

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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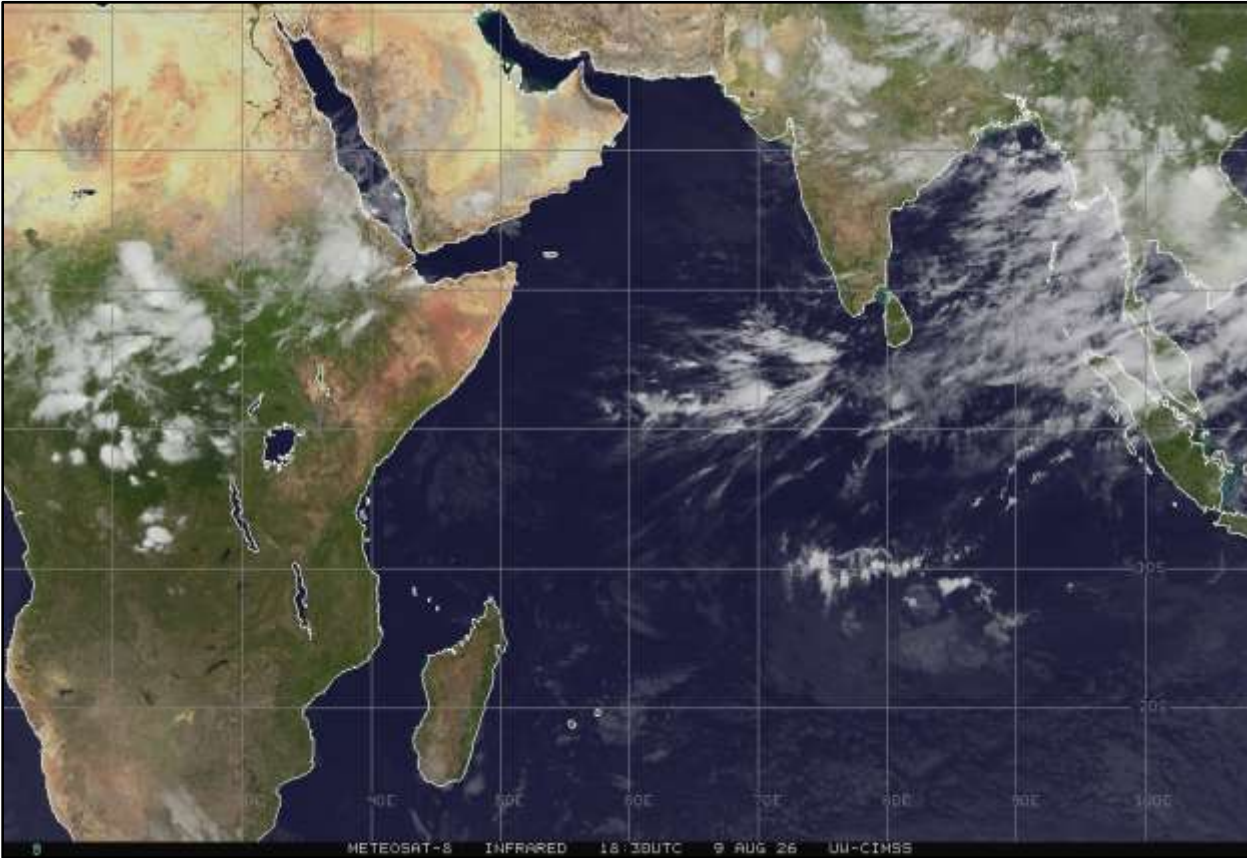
Date 2026.08.09

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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: 2026.08.10/0600UTC to 2026.08.10/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.10

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

Shear line is approximately along: 01N 60E, 02N 70E, 04S 80E, 01S 90E, 04N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 20, 80

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 25, 30, 35, 50, 55, 65, 70, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

75E to 80E : W'ly to SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 05.

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

South of Shear line:

E'ly to SE'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 80, 85; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65, 70, 75.

