

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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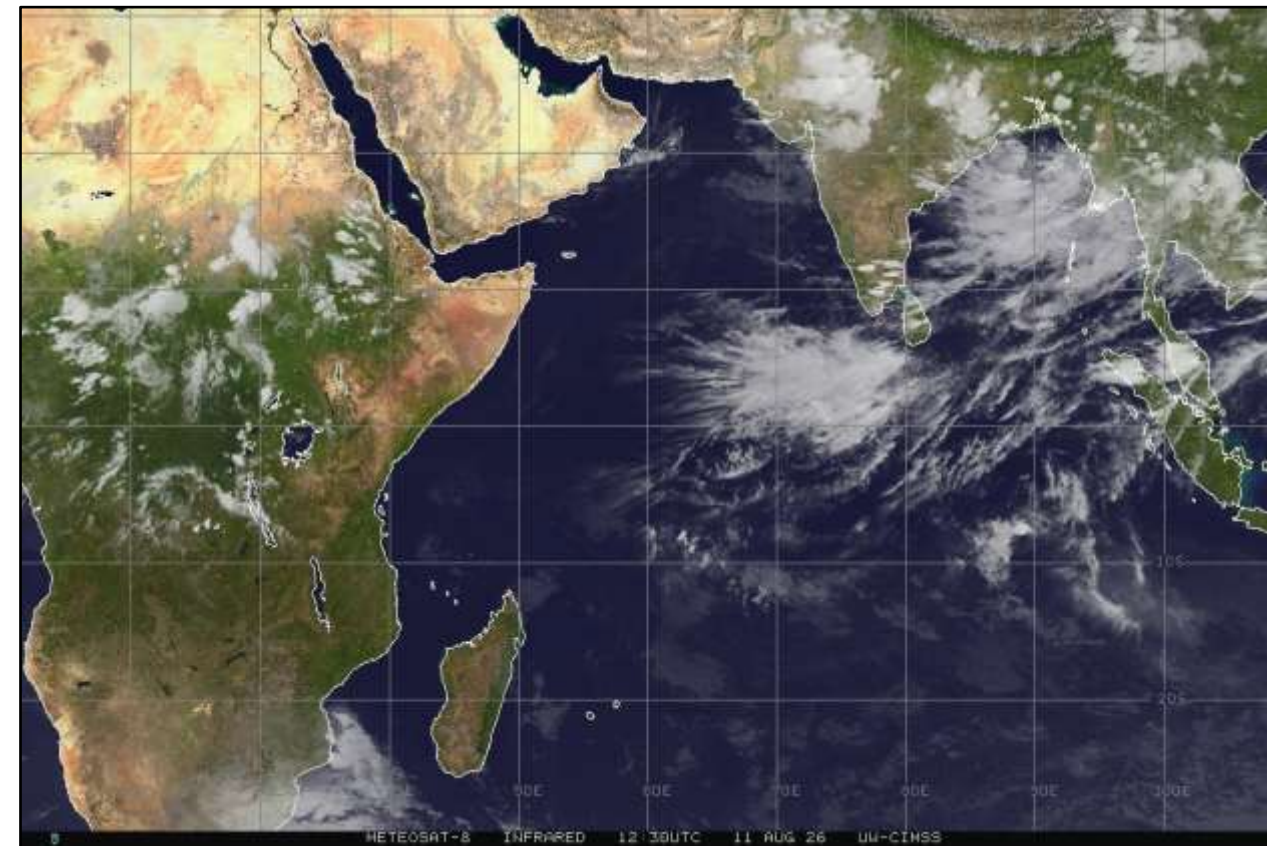
Date 2026.08.11

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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: 2026.08.11/1400UTC to 2026.08.12/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.11

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

Shear line is approximately along: 03S 60E, 04S 70E, 02S 80E, 02N 90E, 05N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 20, 25, 30, 35, 45, 60, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 50, 70, 80

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.

East of 75E : W'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10; gusting up to 25 kts in section 15,30.

