

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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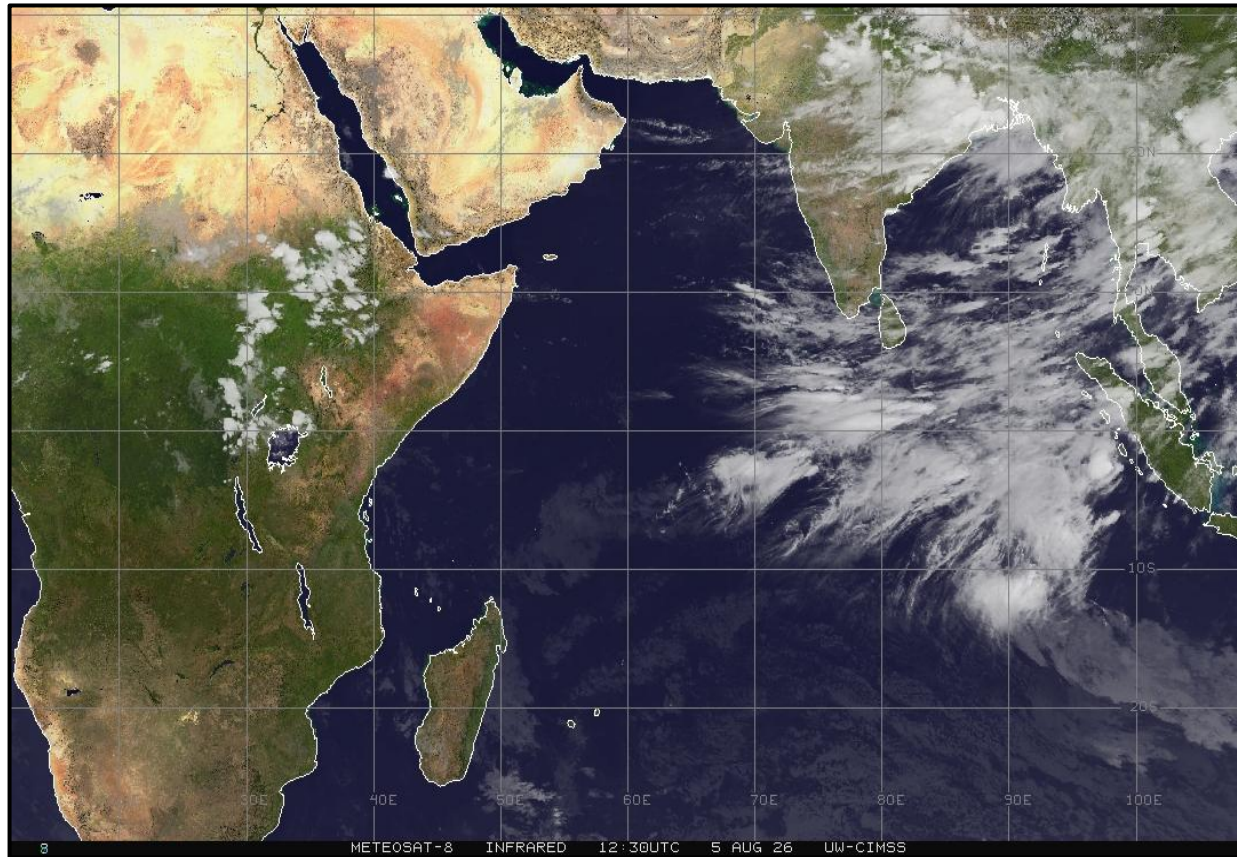
Date 2026.08.05

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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: 2026.08.05/1400UTC to 2026.08.06/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.05

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

Shear line is approximately along : 01N 60E, EQ 70E, 04S 80E, 06S 90E, 04S 100E

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 25, 40, 45, 50, 70.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 00.

75E to 80E : W'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 05; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 25.

East of 80E: SW'ly / (15-25) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 10, 15; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 30, 35, 55.

South of Shear line:

West of 90E: SE'ly/ (15-20) kts; gusting up to 35 kts in section 80, 85; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65, 70.

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

Seas:

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

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 30, 35, 55, 60, 65.

