



ASIA-PACIFIC · THE BLOCKADE SCENARIO

# A WAR NO ONE CAN WIN

1,611 tanker and bulk-carrier runs a month keep the Asia-Pacific fuelled and fed. A blockade closes the lanes for everyone at once.

## WHY NO ONE WINS

### 01 WON BY ENDURANCE

A blockade is won by whoever outlasts a sea-lane shutdown – and even the victor finishes depleted.

### 02 FORCE CAN'T REOPEN IT

The US can pressure China back, but cannot lift a blockade or resupply across a contested ocean.

### 03 TANKERS CAN'T HIDE

A slow, radar-bright tanker is tracked from port – and missiles reach it from 4,000 km.

#### STRAIT OF HORMUZ

CLOSURE · 2026

- Iran shut the strait, February 2026
- ~20% of world seaborne oil halted
- Transits fell from ~3,000/mo to 191
- Navy sunk in 72h – lane never reopened

#### RED SEA

HOUTHİ BLOCKADE · 2023-25

- 20-nation coalition couldn't reopen it
- Transits down ~50%; ships took the Cape
- \$2M interceptors fired at \$2,000 drones
- A non-state actor closed a major lane

## THIS ISN'T ONE NATION'S PROBLEM – IT'S THE REGION'S

~90%

NE Asia's energy  
is imported

~99%

Taiwan & Japan's oil,  
gas & coal shipped in

1,611/MO

regional runs  
a war stops

1 IN 4

of seaborne oil  
via Malacca

## AND NO NAVY CAN REOPEN THE LANE.

A blockade is won by who endures longest – and no import-dependent economy in Asia can.

## BUILD THE NATIONS. FIND THE PEACE.

Self-reliant in fuel and food; unite the Asia-Pacific – the only move that wins.