

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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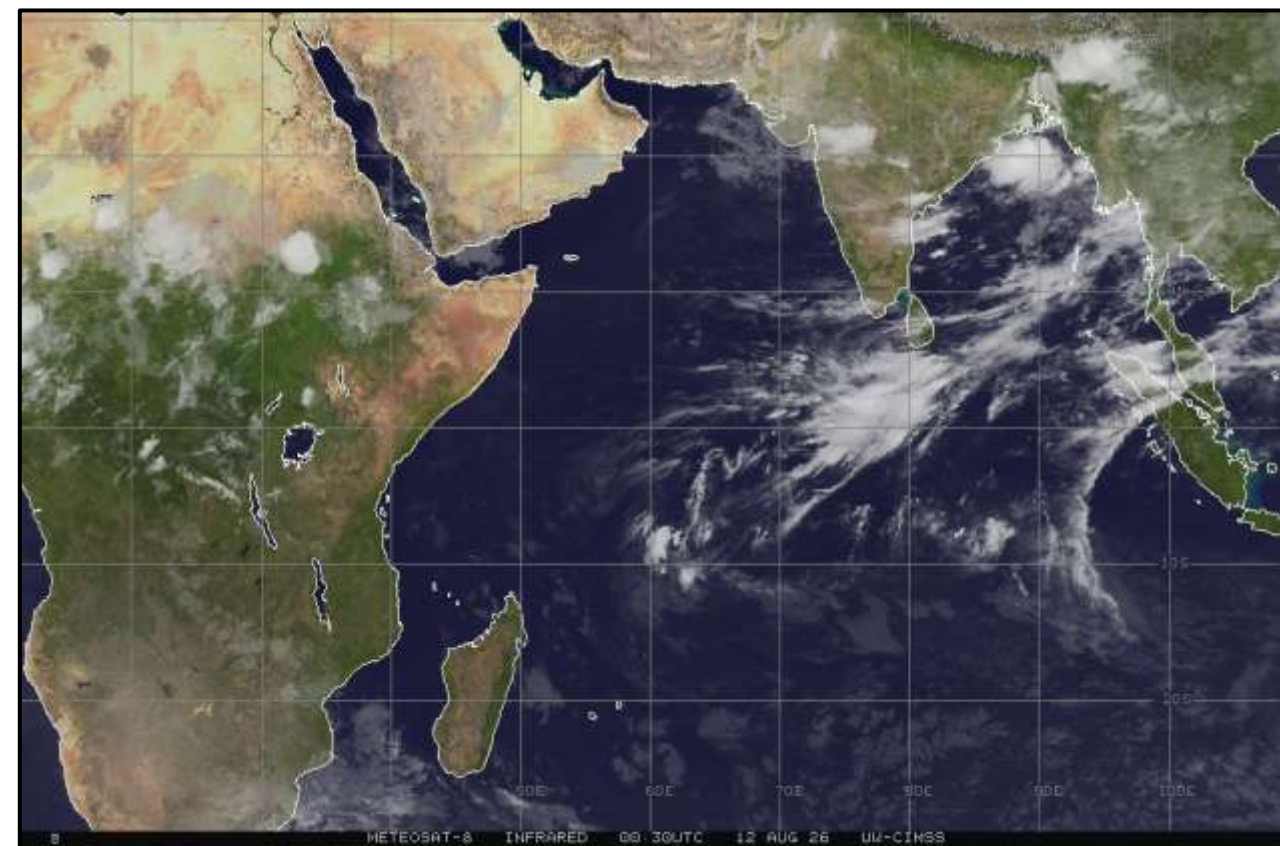
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# WEATHER FORECAST



## 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: 2026.08.12/0600UTC to 2026.08.12/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.12

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

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

### Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 20, 25, 30, 35, 45, 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 50, 60

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

### Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 77E : SW'ly to NW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 00.

