

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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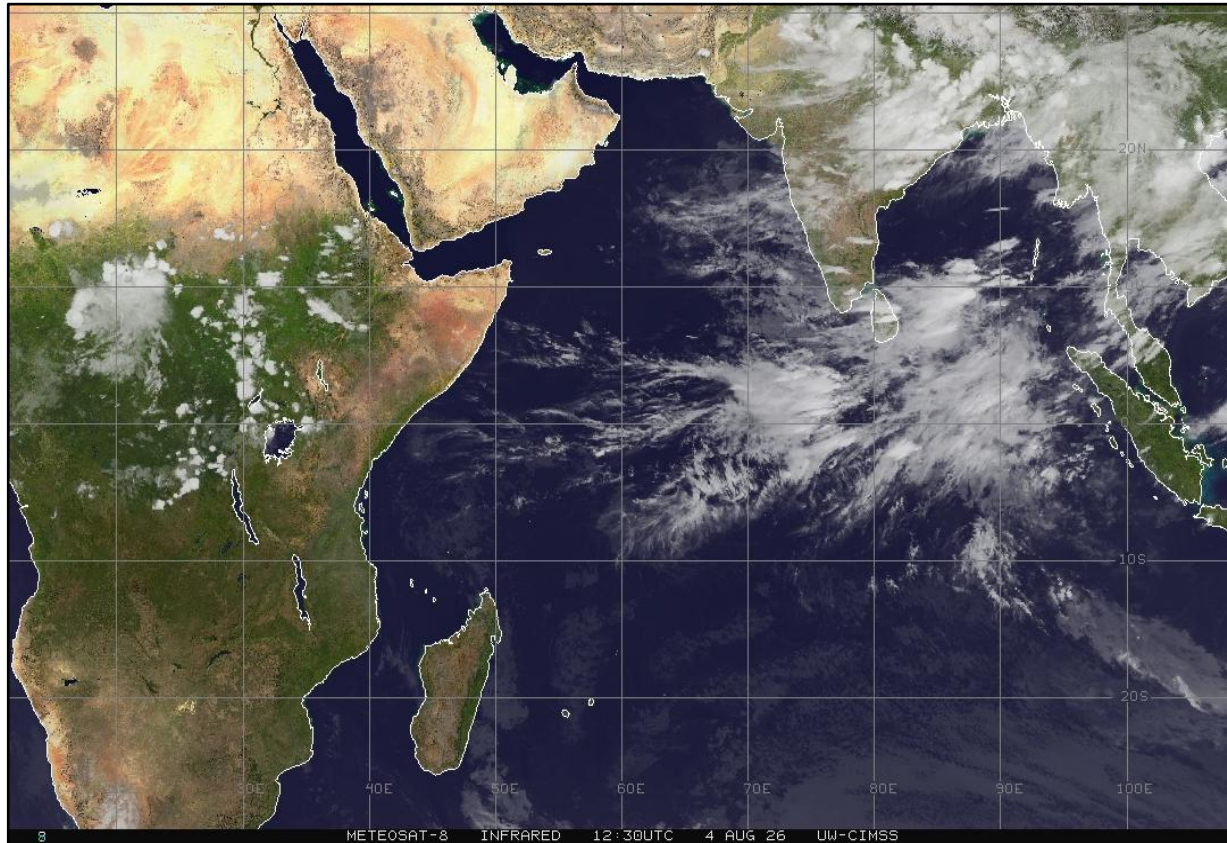
Date 2026.08.04

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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: 2026.08.04/1400UTC to 2026.08.05/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.04

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

Shear line is approximately along : 01N 60E, 01N 70E, 03S 80E, 07S 90E, 01S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 45, 50, 55, 75.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 40, 60, 70.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts.

75E to 80E : NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 05.

80E to 90E : W'ly to SW'ly / (15-25) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 10, 30; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 50.

East of 90E: SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 15, 35; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 55.

South of Shear line:

West of 90E: SE'ly/ (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 80, 85; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65.

East of 90E: Variable/ (10-15) kts.

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 15, 30, 35, 80, 85.