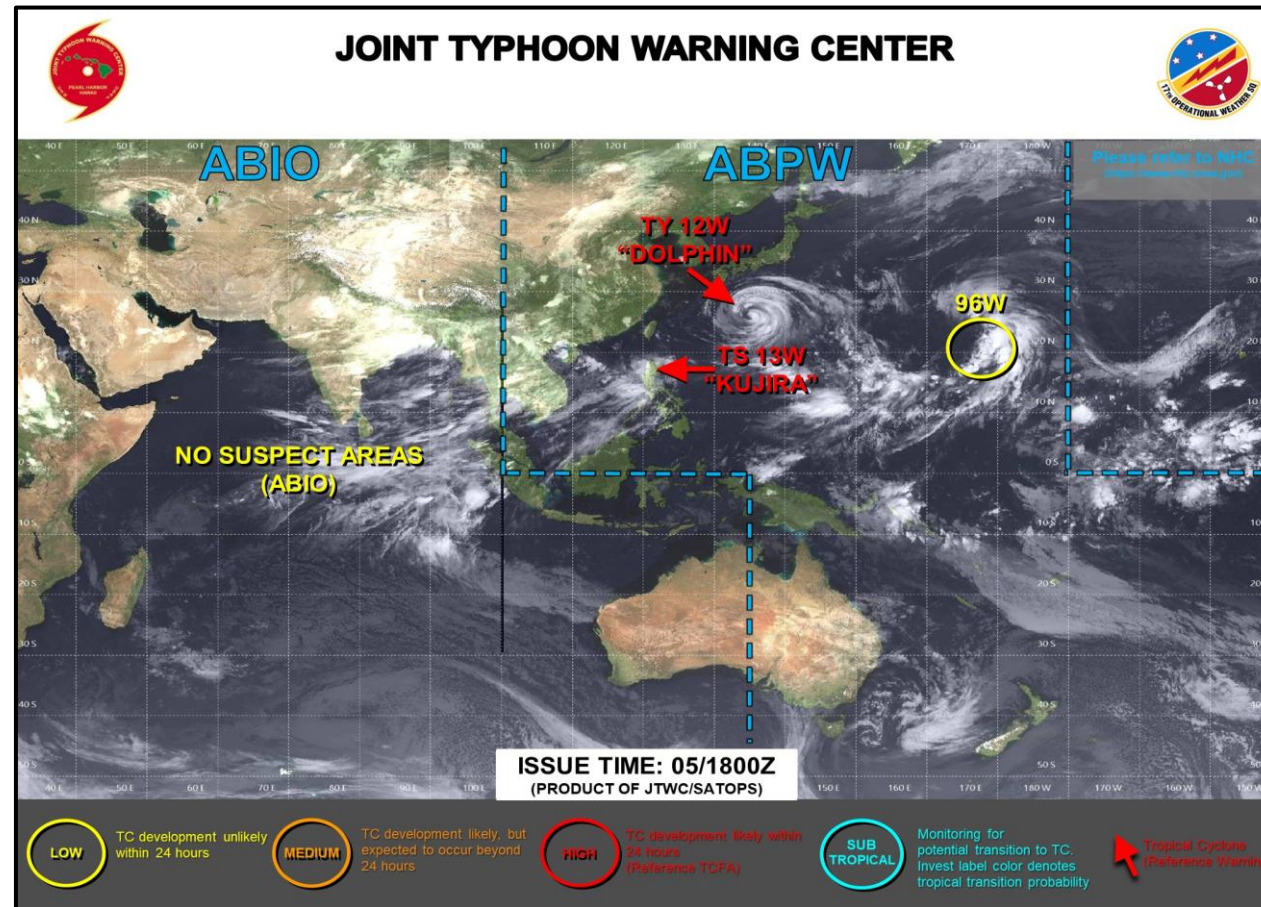
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 25, 70.

