

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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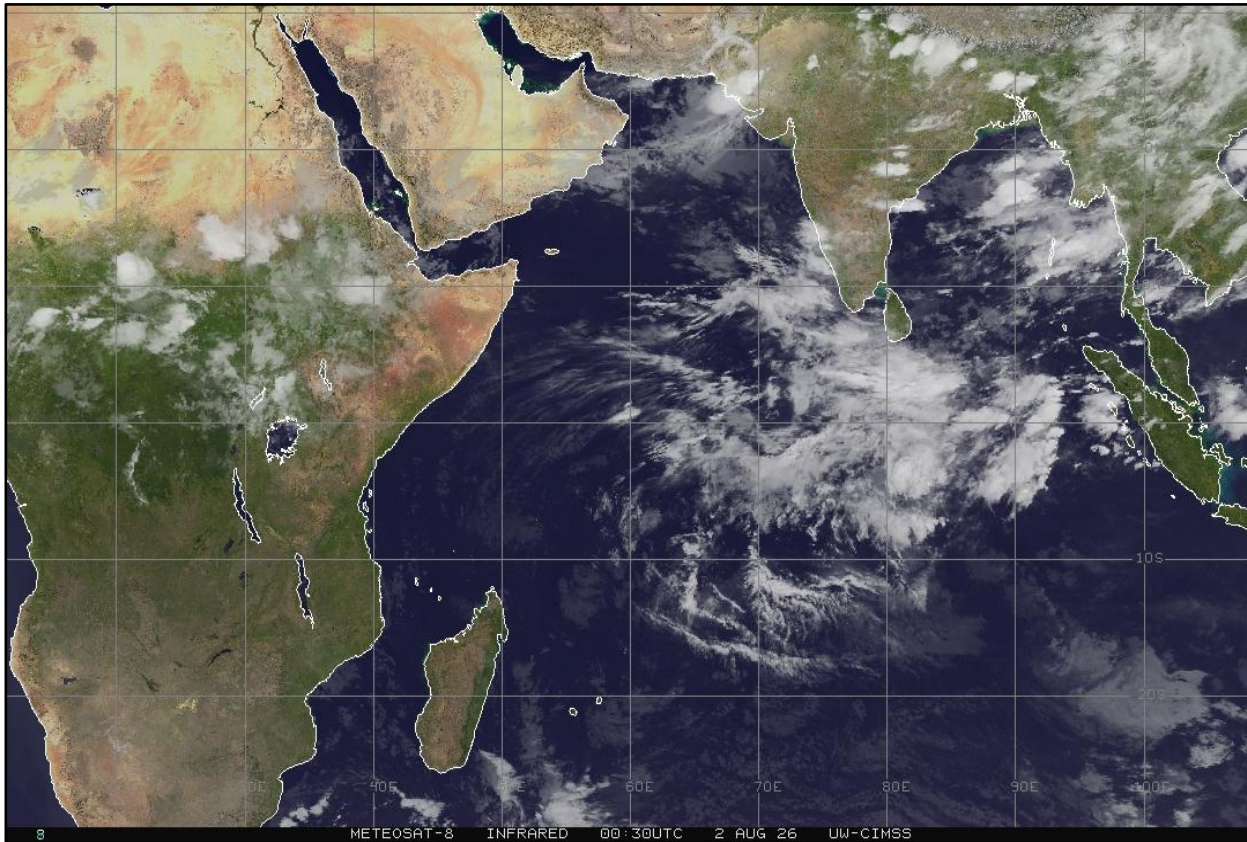
Date 2026.08.02

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WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.08.02/0600UTC to 2026.08.02/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.02

To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard

Shear line is approximately along : EQ 60E, 01N 70E, 06S 80E, 05S 90E, 01S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 50, 55, 70, 75.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 40, 45, 60, 80, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 00.

East of 70E: W'ly to SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 05, 10, 25, 30, 45, 50.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 85; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 65, 70, 80.

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 30.

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 15, 50, 80.