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 50, 55, 60, 65

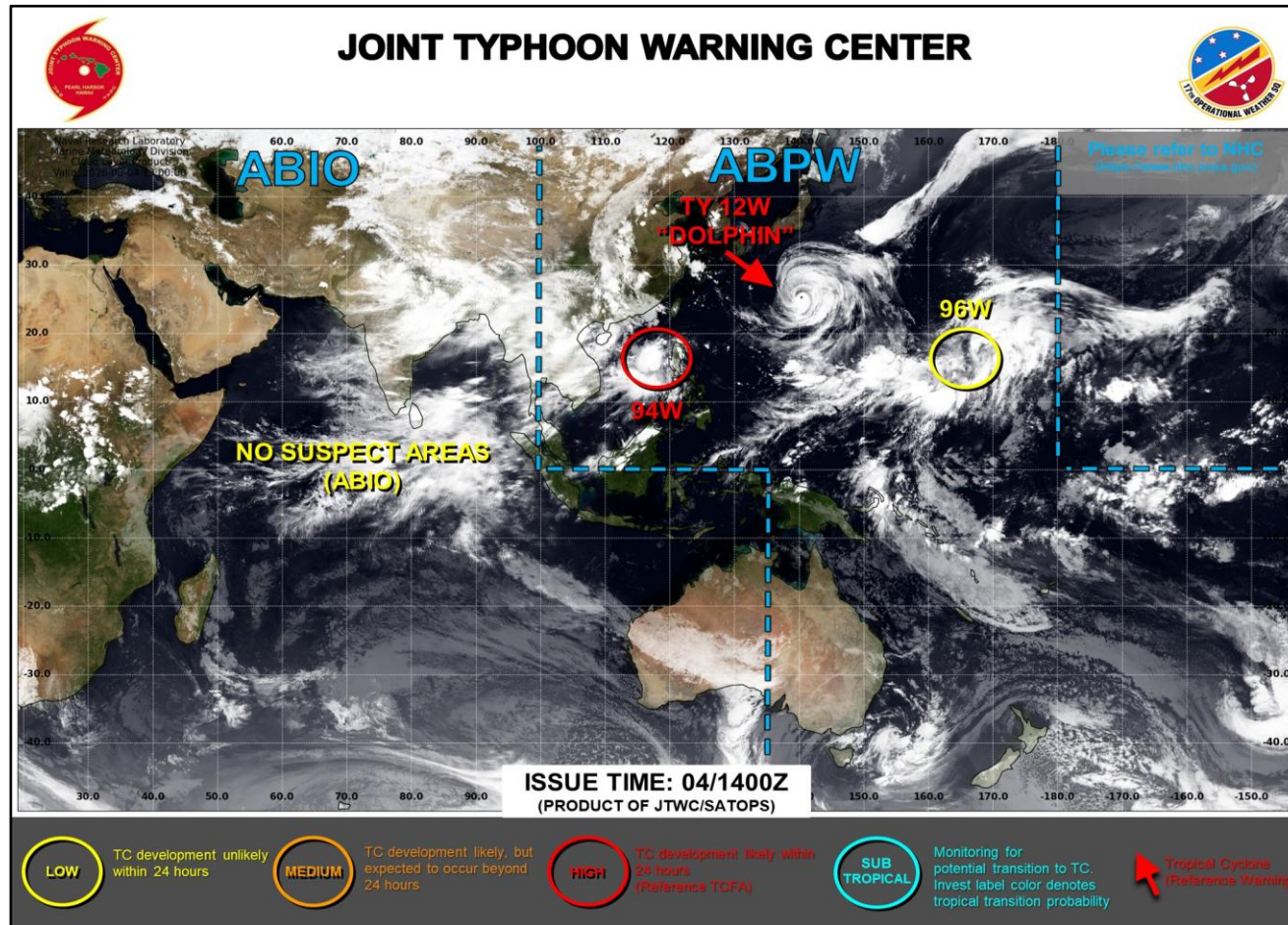
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 70.

Moderate in sections : 00, 45.

