

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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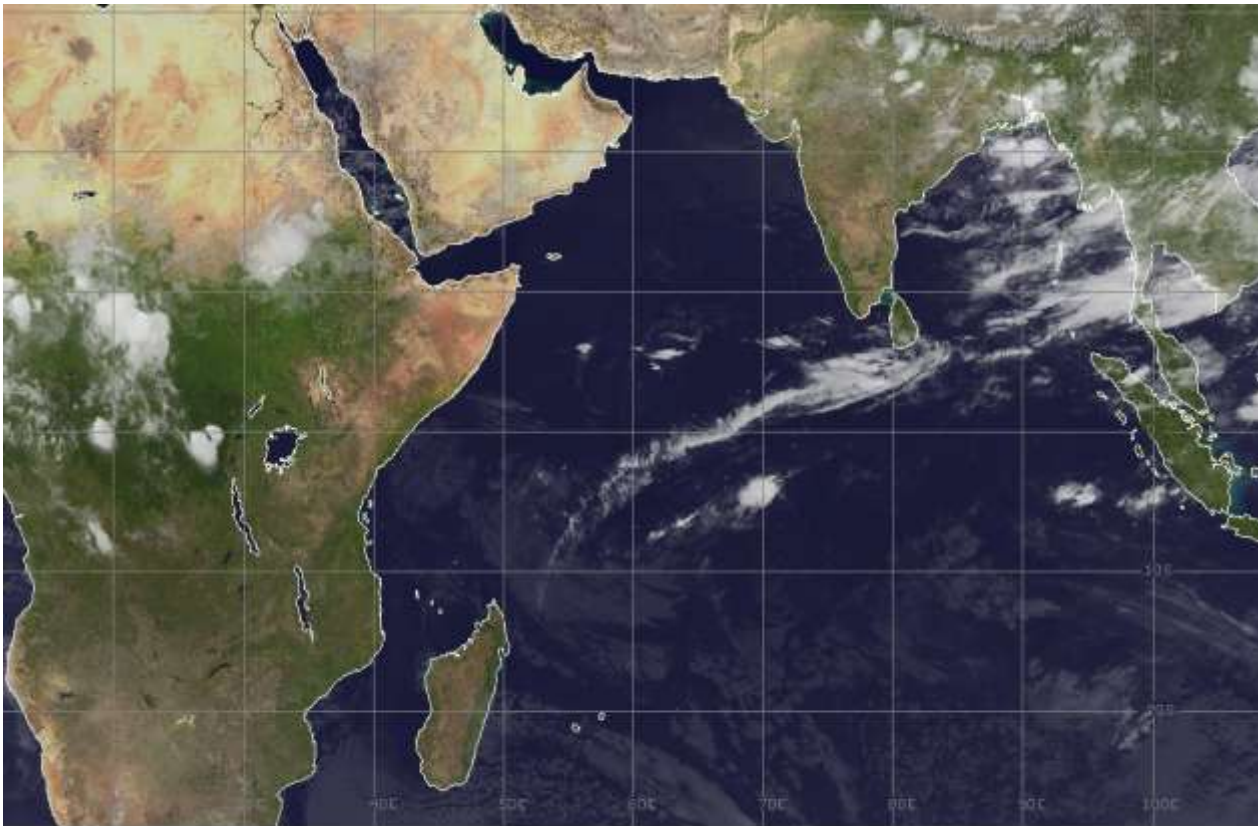
Date 2026.08.28

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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: 2026.08.28/0600UTC to 2026.08.28/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.28

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

Shear line is approximately along: 01N 60E, 02N 70E, 01S 80E, 01N 90E, 03N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 05, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 30, 40, 45, 60, 80.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

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

South of Shear line:

West of 77E : SE'ly to S'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 80.

East of 77E : SE'ly to E'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 75, 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 15.