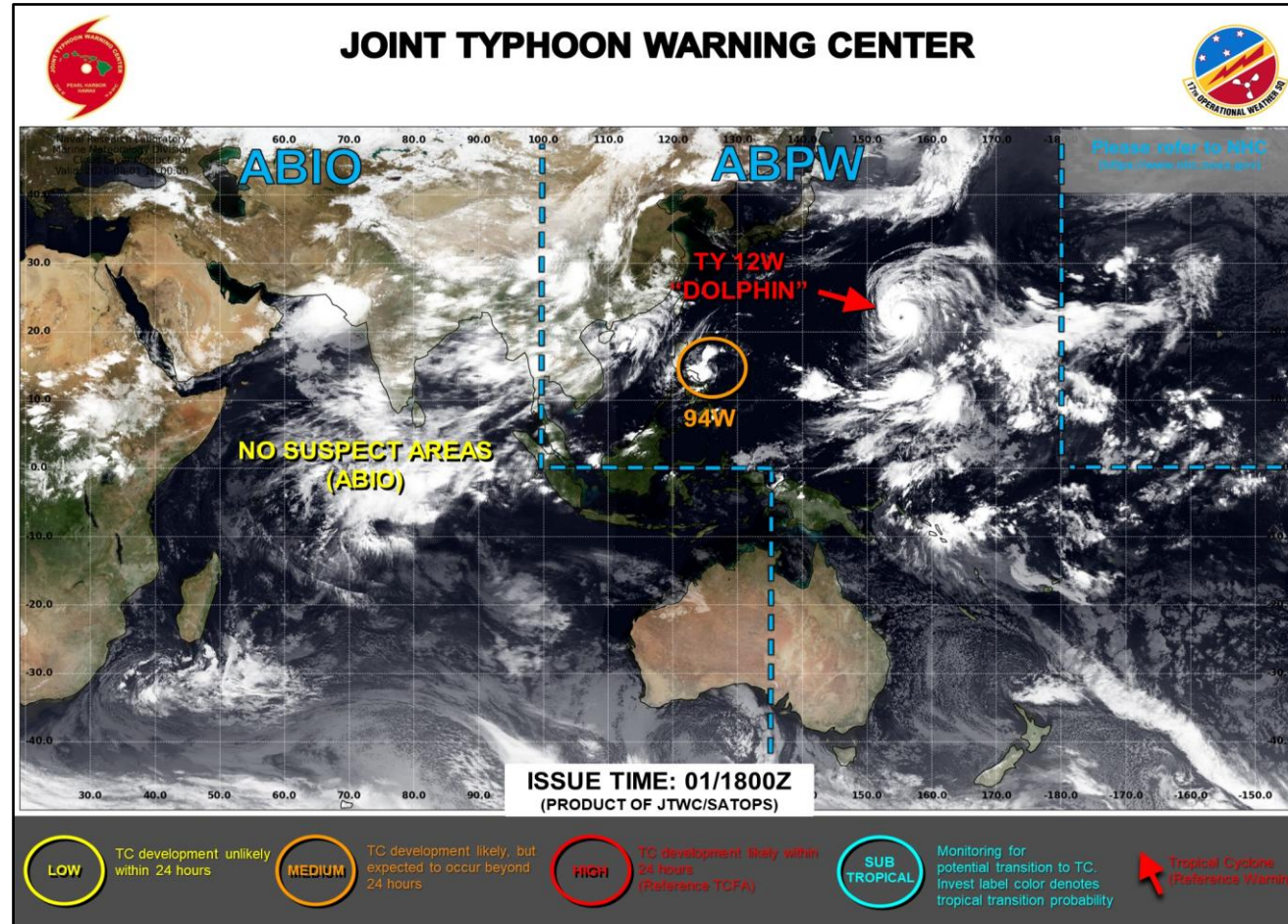
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 45, 60, 65, 85.

Moderate in sections : 35, 40, 70.