Seas:

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

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 15, 70

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 40, 60, 65, 75

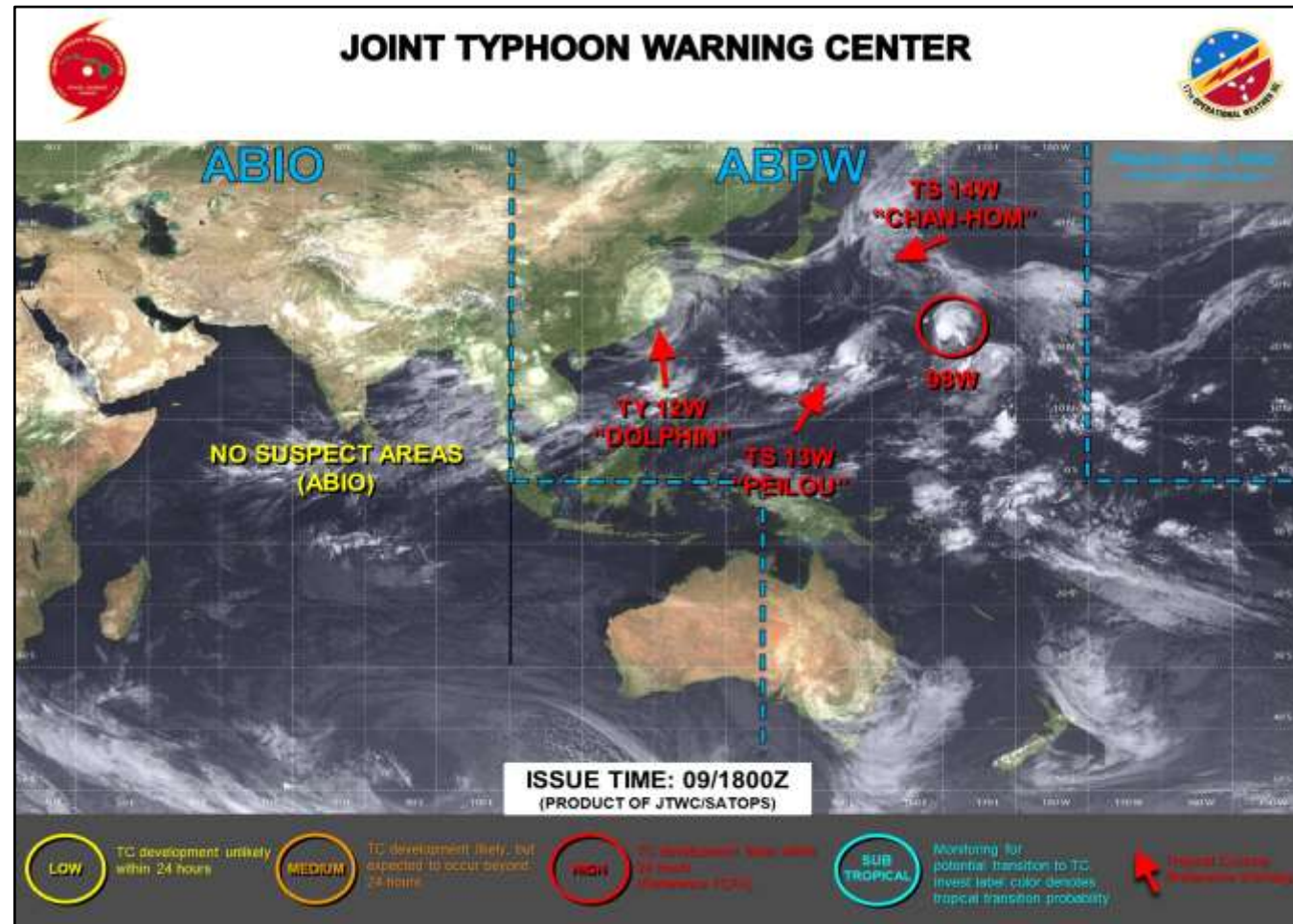
