nations. Through morphological studies

and biomolecular investigations, the species—which is on the verge of extinction—was discovered to be the first killifish to be found in a forest. The lineage of the species is the consequence of divergence from 7.09 million years ago, the research team has concluded. The finding supports a previous study's conclusion that the evolution of *Nothobranchius* in East Africa may have played a significant role in the species' evolution, in addition to tectonic movements. However, since this is still the only area of the 8.2 square-kilometer forest with a secure place to live, it faces an incalculable risk of going extinct, which exacerbates conservation concerns.

**Editorial comment:** The discovery of the new killifish species *Nothobranchius sylvaticus* in Kenya's Gongoni forest highlights the area's significance in ecological studies. It has been proven that the fish diverged from its ancestor approximately 7.09 million years ago, contradicting the previously suggested ancient origin of the forest. However, the species' status as critically endangered due to habitat loss remains the primary reason for the urgent need for conservation measures. This new information sheds more light on the evolutionary history of East Africa.

**Source:** [Here](#) 13 March 2025

## SCIENTISTS DISCOVER DYNAMIC MICROBIAL LIFE IN COASTAL SEDIMENTS

The Bigelow Laboratory researchers have created an unprecedented method of connecting genetic codes to microbial activity, which was used to study marine sediments for the first time ever. The study, reported in *The ISME Journal*, explains that the low-oxygen area of the Maine seabed is capable of hosting a stable community of microorganisms that is resistant to external changes in the environment. By employing single-cell genomics and flow cytometry, researchers have distinguished Chloroflexota as the most active group, despite its low occupancy. The newly established technique not only provides insight into the carbon cycle but is also applicable in those environmental areas where conditions are extraordinary, such as the deep sea and outer space. Further optimization of the method is the next goal of scientists for its future application, and also the research of the abyssal seabed and its possible use during space exploration, for example.

**Editorial comment:** The research at Bigelow Laboratory, when applied to the coastal sediments of Maine, reveals that microbial community is not influenced by its environment. By refining this method to be used not only in environments such as the deep sea and space, but also to extend its applications, researchers are expanding our understanding of microbial diversity and adaptation, which also has implications for industry. Additionally, they hope to discover evidence of life that exists elsewhere on Earth.

**Source:** [Here](#) 14 March 2025

## EUROPEAN OCEAN DAYS

The European Ocean Days 2025, held from March 3 to 7 in Brussels, brought together policymakers, scientists, and stakeholders to discuss pressing maritime issues. Key themes included the sustainable blue economy, fisheries science, and innovative solutions for ocean challenges. Events such as the Youth Policy Dialogue, BlueInvest Day, and Fisheries Science Seminar played pivotal roles in shaping the European Ocean Pact, a framework for cohesive EU ocean policies. The event emphasized collaboration across sectors to address ocean health and foster innovation in marine conservation and economic growth.

**Editorial comment:** The European Ocean Days exemplify the critical need for multi-stakeholder collaboration in addressing marine challenges. By integrating scientific knowledge with actionable

policies like the Ocean Pact, the EU is setting a benchmark for global ocean governance. However, translating these dialogues into tangible outcomes will be key to ensuring long-term ocean sustainability.

Source: [Here](#) 8 March 2024

## PLASTIC BAGS, CUPS, AND OTHER LITTER FOUND AT DEEPEST POINT OF MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Recent findings have revealed significant plastic pollution at the deepest point of the Mediterranean Sea. This highlights the pervasive impact of human activities on marine ecosystems, even in the deepest parts of the ocean. The Mediterranean's vulnerability to pollution is exacerbated by its semi-enclosed nature and heavy maritime traffic.

**Editorial Comment:** The discovery of plastic debris in the deepest parts of the Mediterranean serves as a wake-up call for stronger international cooperation to combat plastic pollution. Implementing policies to reduce single-use plastics and improve waste management is crucial to protect marine life and ecosystems.

Source: [Here](#) 12 March 2025

# GEOPOLITICS

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## INDO-PACIFIC GEOINTELLIGENCE FORUM 2025: SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE FUTURE OF GEOINTELLIGENCE

The Indo-Pacific GeoIntelligence Forum 2025, held on March 3-5 in New Delhi, brought together defence leaders, policymakers, and experts to discuss the future of geospatial intelligence in the Indo-Pacific. The event emphasized emerging technologies like AI, quantum computing, and satellite surveillance to enhance regional security. Discussions focused on the need for sovereign geospatial assets and international collaboration to address maritime security challenges in the region. The forum highlighted the Indo-Pacific's strategic importance in global geopolitics and the role of advanced technologies in shaping defence strategies.