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

- Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

CYCLONE

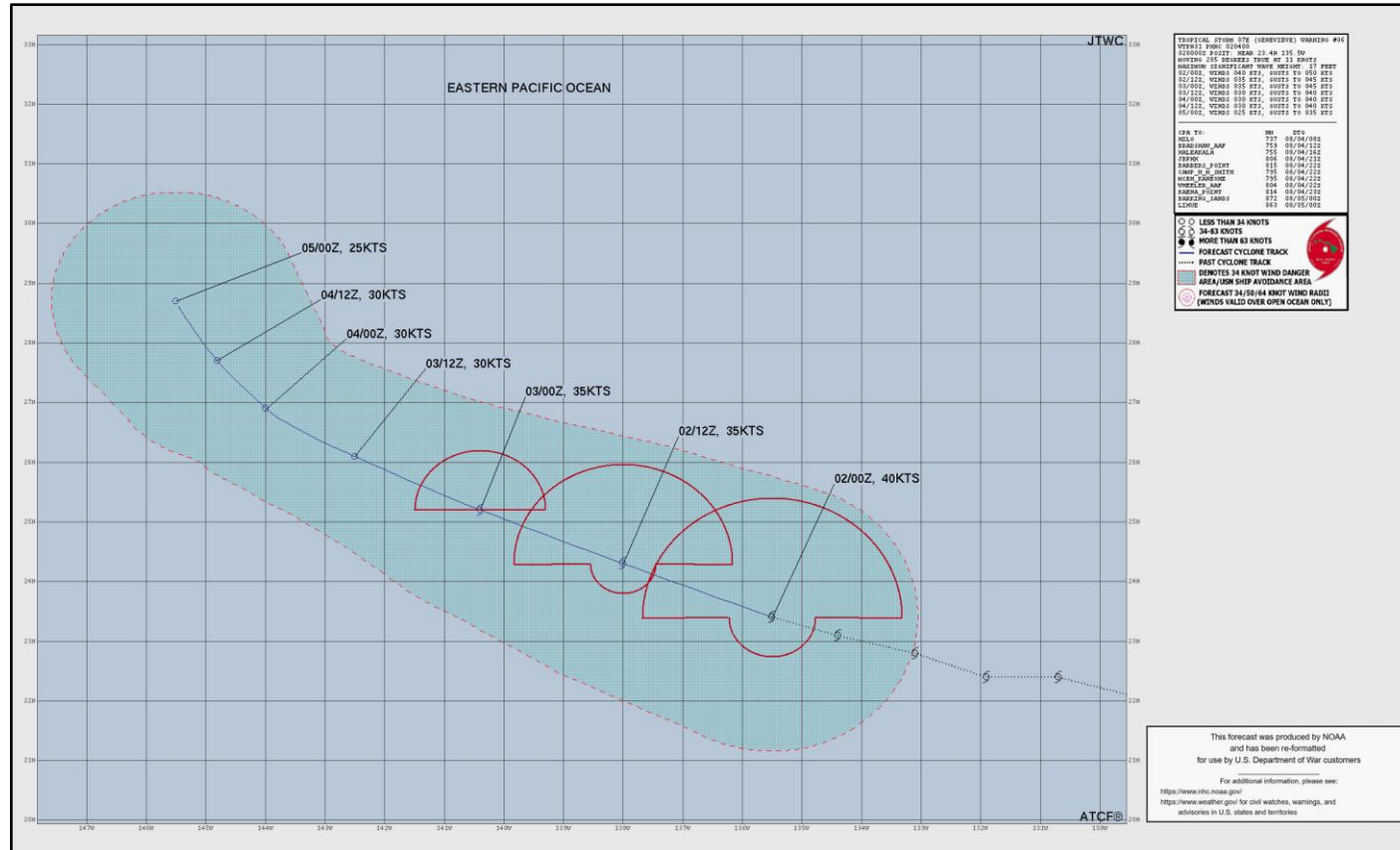


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	04
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	07

MARITIME INCIDENTS



02 Aug/Seven Fishermen Rescued as Boat Capsizes off Tuticorin Coast/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.02	India	off Tuticorin coast	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Officials from the Fisheries Department and the Coastal Security Group (CSG) police are investigating a case related to the misha.