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 80, 85

Fairly rough in section : 70, 75

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 15, 30

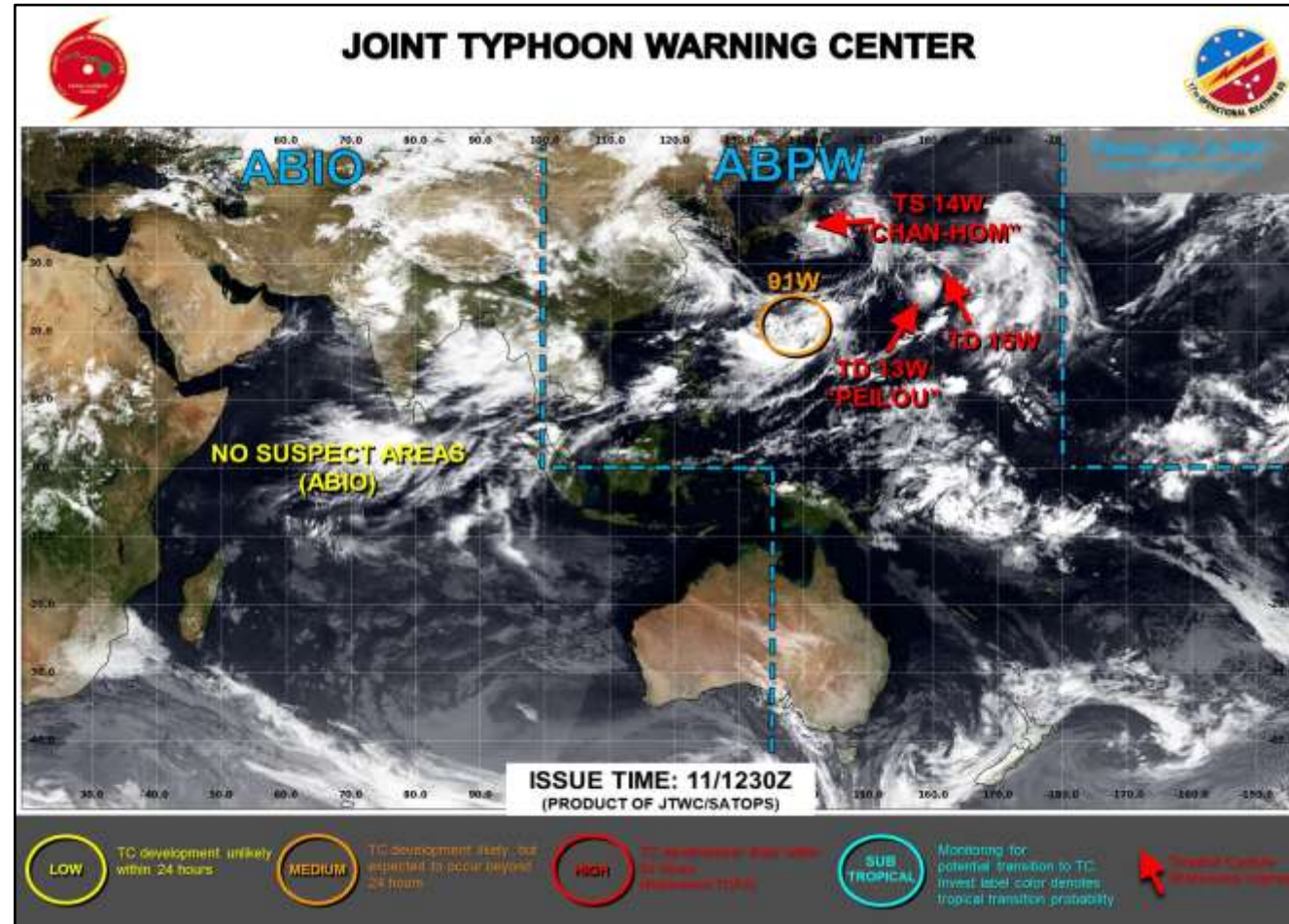
Moderate in sections : 55, 60

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>

CYCLONE

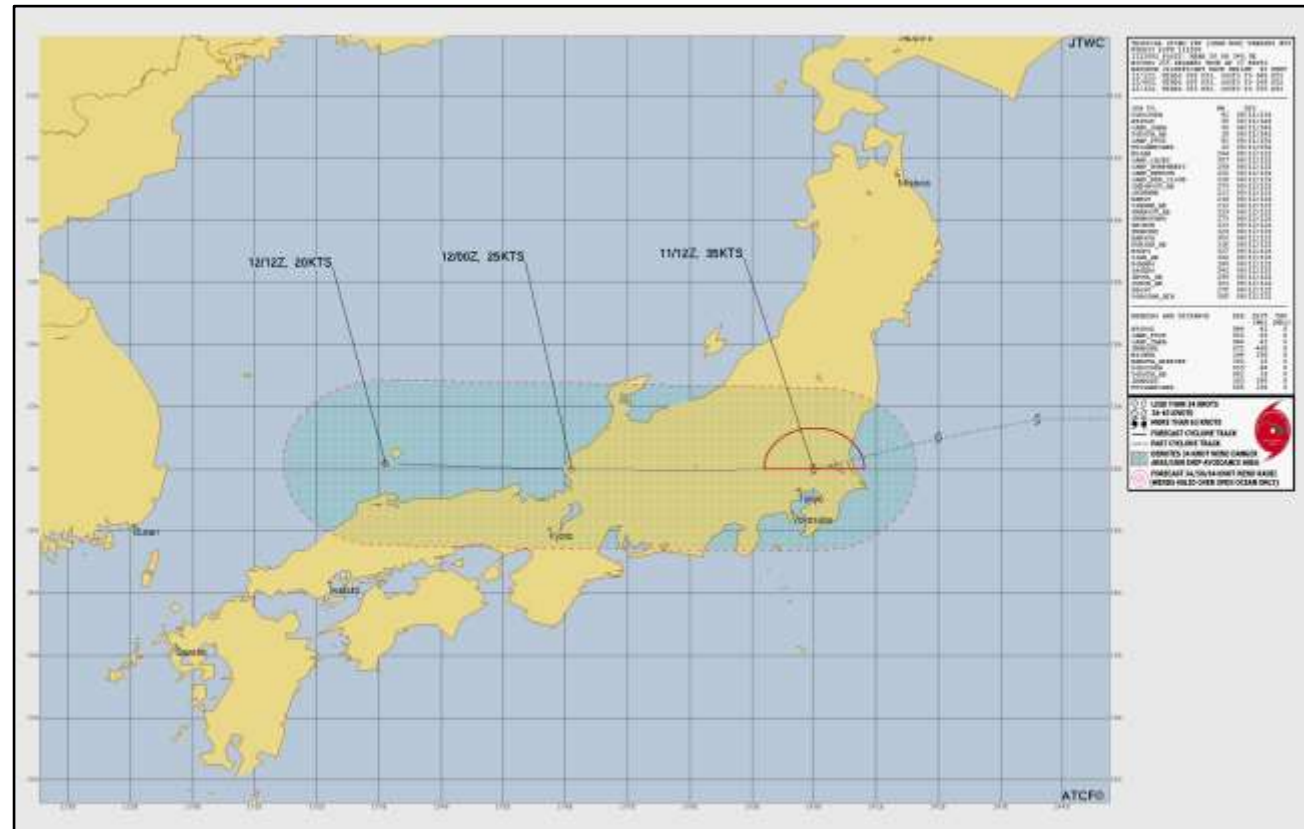


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAN-HOM"



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



TROPICAL CYCLONE "PEILOU"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