Moderate in sections : 30, 55

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

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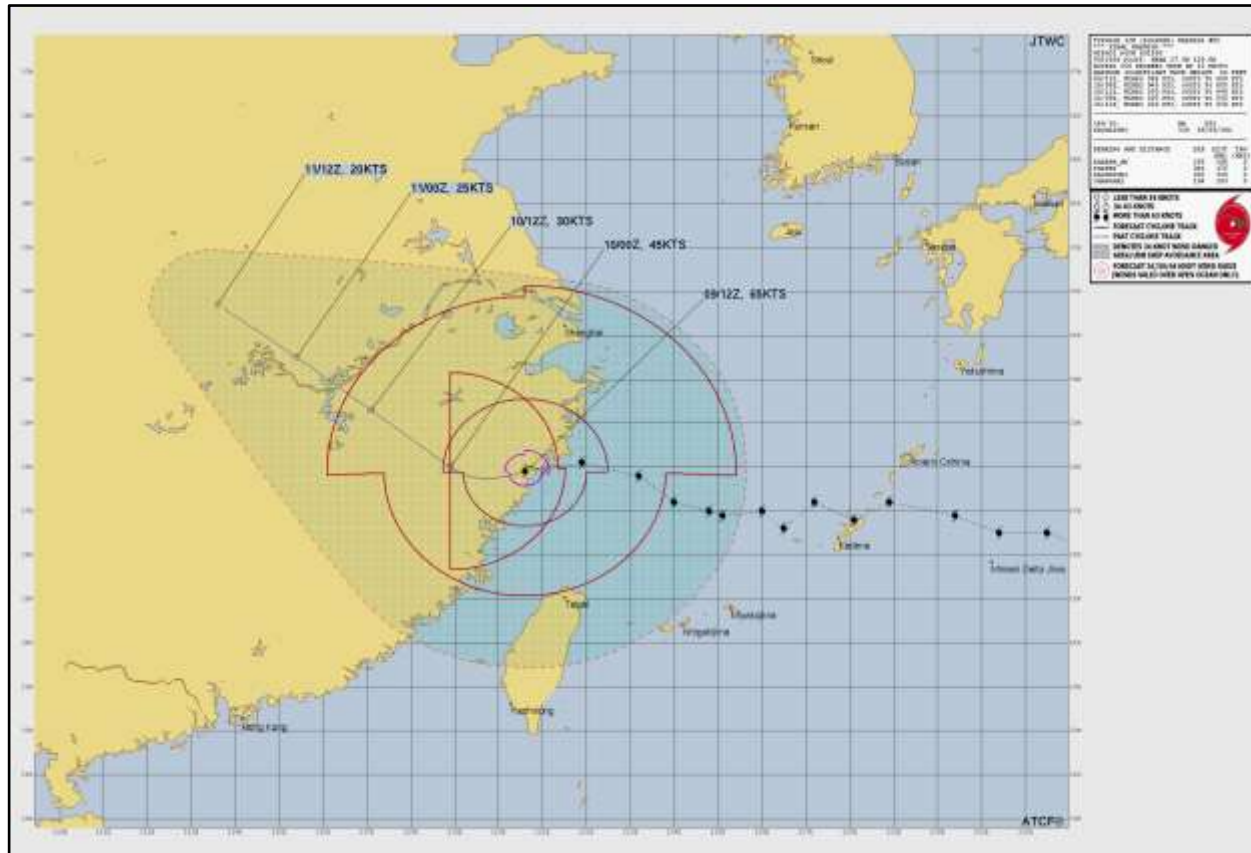


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAN-HOM"