East of 77E : 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 / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 70, 80, 85

### Seas:

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

Fairly rough in section : 80, 85

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 15, 30, 75

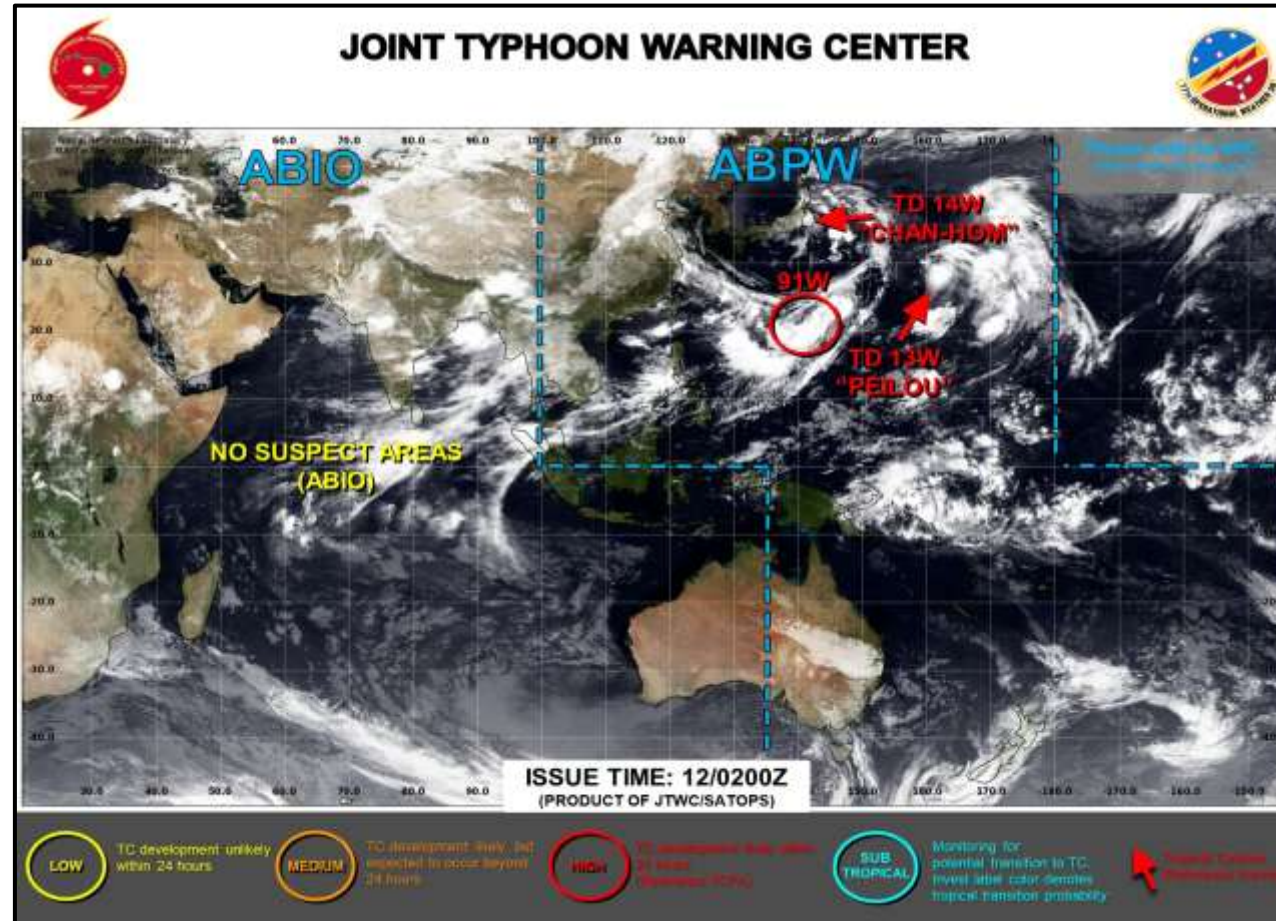
