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Hormuz constricting again.

The last closure held a fleet of crude tankers inside the Gulf. Using Carbon Arc's Maritime Data arrival signals, we see who never left, the countries with supply again trapped, and where things stand as the situation devolves.

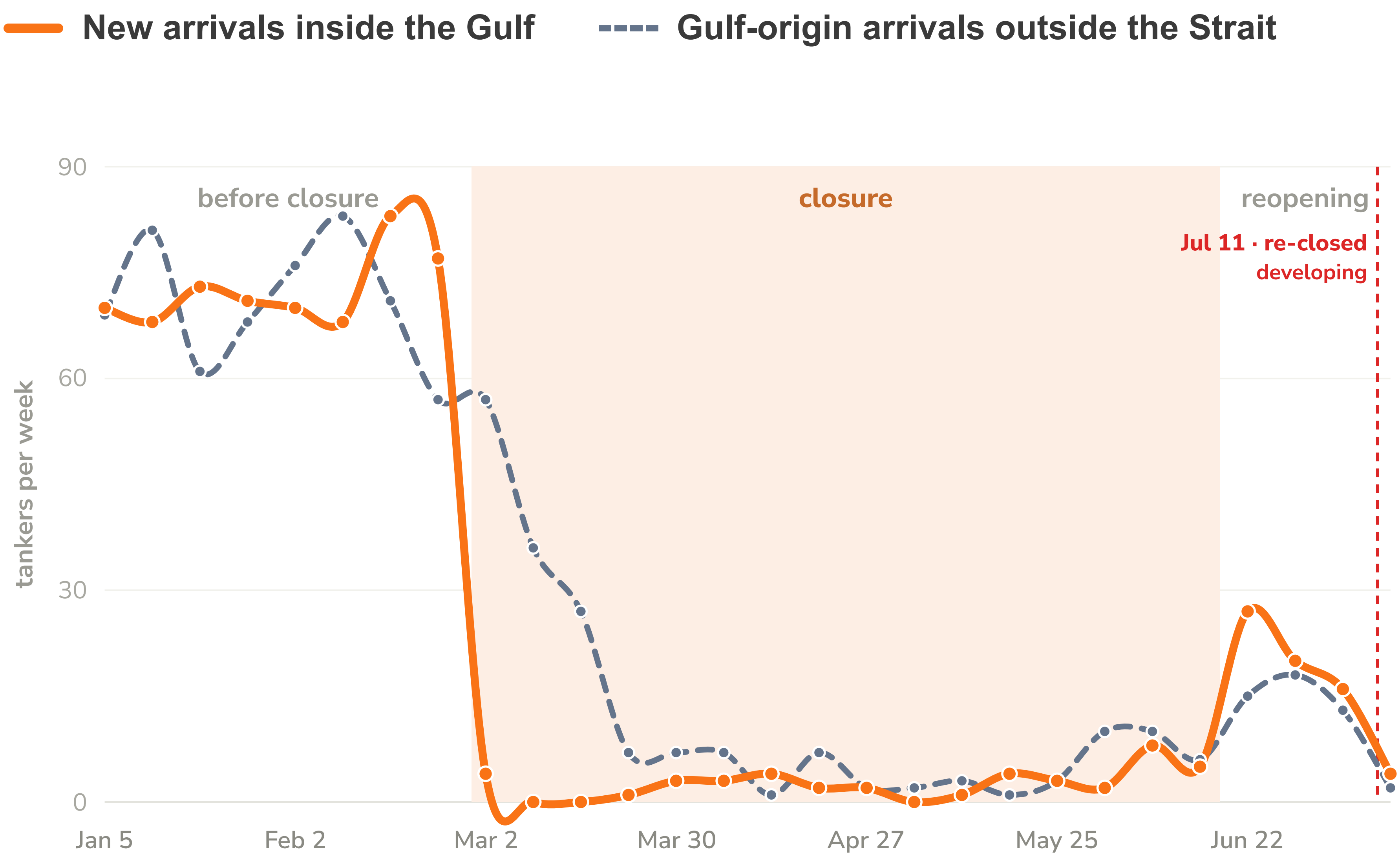
INSIGHT BRIEF · SUPPLY · JULY 2026

FIVE MONTHS, OPENING AND CLOSING

MOVEMENT ACROSS THE CLOSURE AND REOPENING

Tracking arrivals from the February closure through current events.

Weekly Maritime AIS arrival signals. Orange marks new tanker arrivals inside the Gulf; the dashed line marks Gulf-origin tankers arriving outside the Strait.



Weekly data on crude tankers ≥80k DWT (Aframax, Suezmax, VLCC). July 13 is a partial week. The July 11 re-closure is still developing.

THE SITUATION NOW

A fleet trapped since the first closure.

These vessels entered the Gulf before the June 18 MOU and are still inside. A separate, newer group is tracked on the next card.