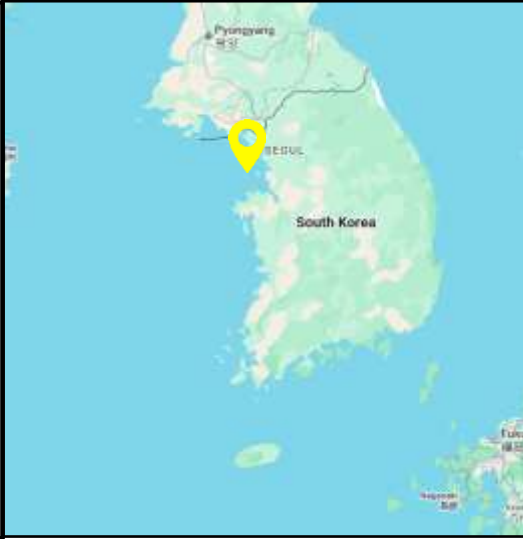
MARITIME INCIDENTS



10 Aug / Three Found Clinging to Capsized Boat off Incheon After 11 Hours Missing/ South Korea

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.10	South Korea	Near Choji Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Motorboat	The coast guard initiated a search operation around Choji Island and Jawol Island, utilizing patrol vessels, aircraft, and boats, resulting in the discovery of the men.