Moderate in sections : 40, 45, 50

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

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

CYCLONE



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



TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"

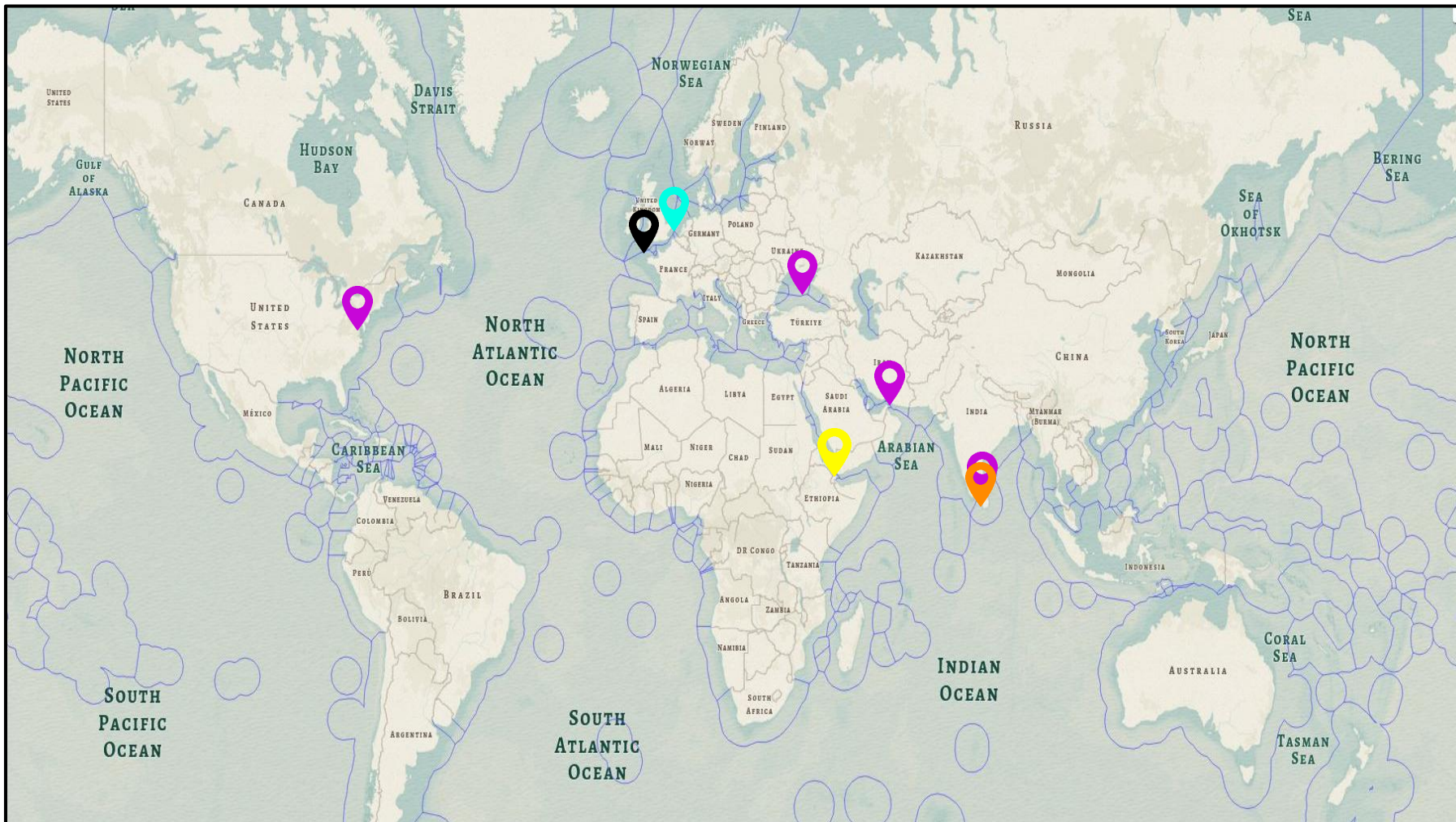




TROPICAL CYCLONE "KUJIRA"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	04
Total Incidents	08

MARITIME INCIDENTS



04 Aug /Vessel Capsizes Off Yemen Coast After Projectile Strike/Yemen

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.04	Yemen	Hodeidah, Yemen	Capsizing / Sinking	Name-Faize Noore Oliya Type-Cargo Vessel MMSI: 419956572	Indian authorities condemned the attack as "unprovoked" and are coordinating with Yemeni authorities for crew safety. They described attacks on commercial shipping in the region as "deeply worrisome" and urged for compliance with international law.