Moderate in sections : 60, 65, 70

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

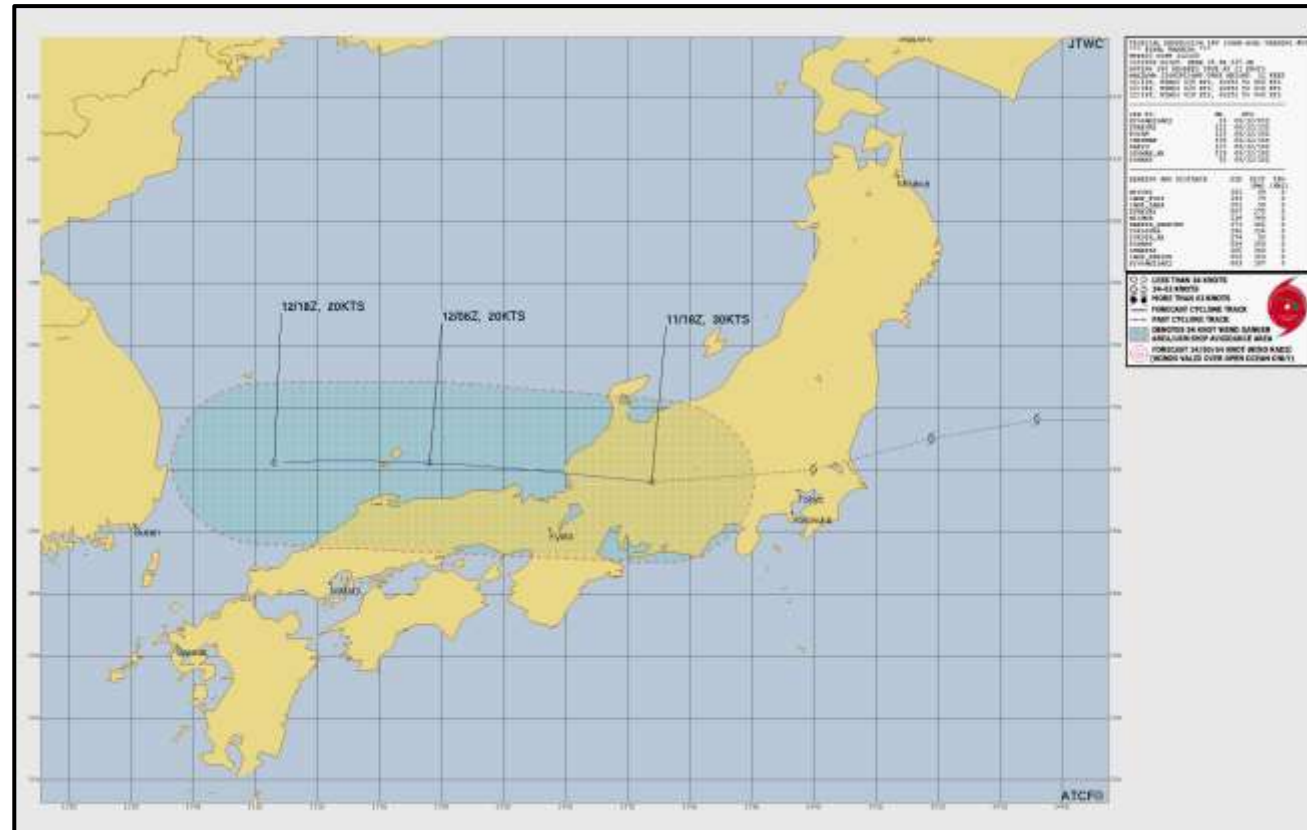


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

# CYCLONE



## TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAN-HOM"



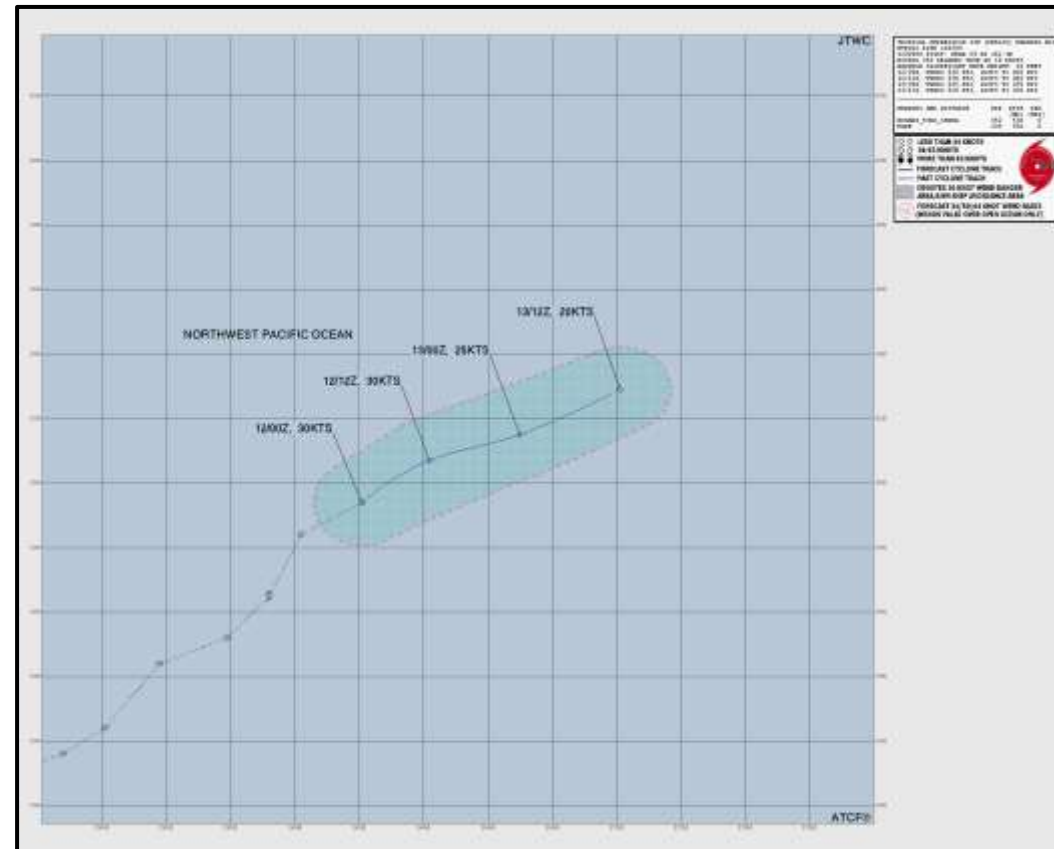
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# CYCLONE