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

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

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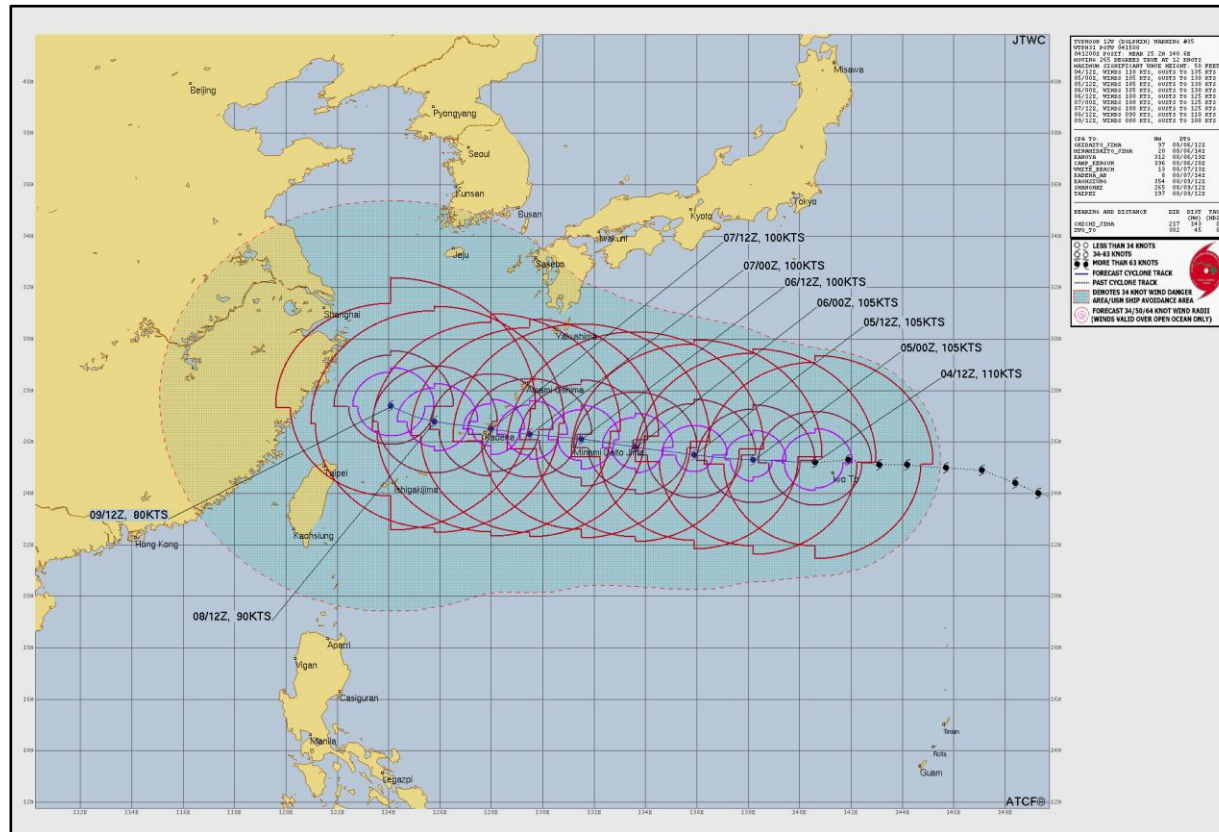