An Indian cargo vessel Faize Noore Oliya capsized approximately 13 nm off Hodeidah on 04 Aug 26 having been struck by a projectile. All 14 crew members, comprising one Yemeni and 13 Indians, were rescued, with the Yemeni National Resistance Forces stating they conducted the operation. No responsibility for the attack has been claimed.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13150/indian-flagged-vessel-capsizes-off-yemeni-coast-after-being->

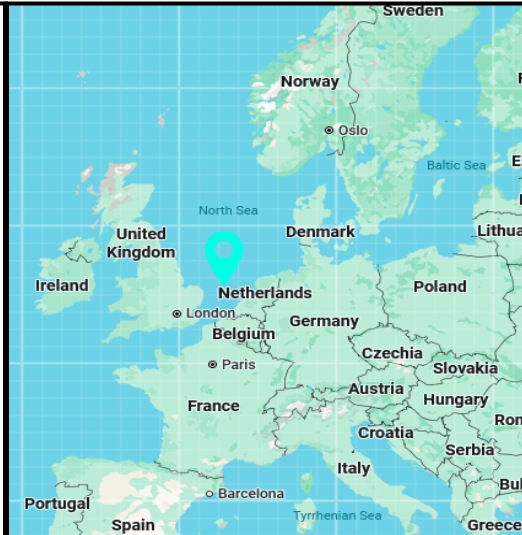
SMUGGLING



05 Aug/Seizing 454 Kg of Cocaine in European Waters/Belgium

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.05	Belgium	North Sea	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The operation revealed that the predominant method for smuggling drugs into Europe involves dropping them into the ocean from cargo ships, with criminals using small boats to retrieve and transport them to shore.

Nearly 454 kg of cocaine were seized during Operation White Sea VI, which involved 14 nations and targeted drug traffickers in the Atlantic and northern waters from Jun to 5 July 26 The operation, led by Belgian Customs with support from Frontex and Danish Customs, involved extensive monitoring of smugglers who dropped the drugs at sea for collection by smaller boats. This initiative falls under the EMPACT framework focused on combating cannabis, cocaine, and heroin trafficking.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/14-countries-unite-in-operation-white-sea-vi-to-seize-454-kg-of-cocaine-in-european-waters/>

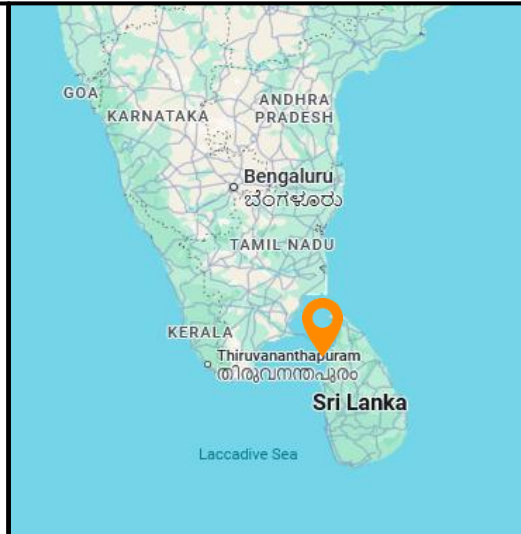
IUU FISHING



04 Aug /Illegal Sea Cucumber Transfer: Two Held in Illuppaikadavai/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.04	Sri Lanka	Illuppaikadavai	Fishing for endangers species/Prohibited species	Vessel Type: Fishing craft	The suspects, aged 33 and 39, from Illuppaikadavai, were involved with a seized consignment of sea cucumbers. The items, including the craft and other equipment, were transferred to the Mannar Fisheries Inspector for legal action.

The Navy apprehended two suspects in Illuppaikadavai on 4 Aug 26 for illegally transferring approximately 4,900 sea cucumbers without a valid licence. The operation, conducted by SLNS Buwaneka of the North Central Naval Command, involved inspecting a suspicious craft in the coastal area of Anthonyapuram, where the illicit consignment was discovered.