Three men were rescued on 10 Aug 26 after over 11 hours in the water near Choji Island off Ongjin County, South Korea, where they were clinging to their capsized motorboat. The individuals, in their 20s or 30s, left Wangsan, Yeongjongdo, on August 9 for a fishing trip. The Incheon Coast Guard reported that they were wearing life jackets and were in stable condition when found around 0612 AM local time.



Source - : <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/three-found-clinging-to-capsized-boat-off-incheon-after-11-hours-missing>

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08 Aug/ 22 Crew Rescued From COSCO-managed Car Carrier After Fire/ United States

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.08	United States	630 miles south of Costa Rica	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name -Min Jiang Kou Type - Cargo Flag - Marshal Island	At the request of the US Coast Guard (USCG), the vessels Jin Hai Ping and Degu assisted a distressed ship. Jin Hai Ping rescued all 22 mariners from lifeboats, and by 1221 pm on Friday, they were safely aboard Jin Hai Ping, which is en route to Akita, Japan.

The US Coast Guard coordinated the rescue of 22 crew members from the COSCO-managed car carrier Min Jiang Kou following an engine room fire reported via an Inmarsat distress call on 8 August. The vessel was about 630 miles south of Costa Rica, en route to Manta, Ecuador. Initially, the fire was contained using the carbon dioxide firefighting system, but increased smoke later prompted the captain to order the crew to abandon ship while he remained aboard.



Source -: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/22-crew-rescued-from-cosco-managed-car-carrier-after-fire>

SMUGGLING



11 Aug/ 78 Arrests in Bust of Major Western Mediterranean Smuggling Network/ Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.11	Spain	Western Mediterranean	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Called Ghost Speedboats	The network reportedly utilized high-powered speedboats for drop-offs in international waters off the Spanish coast, allowing for rapid and discreet transfers of drugs, weapons, and migrants to land.

Europol assisted a Spanish-led operation that dismantled a major criminal network involved in smuggling cannabis, synthetic drugs, migrants, weapons, and fugitives across the Western Mediterranean. Linked to various criminal activities such as robberies, extortion, and money laundering, the network functioned as a logistics provider for multiple criminal groups, controlling a fleet of vessels, including illegal speedboats. The operation involved collaboration among several police agencies, including those from Spain, France, Portugal, and Poland, under a new Europol Taskforce focused on migrant smuggling.



Source -: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/78-arrests-in-bust-of-major-western-mediterranean-smuggling-network-in-spain>

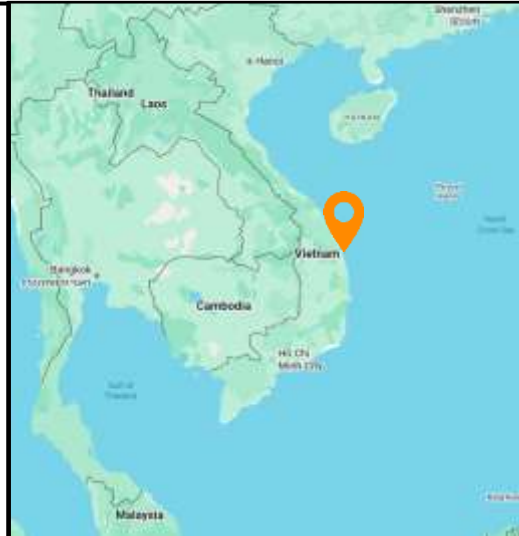
IUU FISHING



10 Aug / Combating IUU (Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated) Fishing/ Vietnam

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.10	Vietnam		IUU Fishing	-	On 10 Aug 2026, Deputy Prime Minister Ho Quoc Dung signed Decision No. 1516/QD-TTg to implement an Action Plan addressing recommendations from the European Commission regarding the 5th inspection on illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

The specific goals include ensuring that all registered fishing vessels are completely updated on the VNFishbase national fisheries database, detailing vessel ownership, location, operational status, and legal status. Additionally, all fishing vessels mandated to have VMS equipment will have their equipment status monitored during departures and arrivals at ports, with timely warnings and processing for any connection losses, boundary crossings, or equipment tampering.