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

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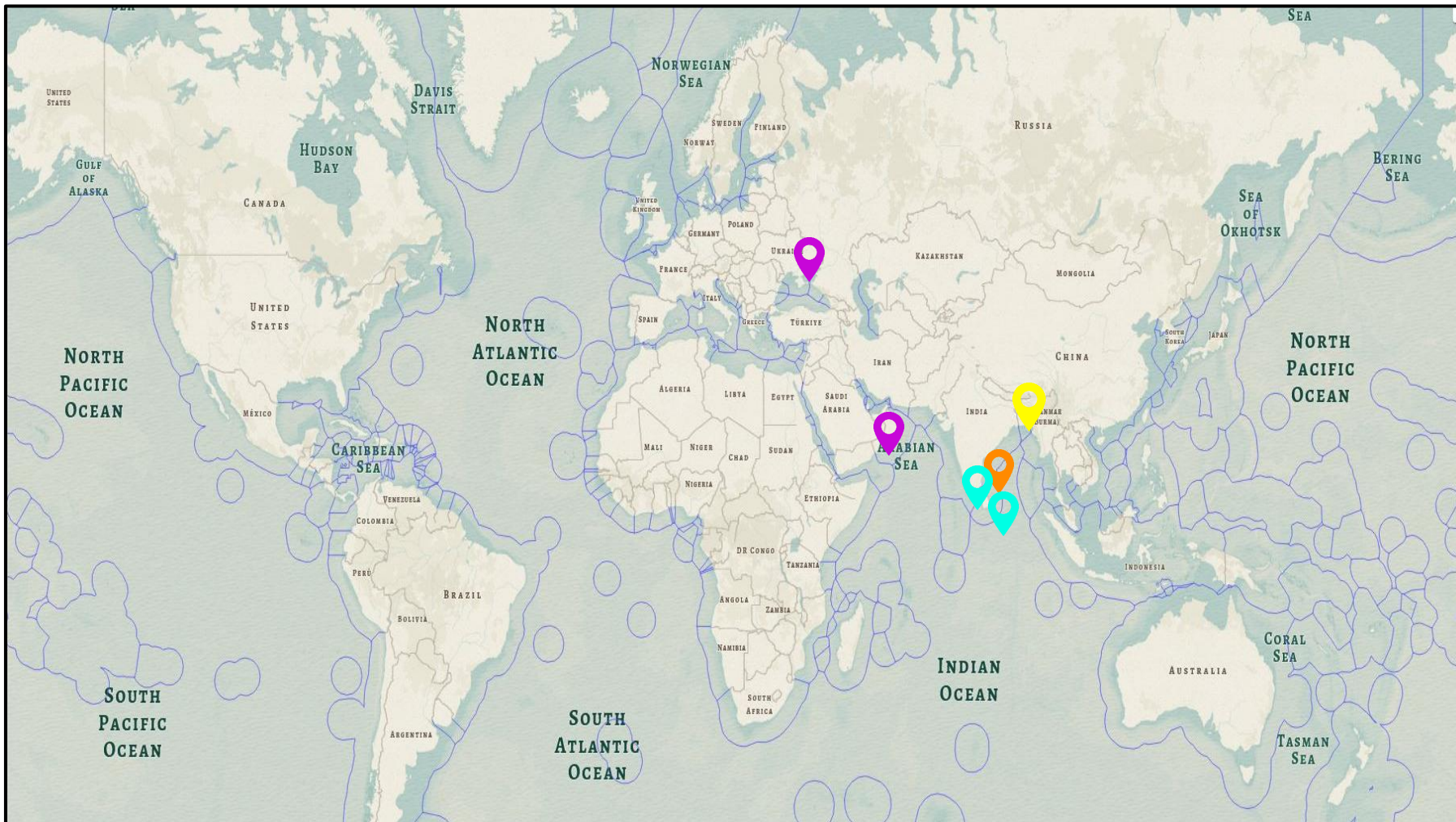


TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	02
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	02
Total Incidents	06

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03 Aug/Malta-Flagged Containership Grounds While Entering Chittagong/Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16 to 31	Bangladesh	Chittagong	Illegal fishing apparatus	Name-CNC URANUS Type-Cargo IMO-9760627	Two port tugboats, Kandari-4 and Kandari-11, assisted by the Navy and Coast Guard, helped refloat a distressed vessel at approximately 1900 hrs local time. The vessel is now at Chittagong Anchorage.

The Malta-flagged containership CNC Uranus ran aground after hitting a buoy while entering Chittagong Port, Bangladesh, on 3 Aug 26 at around 1415 hrs There were no injuries or pollution reported. The incident was attributed to a steering gear malfunction, but vessel traffic in the port channel continued normally.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13145/malta-flagged-containership-grounds-while-entering-chittagon>

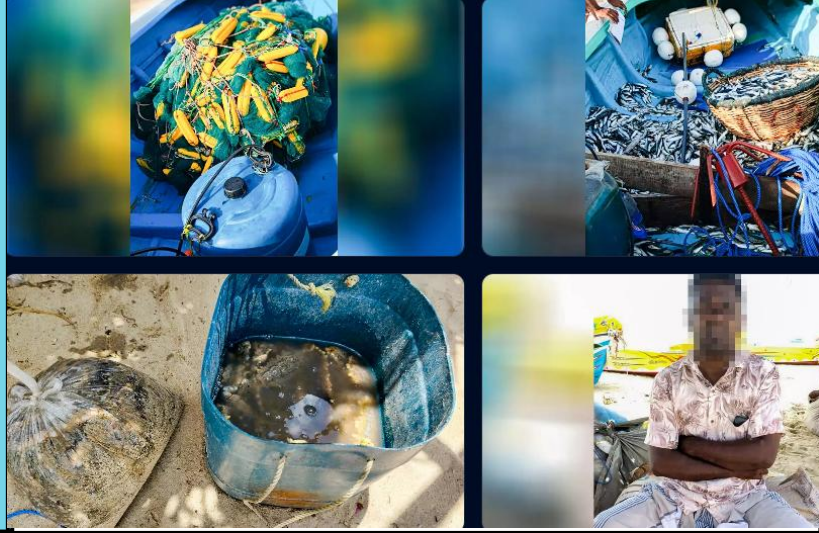
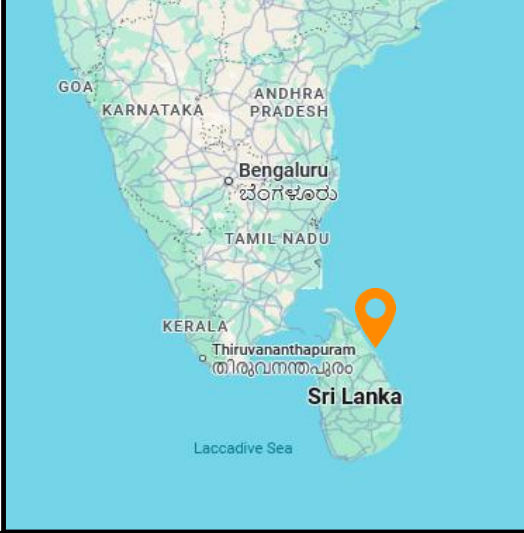
IUU FISHING