Source - : [https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/two-\(2\)-suspects-held-in-illuppaikadavai-over-illegal-transfer-of-sea-cucumbers.html](https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/two-(2)-suspects-held-in-illuppaikadavai-over-illegal-transfer-of-sea-cucumbers.html)

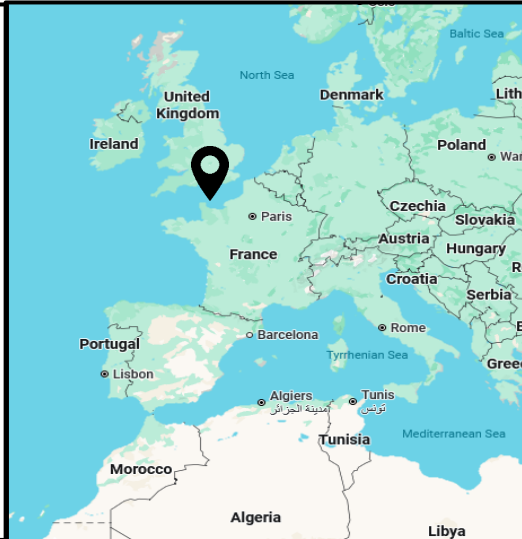
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



05 Aug/157 Migrants Rescued After Vessel Catches Fire in English Channel/France

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.05	France	sur-Mer Port	Overcrowded vessels	Type-Small migrant vessel	The operation involved mobilizing maritime crews to avert a potential tragedy

On 04 Aug 26 morning, the French coast guard rescued 157 migrants from a burning vessel in the English Channel near Boulogne-sur-Mer. The rescue operation began promptly after the fire was reported, and all individuals were safely evacuated and transported back to the port.



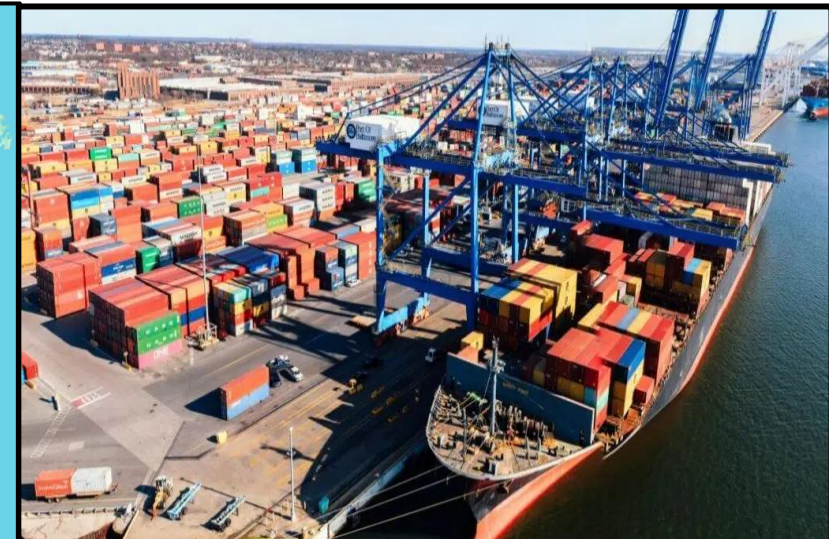
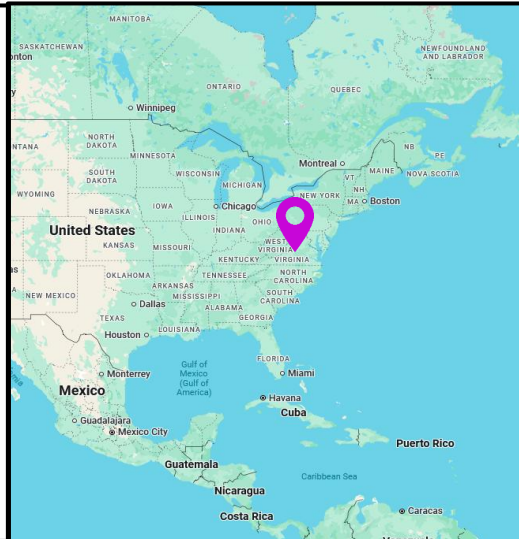
Source -: <https://informat.ro/en/international/the-french-coast-guard-rescues-157-migrants-from-the-english-channel-133351>



05 Aug/Fatal Accident at Port of Baltimore: Worker Dies During Cargo Operation/United States (USA)

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.05	United States (USA)	Port of Baltimore, Maryland,	Naval Activities	-	MDTA Police are conducting an ongoing investigation into the worker's death, with more details to be released following a complete review of the circumstances.