Source -: <https://www.vietnam.vn/en/chong-iuu-quan-ly-chat-tau-ca-kiem-soat-nguon-nguyen-lieu-thuy-san-xuat-khau>

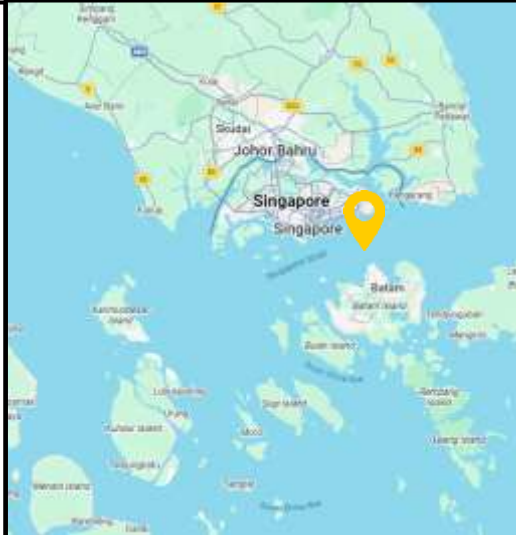
NARCOTIC



05 Aug / 8kg of Cocaine Seized From Foreign-registered Commercial Vessel/ Singapore

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.05	Singapore	Singapore Waters	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/ cocaine	Commercial Vessel	Officers from the Police Coast Guard and the Central Narcotics Bureau seized over 8kg of cocaine from a foreign-registered commercial vessel in Singapore waters on 05 Aug 26.

On 07 Aug 26, police reported discovering suspicious packages on a foreign commercial vessel at Raffles Reserved Anchorage. Eight packages thought to contain controlled drugs were discovered by officers from the Port Command Group during a search, hidden in heavy-duty marine filtration devices. The packages tested positive for cocaine, and the Central Narcotics Bureau subsequently seized the packages, which tested positive for cocaine. subsequently seized by the Central Narcotics Bureau.



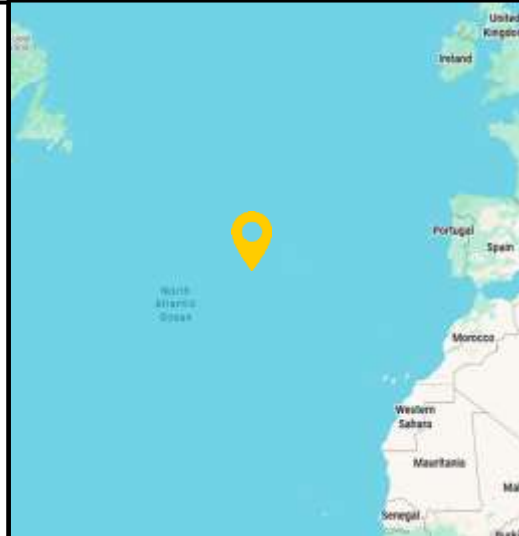
Source -: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/8kg-of-cocaine-seized-from-foreign-registered-commercial-vessel-in-singapore-waters>



06 Aug / Intercepts Maersk Boxship and Seizes 5 Tonnes of Cocaine/ Portugal

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.06	Portugal	Atlantic Ocean	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	Name-Maersk Nokwanda Type -Cargo Flag -China	Operations involving the Portuguese Navy and Air Force intercepted a containership approximately 640 nautical miles off the coast of Portugal in the Atlantic.

The Portuguese Judicial Police have announced one of the country's largest drug seizures from a Hong Kong-flagged containership. Complicating matters, a crewmember arrested with two stowaways was later found dead in a Portuguese prison cell. Authorities dismantled a criminal group responsible for smuggling drugs into Europe, collaborating with the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre-Drugs, the UK's National Crime Agency, and Spain's Policia Nacional.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/portuguese-arrest-two-stowaways-and-one-crewmember-in-large-cocaine-seizure>



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