03 Aug /Thirty-six (36) Individuals Apprehended in Operations Against Illegal Fishing/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16 to 31	Sri Lanka	Eastern, Northern, North Central and Northwestern Naval Commands	Illegal fishing apparatus	-	The suspects, fishing boats, vehicles, prohibited fishing equipment, and seized sea cucumbers were transferred to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in various locations for legal proceedings.

A series of operations from 16 to 31 Jul 26 aimed at illegal fishing led to the arrest of 36 individuals. On 16 Jul 26 in a coordinated effort by the Navy and Police in Nilaveli, 4 people were apprehended for using winches and tractors in violation of fisheries regulations along with the seizure of 2 tractors. Subsequent naval operations from 17 to 31 Jul 26 resulted in 32 additional arrests and the confiscation of 17 dinghies and 1 cab involved in illegal activities conducted by various naval commands across coastal waters.



Source -: [https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/thirty-six-\(36\)-individuals-apprehended-in-operations-against-illegal-fishing.html](https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/thirty-six-(36)-individuals-apprehended-in-operations-against-illegal-fishing.html)

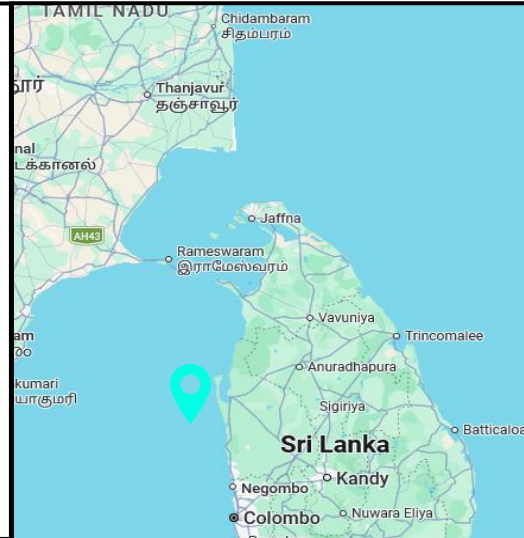
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03 Aug /Navy Seizes Over 677kg Of Smuggled Kendu Leaves In North-western Coastal Operations/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.03	Sri Lanka	Kalpitiya and silawathura	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The seized stock of Kendu leaves was transferred to the Excise Department in Puttalam and Mannar for legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy seized over 677kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during operations in Kalpitiya and Silawathura on 1 and 2 Aug 26. Acting on credible information, personnel from SLNS Vijaya and SLNS Therapuththa recovered 15 suspicious sacks containing the leaves, which were likely abandoned by smugglers due to ongoing naval surveillance.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/navy-seizes-over-677kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-north-western-coastal-operations.html>