## TROPICAL CYCLONE "PEILOU"



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

# SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



| CATEGORY                                                                                                          | NO        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|  Maritime Incidents            | 01        |
|  Piracy & Armed Robbery        | 01        |
|  Smuggling                     | 01        |
|  IUU Fishing                   | NIL       |
|  Narcotic                      | 02        |
|  Irregular Human Migration     | NIL       |
|  Marine Environment Pollution | NIL       |
|  Other                       | 03        |
| <b>Total Incidents</b>                                                                                            | <b>06</b> |

# MARITIME INCIDENTS



## 12 Aug /One Dead, 172 Rescued After Ferry Catches Fire off Lombok/Indonesia

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION      | SUB CATEGORIES         | VESSEL DETAILS                      | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                  |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.08.12    | Indonesia      | Lombok Strait | Fire/Folding/Explosion | Name-KM Putri Yasmin<br>Type -Ferry | The ferry KM Putri Yasmin, travelling from Padangbai Port in Bali to Lembar Port in |

Lombok caught fire in the Lombok Strait at 0439 hrs local time on 12 Aug 26. One 19-year-old Indonesian woman died, while 172 were rescued, including two Australians. Over 200 personnel participated in the rescue, which faced challenges due to rough seas with 4m waves. The cause of the fire is still unknown.



Source -: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-08-12/ferry-from-bali-to-lombok-on-fire-triggers-rescue-effort/107029040>



# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



## 11 Aug/Houthi Strikes Kill Four Crew Members and Two Rescuers Aboard Cargo Vessel/Yemen

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION             | SUB CATEGORIES     | VESSEL DETAILS                                 | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.08.11    | Yemen          | Bab el-Mandeb Strait | Assault violations | Name- Tihamah<br>Type –Cargo<br>Flag -Tanzania | Captain Sean Tortora, a maritime expert, appeared on “Mornings On 1” to explain the investigative focus regarding the causes of a recent deadly incident. |

Manuel Hernandez operated a 22-foot boat with 14 people on board, exceeding the vessel's capacity of 10. He is also accused of knowingly having an infant on board without a properly sized life vest.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13165/four-crew-members-and-two-rescuers-killed-in-houthi-strikes>



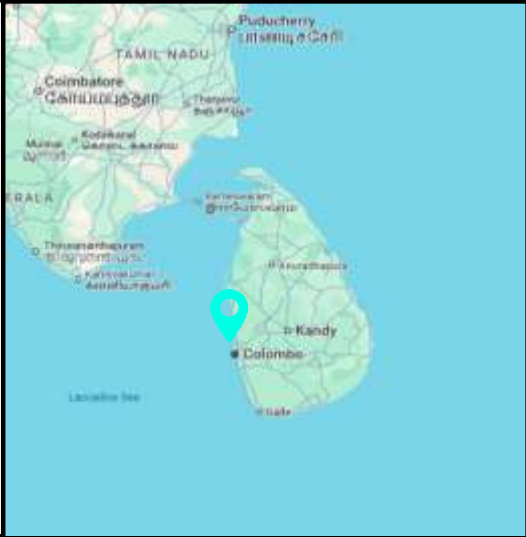
# SMUGGLING



## 11 Aug/Sri Lanka Navy Seizes Large Consignment of Smuggled Kendu Leaves off Negombo/ Sri Lanka

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION                                           | SUB CATEGORIES              | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                            |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.08.11    | Sri Lanka      | Sea area off Kudapaduwa, Negombo, Western Province | Contraband /Goods smuggling | -              | The seized Kendu leaves were subsequently handed over to the Customs Preventive Office in Katunayake for further legal action |

The Navy seized approximately 535kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during a search operation off Kudapaduwa, Negombo, on 11 August 2026. Conducted by SLNS Kelani personnel from the Western Naval Command, the operation resulted in the recovery of 14 sacks believed to have been abandoned by smugglers due to increased naval surveillance; no vessel was reported involved.