Seven fishermen were rescued by fellow fishers after their boat capsized due to heavy winds off the Tuticorin coast. The vessel, owned by Sugirthan from Tharuvaikulam, sank while they were casting nets between Punnakayal and Tiruchendur. All crew members survived by jumping into the water and clinging to a nearby trawler. Local fishermen on a mechanized boat spotted them and successfully pulled them aboard.



Source -: <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/amp/southern-states/tamil-nadu/seven-fishermen-rescued-as-boat-capsizes-off-thoothukudi-coast-1975934>

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28 Jul/Russian Captain Arrested After Norwegian Cargo Ship Collision Kills Woman and Child Off Sweden/Sweden

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.28	Sweden	Off Sweden	Collisions	Cargo Ship	The VDR will be analyzed for audio recordings and data to clarify events before the collision. Authorities will investigate the ship's navigation bridge, radar settings, electronic charts, and the damaged boat. The pilot of the Misje Verde claims he noticed nothing during the incident, and Ulf Eriksson, acting pilot area manager, noted the pilot's distress over the absence of detected issues

Swedish prosecutors arrested the captain of a Norwegian cargo ship following a collision with a recreational boat off Sweden's west coast that resulted in the deaths of a woman and her daughter near Gothenburg. The ship was en route from Uddevalla to Kragero when the incident occurred. Four people were on the recreational boat, which sank; rescue efforts recovered both the woman's and child's bodies. The vessel, crewed by seven Russian nationals, has been detained for investigation



Source - : <https://www.marineinsight.com/russian-captain-arrested-after-norwegian-cargo-ship-collision-kills-woman-and-child-off-sweden/>

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01 Aug/KM Prince Soya Burns in Samarinda Port/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01	Indonesia	Samarinda Port	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name- KM Prince Soya	In summary, the fire incident was caused by an initial issue in an oil tank. An expert team, along with the police, is investigating the precise cause of the disaster. It has been confirmed that there were no casualties, as the commercial passenger ship was empty and in a reclining state during the accident.

The Samarinda Class I City Hall and Port Authority (KSOP) is managing the implications of the PRINCE SOYA Motor Boat fire, ensuring that maritime passenger transportation remains uninterrupted. Yuliansyah, Head of the Shipping Safety Section, stated that comprehensive measures were implemented to maintain the sailing schedule for thousands of passengers. A replacement ship fleet has been prepared, adhering to eligibility standards, to transport passengers for an upcoming cruise. The emergency fire, detected around 11:02 WITA, prompted swift action from the port guard, leading to coordinated firefighting efforts, including the deployment of a city fire truck to support extinguishing operations.



Source -: <https://voi.id/en/amp/587766/>

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02 Aug/ Ferry Catches Fire /Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.02	Indonesia	Off Madura Island	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name- MUTIARA SENTOSA 2	A search-and-rescue operation is ongoing as authorities attempt to locate missing individuals. Basarnas has dispatched a rescue vessel from Surabaya, which will take approximately six hours to arrive. A rescue boat from a nearby post had to return due to rough seas. Meanwhile, the Indonesian navy has deployed a warship to aid the efforts. The cause of the fire remains undetermined.

At least five people have died and 41 are missing after the MUTIARA SENTOSA 2 ferry caught fire off Madura Island, Indonesia. The incident occurred early 02 Aug 26 morning while the vessel was en route from Surabaya to Makassar, with 271 individuals on board (232 passengers and 39 crew members). The ferry operator reported the fire to search and rescue agencies about an hour later. Communication was established with a nearby cargo vessel, but rescue efforts were hindered due to flammable cargo on that vessel. Footage showed passengers in life jackets awaiting rescue, with some jumping into the sea as flames engulfed the ferry. By Sunday afternoon, rescuers managed to save 225 individuals and recover five bodies, with 41 still missing..



Source -: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/8/2/at-least-five-dead-41-missing-after-ferry-catches-fire-off-indonesia>

SMUGGLING



31 Jul/Bangladesh Coast Guard Seizes 450 Bags of Fertilizer Allegedly Bound for Rakhine/Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.31	Bangladesh	Chattogram	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	No additional information has been provided regarding the individual responsible for arranging the fertilizer shipment, its intended destination in Rakhine, or any potential connections the arrested suspects may have to an organized smuggling network.