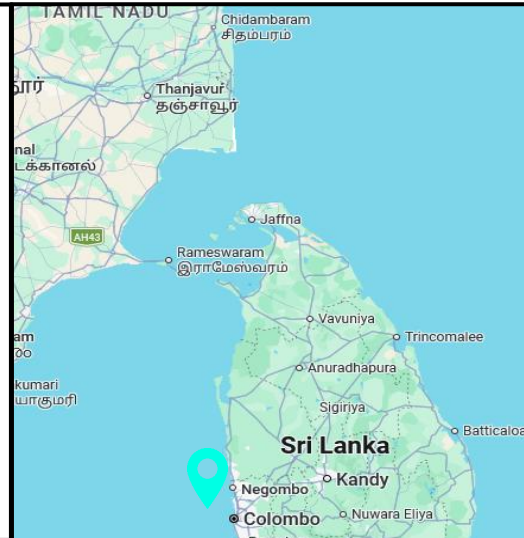
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01 Aug/Smuggled Stock of Kendu Leaves Seized in Negombo/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.03	Sri Lanka	Browns Beach	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	It is suspected that Kendu leaves were smuggled into the country and abandoned by smugglers due to Navy vigilance. The seized stock was handed over to the Negombo Police for legal proceedings.

A stock of over 234kg of smuggled Kendu leaves was seized by the Navy and Police during an operation in Negombo on 01 Aug 26. The coordinated effort involved SLNS Kelani and the Negombo Police, acting on credible information, leading to the inspection of five suspicious sacks and the recovery of the leaves.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/smuggled-stock-of-kendu-leaves-seized-in-negombo.html>

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02 Aug/Middle East Shipping Remains Volatile Amid Vessel Threats and Attacks/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS		ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.03	Oman	northeast of Khasab	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name-ON PRIDE Type-Tanker IMO-9945318	Name-EGYPT PROSPERITY Type-Tanker IMO-9534004 Name-GASLOG SHANGHAI Type-Tanker IMO-9600528	Name-GASLOG SALEM Type-Tanker IMO-9638915 Recent attacks have led to significant commercial disruption, prompting shipowners to avoid the area, increasing war-risk insurance costs, and causing Gulf exporters to reroute cargoes through other ports or pipelines.

Shipping risk in the Middle East is elevated due to ongoing attacks and threats against vessels. Recent incidents included the on 2 Aug attack on the Liberian-flagged tanker Egypt Prosperity and the On Pride, both encountering gunfire and explosions, but no injuries were reported. Additionally, two GasLog-operated vessels were targeted: the GasLog Salem was struck by a drone at Damietta on 29 Jul and the GasLog Shanghai was damaged off Oman on 31 Jul. These events have disrupted routing, insurance, and chartering in the region.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/pl/maritime-news/16/general/2026/13146/middle-east-shipping-remains-volatile-amid-vessel-threats-an>

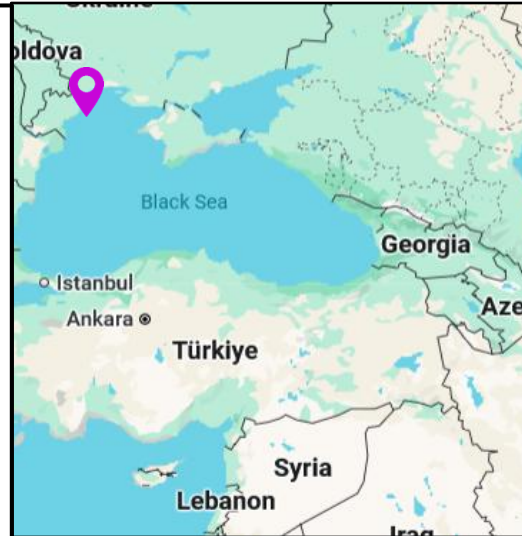
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03 Aug/3 injured after drone strike hits Turkish cargo ship in Black Sea /Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.03	Russia	Off Novorossiysk	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name-NADEZHDA	Over three years of the Russia-Ukraine war have threatened maritime security in the Black Sea, leading to incidents involving drones and unmanned naval vessels in Türkiye. In response, Türkiye, Romania, and Bulgaria formed a maritime security initiative aimed at clearing stray naval mines in the region..

Three crew members were critically injured in a drone attack on the Turkish-owned cargo ship NADEZHDA in the Black Sea. The attack occurred about 20 nm from Novorossiysk while the vessel was en route from Russia to Turkey, carrying 22 crew members, including 13 Turks. Damage was reported to the ship's living quarters and bow, and a fire continued to burn on board. All crew were evacuated to a Russian port due to ongoing risks of drone strikes, and the Turkish Directorate General of Maritime Affairs is monitoring the situation and wishing for the affected crew's recovery.



Source -: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/3-injured-after-drone-strike-hits-turkish-cargo-ship-in-black-sea/news>



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