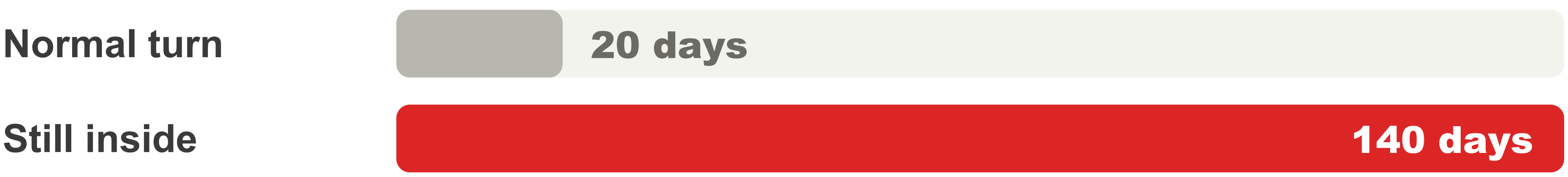
40
confirmed still inside
no exit in 5+ weeks · up to 16 more unresolved

140 days
median time stuck inside
vs ~20-day normal turn

~130
confined abnormally long
across the closure, 115 to 130

2 in 3
of freed tankers ran to Asia
the group that got out before re-closure

DWELL TIME INSIDE THE GULF



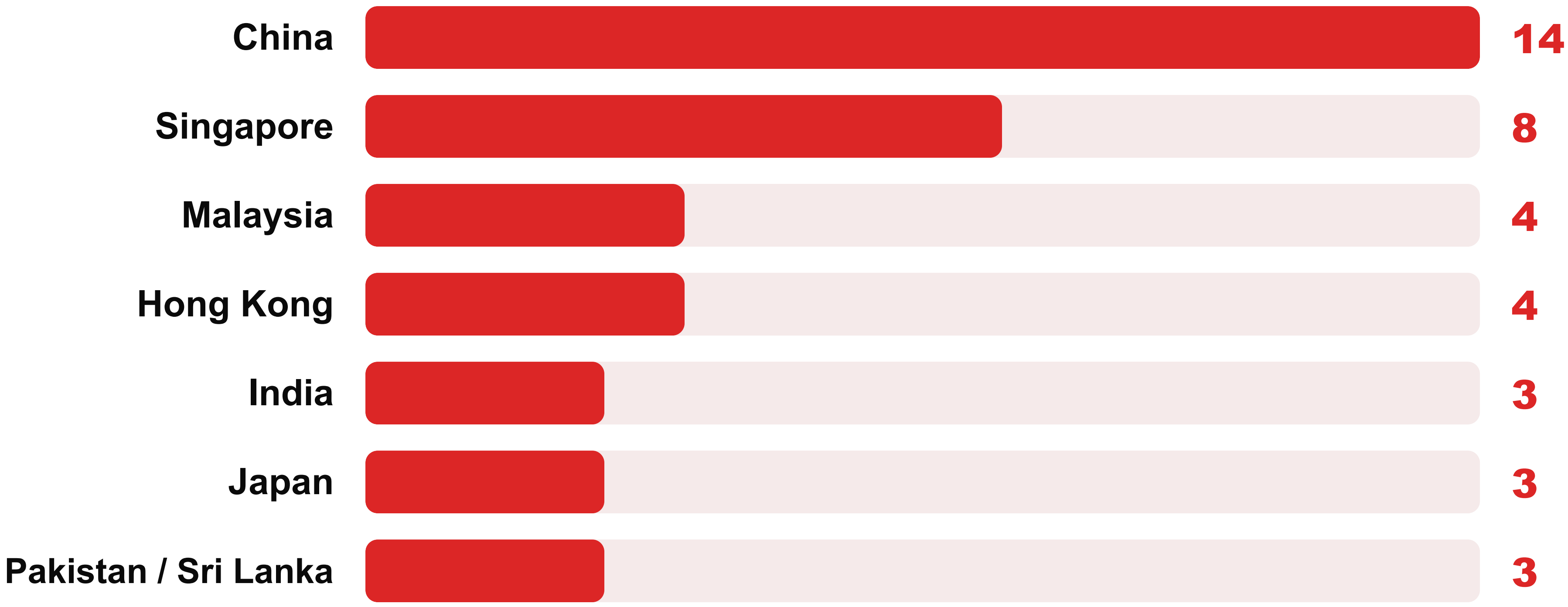
Confirmed-stuck tankers have sat three to seven times longer than a normal turn.

STILL INSIDE AS THE STRAIT RE-CLOSES

Constrained supply exposure by country.

57 crude tankers (80k DWT and up) that entered the Gulf since the June 18 MOU are still inside with no exit on record. These are the destinations their crude was bound for.

39 of 57 are bound for Asia — China most exposed.



SET ASIDE

18 not delivering Gulf crude — 14 whose typical turnaround is an Atlantic load port (Brazil, U.S., Venezuela) and are repositioning to load, plus 4 transit, bunker, or unclear.

Destination is each vessel's typical voyage turnaround, a route prior, not a booked or confirmed discharge. The crude is exposed if the re-closure holds these ships in; a normal turn is ~20 days, so many would be inside now regardless.