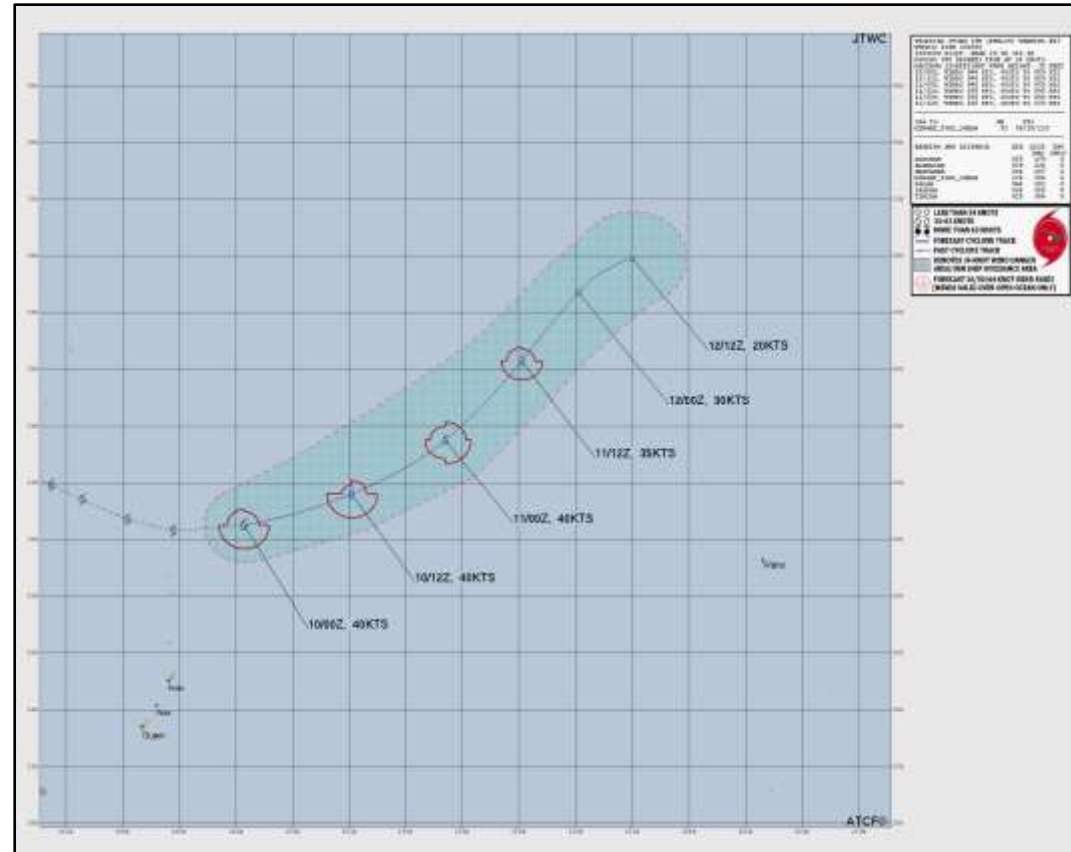


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TROPICAL CYCLONE "PEILOU"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	02
Total Incidents	05

MARITIME INCIDENTS



08 Aug/ Vessel Damaged by Projectile/ Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.08	Oman	East Of The City Of Khassab	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	Initial reports indicate no confirmed human casualties or significant damage to the vessel involved in an incident in a crucial maritime area, significant for commercial shipping and energy transport. This situation is closely monitored by shipping companies and global maritime security authorities.

A vessel sustained damage after being struck by an unknown projectile approximately 18 nautical miles east of the city of Khassab in Oman's Musandam Governorate. The incident highlights ongoing maritime security concerns in the region. According to a British maritime authority, the projectile hit the ship, causing a fire onboard that crews subsequently managed to extinguish. The source of the projectile and the entity responsible for the attack remain unidentified.



Source -: <https://www.khabaragency.net/news251254.html>

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09 Aug / Galway RNLI Crew Rescue Sailor From Boat Aground on Galway Bay/ Ireland

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.09	Ireland	Galway Bay	Search and Rescue (SAR)	sailing boat	The lifeboat and crew successfully crossed Galway Bay to the south shore in moderate sea conditions and poor visibility after receiving a call about a sailing boat that had gone aground and was taking on water. Their prompt readiness on the water expedited the rescue efforts.

The lifeboat crew, including Eoin Carey, Máirtín Folan, and Leo Branagan, helmed by James Rattigan, launched for a planned exercise when they received a call from the Coast Guard. They reached the distressed sailing boat in about 15 minutes. Upon boarding, a crew member confirmed the sailor was safe, but due to the boat taking on water, they decided to bring the sailor aboard the lifeboat and transport him to a nearby harbor for safety.



Source -: <https://rnli.org/news-and-media/2026/august/09/galway-rnli-crew-rescue-sailor-from-boat-aground-on-galway-bay>