A 53-year-old worker, David Deon Smith, died at the Port of Baltimore after being struck by equipment during a cargo-handling operation at the Dundalk Marine Terminal. MDTA Police responded to the incident shortly after 9 a.m. and found Smith at the scene, where life-saving measures were attempted. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.



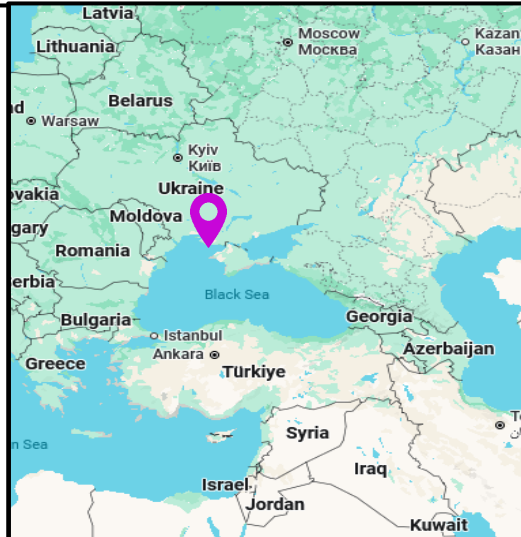
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/worker-dies-during-cargo-handling-operation-at-port-of-baltimores-duck-dalk-marine-terminal/>



03 Aug /Sailors Critically Injured in Drone Strike Near Novorossiysk Port/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.04	Russia	Black Sea, Russia	Other Military/Coastguard activities	Name-NADEZHDA Type-Ro-Ro Cargo Vessel IMO-7702657	One party has claimed responsibility for the attack, while Turkish authorities are closely monitoring the situation.

Three sailors were seriously injured in a drone strike on the Ro-Ro cargo vessel Nadezhda, near Novorossiysk on 3 Aug 26. The attack occurred while the vessel was about 20 nautical miles from port, en route to Samsun. All 22 crew members were evacuated, and a fire erupted on board that remained unresolved at the time of reporting.



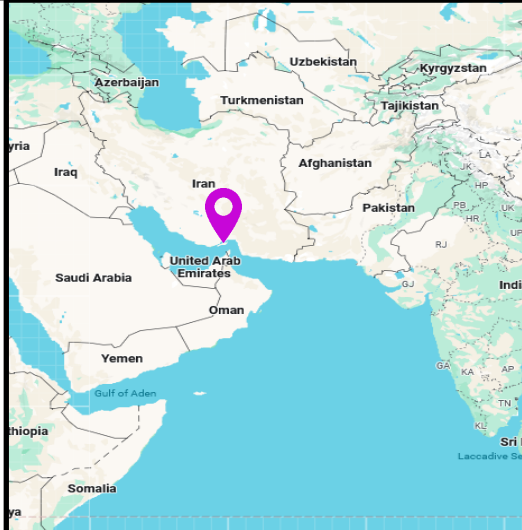
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13147/three-sailors-gravely-injured-in-drone-attack-on-vessel-near>



04 Aug /Liberian-flagged Vessel Hit By Unidentified Projectile In Strait Of Hormuz/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.03	Oman	Strait of Hormuz, Northeast of Khasab	Other Military/Coastguard activities	Name-Minoan Pioneer Type-Bulk Carrier IMO-9487635	The tanker Suriname Prosperity reported that the Minoan Pioneer had lost all power and needed immediate assistance.

A Liberian-flagged bulk carrier, identified as Minoan Pioneer, was struck by an unknown projectile in the engine room while transiting the Strait of Hormuz on 03 Aug 26. This incident led to a total power loss and a fire in the accommodation block, with one crew member reported missing. The UK Maritime Trade Operations confirmed the occurrence around 2210 UTC, while the crew attempted to manage the fire and called for assistance.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13151/liberian-flagged-vessel-hit-by-unidentified-projectile-in-st>



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