On 31 Jul 26 the Bangladesh Coast Guard seized 450 bags of DAP fertilizer, approximately 22.5 metric tons, during an operation in Patenga, Chattogram, arresting 23 individuals involved in the suspected smuggling to Rakhine State, Myanmar. The fertilizer, valued at around Tk 15.75 million, will be handed over for legal action to Patenga Model Police. The Coast Guard expressed commitment to ongoing operations to thwart illegal smuggling activities amid growing concerns over cross-border trade in the region.



Source -: <https://rohingyakhobor.com/bangladesh-coast-guard-seizes-450-bags-of-fertilizer-allegedly-bound-for-rakhine-arrests-23/>

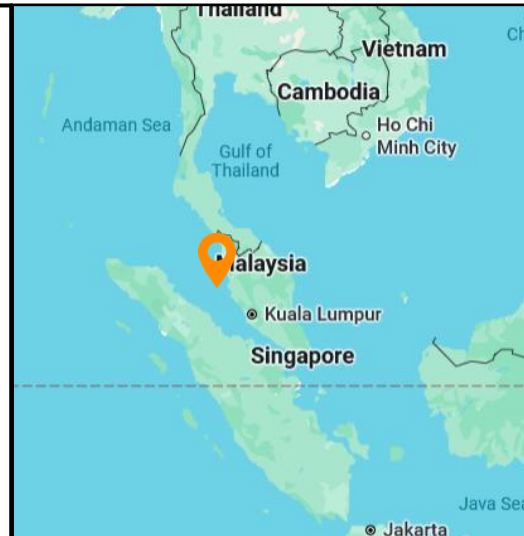
IUU FISHING



31 Aug/Perak MMEA Nabs Vessel Over Illegal Net Size Near Lumut/Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.31	Malaysia	near Lumut	Illegal Methods	-	All seized dragon traps have been transferred to the MMEA for investigation, . The MMEA encourages the public, particularly the maritime community, to report any maritime law violations to emergency numbers for prompt action

The Perak Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) detained a Class B trawler near Pulau Tukun Terindak for allegedly breaching fishing licence conditions. Conducted during routine patrols, the detention involved a vessel operated by a Myanmar skipper and crew. Violations included using nets with less than 38 mm mesh size. Additionally, 31 crab traps valued at RM4,000 were seized following a public complaint during patrols, after officers spotted suspicious buoys. Investigations under the Immigration Act are ongoing.



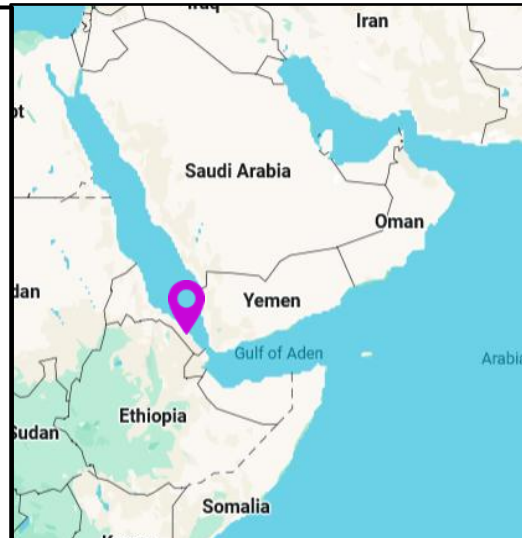
Source -: <https://thesun.my/news/malaysia-news/perak-mmea-vessel-illegal-net-size/>



01 Agu/ Italian Frigate Escorts Merchant Vessel Safely Through Red Sea/ Yeman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01	Finland	Red Sea	Naval Activities	Italian Frigate	

A merchant vessel was escorted through the Red Sea by the Italian frigate Bergamini, as reported by the EU naval mission ASPIDES. The mission did not specify the vessel's identity or details about its ownership and cargo. Recent conflicts, including a naval blockade by Yemen's Houthis and attacks on Saudi ships, have heightened risks for shipping in the area and contributed to rising oil prices.



Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/italian-frigate-escorts-merchant-vessel-safely-through-red-sea/>



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