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



## 11 Aug /Taiwan Slams China's Typhoon Tactics/Taiwan

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION      | SUB CATEGORIES       | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.08.11    | Taiwan         | Taiwan Waters | Geography Activities | -              | The United States opposed actions that threaten freedom of navigation and overflight in the Taiwan Strait, highlighting ongoing tensions between China and Taiwan over maritime jurisdiction and navigation rights. |

Taiwan rejected China's attempt to impose maritime traffic controls around Taiwan during Typhoon Dolphin, asserting that such actions have no legal basis under UNCLOS. Taiwan implemented its own vessel evacuation and coastal security measures, while coordinating with the Coast Guard Administration to ensure maritime safety. No maritime incidents were reported during the typhoon's passage. The United States also voiced support for freedom of navigation in the Taiwan Strait, highlighting the broader geopolitical tensions between China and Taiwan.



Source -: <https://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2026/08/12/2003862349>



# OTHER



## 11 Aug/Military Forces Intercept Container Ship in Gulf of Oman, UKMTO Reports/Pakistan

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION                        | SUB CATEGORIES                        | VESSEL DETAILS                                         | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.08.11    | Pakistan       | 71 NM off the coast of Pakistan | Other Military /Coastguard activities | Name-Vela Nova<br>Type –Container ship<br>Flag -Panama | Initial reports indicate that the Panama-flagged container ship Vela Nova was likely struck by a missile while navigating the Gulf of Oman, approximately 71 nm from Pakistan's coast, according to the British maritime risk management group Vanguard and a maritime security source. |

The UK Maritime Trade Operations reported an incident involving the Panama-flagged container ship Vela Nova, which is believed to have been hit by a missile while sailing in the Gulf of Oman, approximately 71 nautical miles off the coast of Pakistan. This assessment was corroborated by both the British maritime risk management group Vanguard and maritime security sources.



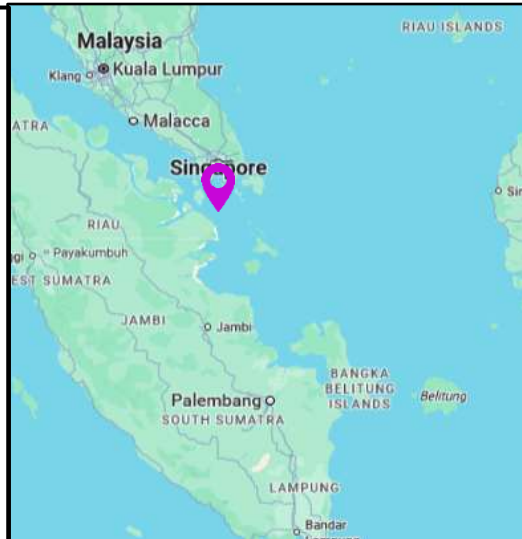
Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/ukmto-reports-incident-involving-container-ship-and-military-forces-in-gulf-of-oman/>



## 10 Aug/Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore Launch Joint Maritime Security Drill/Indonesia

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION     | SUB CATEGORIES   | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.08.10    | Indonesia      | Riau Islands | Naval Activities | -              | Rosli highlighted the importance of implementing best practices for maritime security and enhancing networking among countries. Singapore Police Coast Guard Commander SAC Ang Eng Seng emphasized that this cooperation illustrates the strong ties between Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia. |

The exercise involves Indonesia's Maritime Security Agency (Bakamla), the Singapore Police Coast Guard, and the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) as part of the trilateral INSIMA initiative. Scheduled from 10 Aug to 12 Aug 26 around the Riau Islands, the exercise includes 60 personnel from the three nations and focuses on maintaining maritime security and safety. Activities include joint drills, such as a Visit, Board, Search and Seizure drill. Bakamla Chief Vice Adm. Irvansyah emphasized the importance of cooperation between the countries, aiming to strengthen maritime security in shared waters like the Malacca Strait and Singapore Strait.



Source -: <https://news.az/news/indonesia-malaysia-singapore-launch-joint-maritime-security-drill>





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