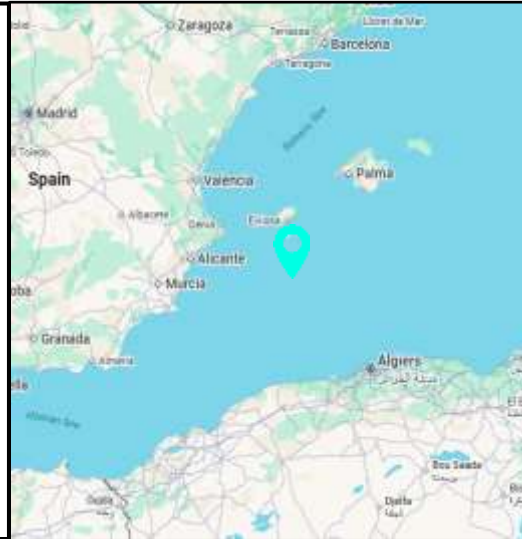
SMUGGLING



09 Aug/ Spain Reveals €24m Migrant-and-Drug Smuggling Network Linking Algeria to Ibiza and Mainland/Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.09	Spain	Ibiza and Mainland	Human Trafficking (Excluding human migration incidents)	high-speed boats	A commercial route allegedly operates in both directions, with boats transporting valuable illegal cargo on both legs, contrary to the typical one-directional smuggling routes carrying people towards Europe, as stated by Spanish authorities.

Spanish authorities have revealed a transnational network utilizing high-speed boats to smuggle synthetic drugs from Spain to Algeria, while also transporting migrants back, leading to over €24 million in proceeds. The operation resulted in 78 arrests—77 in Spain and one in Algeria—including four alleged leaders and 27 individuals remanded in custody. Investigators linked the network to at least 64 migrant-smuggling trips, moving over 2,000 people to Spain. Law enforcement seized 18 boats, drugs, satellite phones, a handgun, and over €25,000 in cash.



Source -: <https://eutoday.net/spain-algeria-migrant-drug-smuggling-network/>



09 Aug/ Chinese Scientists Discover Gigantic Whale Graveyard in Indian Ocean/ China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.09	China	South-eastern Indian Ocean	Geography Activities	-	The researchers discovered fossils of beaked whales, including a newly identified extinct species, <i>Pterocetus diamantinae</i> . This fossil record is significant for studying the long-term evolution of marine mammals.

An international team from China's Institute of Deep-sea Science and Engineering has discovered a vast underwater whale graveyard in the Diamantina region of the southeastern Indian Ocean. During the expedition, researchers documented 476 cetacean fossils and five active whale-fall ecosystems over 1,200 kilometers of seabed, estimating that over 10 million whale remains accumulated over at least 5.3 million years. The expedition revealed the deepest active whale fall recorded at 6,789 meters, surpassing the previous limit by over 2,500 meters.



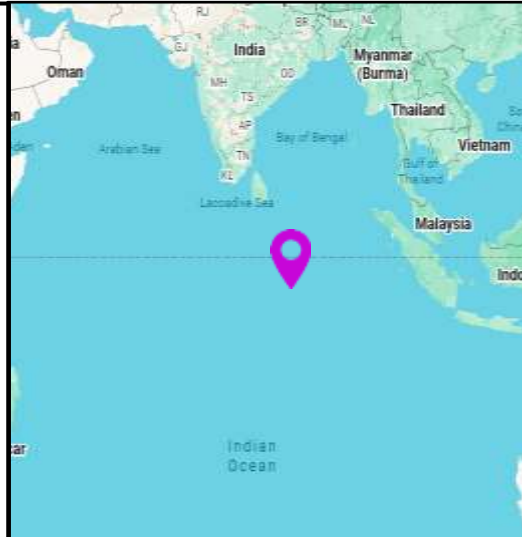
Source -: <https://tvbrics.com/en/news/chinese-scientists-discover-gigantic-whale-graveyard-in-indian-ocean/>



08 Aug/ Massive Monsoon Cloud Build-up Chokes Indian Ocean Will it Lead to Heavy Rain/ India Ocean

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.08	India Ocean	Indian Ocean	Geography Activities	-	Widespread convection typically indicates a strengthening southwest monsoon. However, experts note that cloud concentration is limited to the south of the Indian peninsula, and the Bay of Bengal lacks signs of a new organized low-pressure area, which is vital for rain-bearing monsoon systems in India.

A large shield of storm clouds over the Indian Ocean suggests a strong monsoon surge; however, meteorologists report a lack of necessary triggers for rainfall. Latest thermal infrared imagery from INSAT-3DS reveals a vast cloud mass in the equatorial and central Indian Ocean, with bright white clouds indicating cold tops up to 15-16 kilometers, reflecting significant thunderstorm activity.



Source -: <https://www.indiatoday.in/science/story/massive-monsoon-cloud-buildup-chokes-indian-ocean-will-it-lead-to-heavy-rain-2965231-2026-08-07>



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