**Editorial Comment:** The forum underscores the critical role of geospatial intelligence in modern maritime geopolitics. As threats evolve, nations must prioritize technological self-reliance while fostering regional cooperation. This event sets a benchmark for integrating cutting-edge innovations into defence frameworks.

Source: [Here](#) 04 March 2025

## FIVE INDO-PACIFIC NATIONS BEGIN EXERCISE SEA DRAGON 25

On March 3, 2025, five Indo-Pacific nations—Australia, Japan, South Korea, the United States, and India—began Exercise Sea Dragon 25. This exercise focuses on anti-submarine warfare

(ASW) tactics and aims to enhance maritime security cooperation among participating nations. It culminates in a final battle problem near Guam, involving tracking a live US Navy submarine.

**Editorial Comment:** Exercise Sea Dragon 25 highlights the importance of multilateral cooperation in enhancing maritime security in the Indo-Pacific. By fostering interoperability among regional navies, this exercise contributes to maintaining stability and deterring potential threats in the region.

**Source:** [Here](#) 06 March 2025

## INDIA ADVANCES IMEC TRADE CORRIDOR WITH KEY UAE DISCUSSIONS

After a series of top-level meetings in Abu Dhabi, the Indian and UAE sides have taken some very substantial steps to promote the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC). The CEO of Abu Dhabi Ports, Mohamed Juma Al Shamisi, had a meeting with the Indian delegation, led by TK Ramachandran, to discuss the unification of trade and logistics. A digital network called MAITRI, which serves as a hub for e-commerce, was given primary attention by India and the United Arab Emirates. The main goal of the initiative for the Middle East, EU, and Asia is the efficient integration of energy and digital infrastructure. The main idea of the initiative is to develop connections for transportation and trade from the Far East to the West, with the Middle East at the centre. The corridor will become more strategic when the transport of cargoes through Israel and Jordan is offered, among other things.

**Editorial comment:** The massive IMEC project of India has made significant progress after productive deliberations held at Abu Dhabi, underscoring its contention for a key player in worldwide commerce. Regrouping MAITRI and VTC will not only make the trade more effective but also enable India-UAE trade to surpass \$85 billion. Through a combination of rail, road, air, and sea connections as well as energy collaboration, IMEC is on the verge of transforming transcontinental commerce, while positioning India as the core in the ongoing reshaping of the global supply chain.

**Source:** [Here](#) 10 March 2025

## INDIA TO INK MOUS WITH MAURITIUS ON MARITIME SECURITY, RESEARCH AS CHINA TAPS MALDIVES, SRI LANKA AGAIN

India and Mauritius are set to sign two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on collaboration in research and maritime security. This move coincides with China's deployment of research vessels in the Indian Ocean Region and its growing presence in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. An agreement for white shipping information sharing was also signed between the Indian Navy and the Mauritius Police Force. These agreements aim to strengthen relations between the countries and increase India's responsibilities in maintaining security in the Indian Ocean Region.

**Editorial comment:** The agreements aim to bolster India's maritime presence and partnerships in the Indian Ocean, countering China's growing influence through infrastructure investments and diplomatic ties with neighboring countries. By strengthening alliances with nations like Mauritius, India seeks to promote regional stability and safeguard its strategic interests.



Source: [Here](#) 09 March 2025

## US TARIFFS, GEOPOLITICS THREATEN \$9 TN SHIPPING INDUSTRY

The global ocean shipping industry, responsible for 80% of world trade, is in a tumultuous situation because of US trade policy, climate changes and various security threats. Companies like Walmart and DHL, at the recent S&P Global TPM Conference, expressed concern over rising costs and freight volatility. US policies, including steep tariffs on everyday imports are rattling already strained supply chains. Meanwhile, ships are forced to face extreme weather conditions while rerouting around the Suez Canal due to security risk. These pressures could continue into 2025, with everyday consumers likely to face the brunt through higher costs.

**Editorial comment:** The global ocean shipping industry is facing increasingly turbulent seas, with geopolitics and climate pitfalls combining to put pressure on supply chains. As US trade policy, through added tariffs and harbour charges, adds to the existing burden, the price of transporting goods will increase. With volatility likely to continue, the maritime industry desperately requires strategic adaptability and multinational collaboration to navigate the challenges.

Source: [Here](#) 04 March 2025