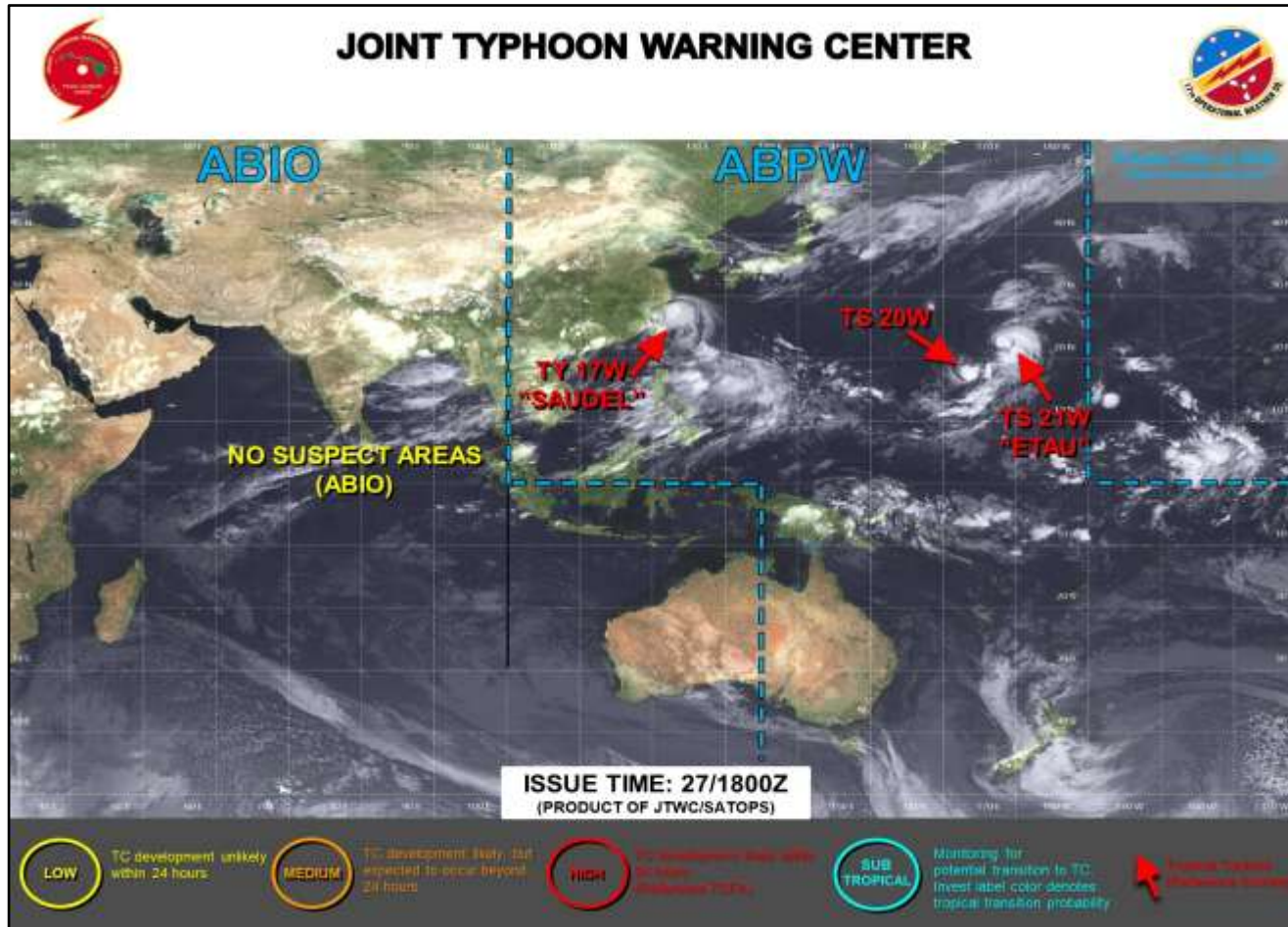
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 60, 75, 80, 85.

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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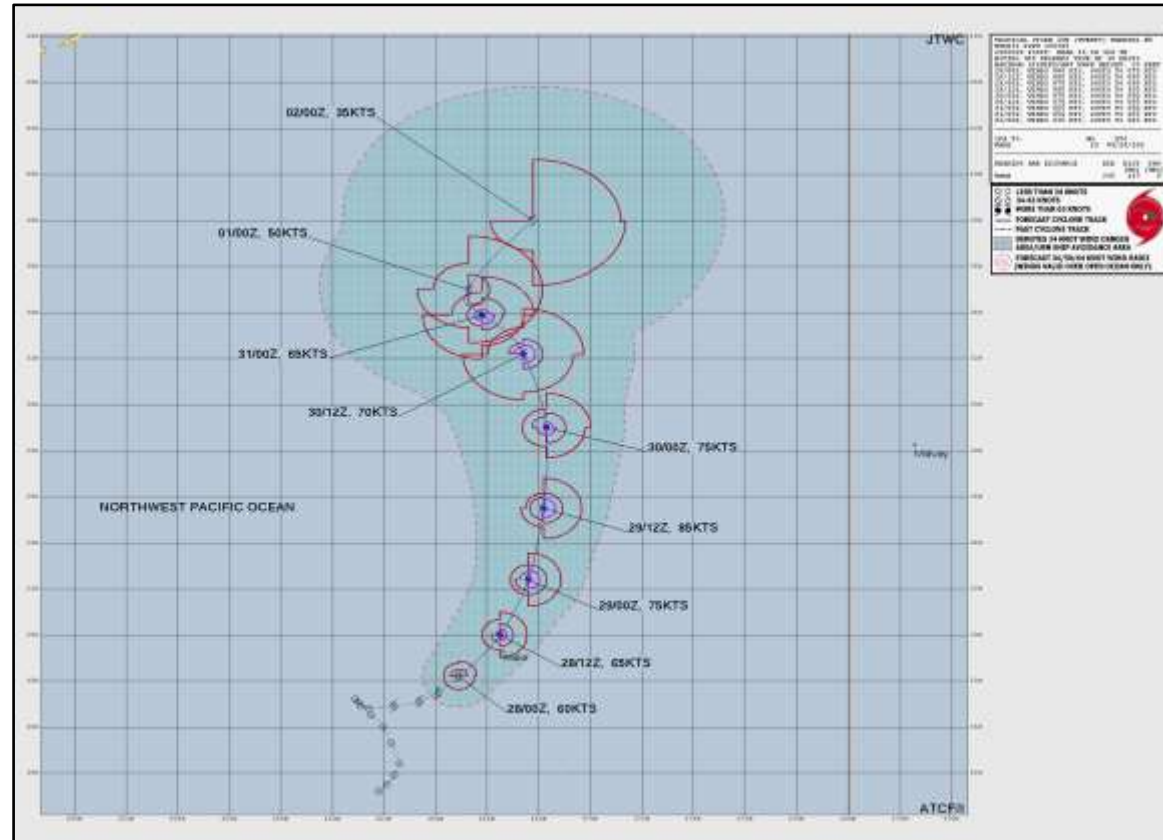


- Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "SAUDEL"

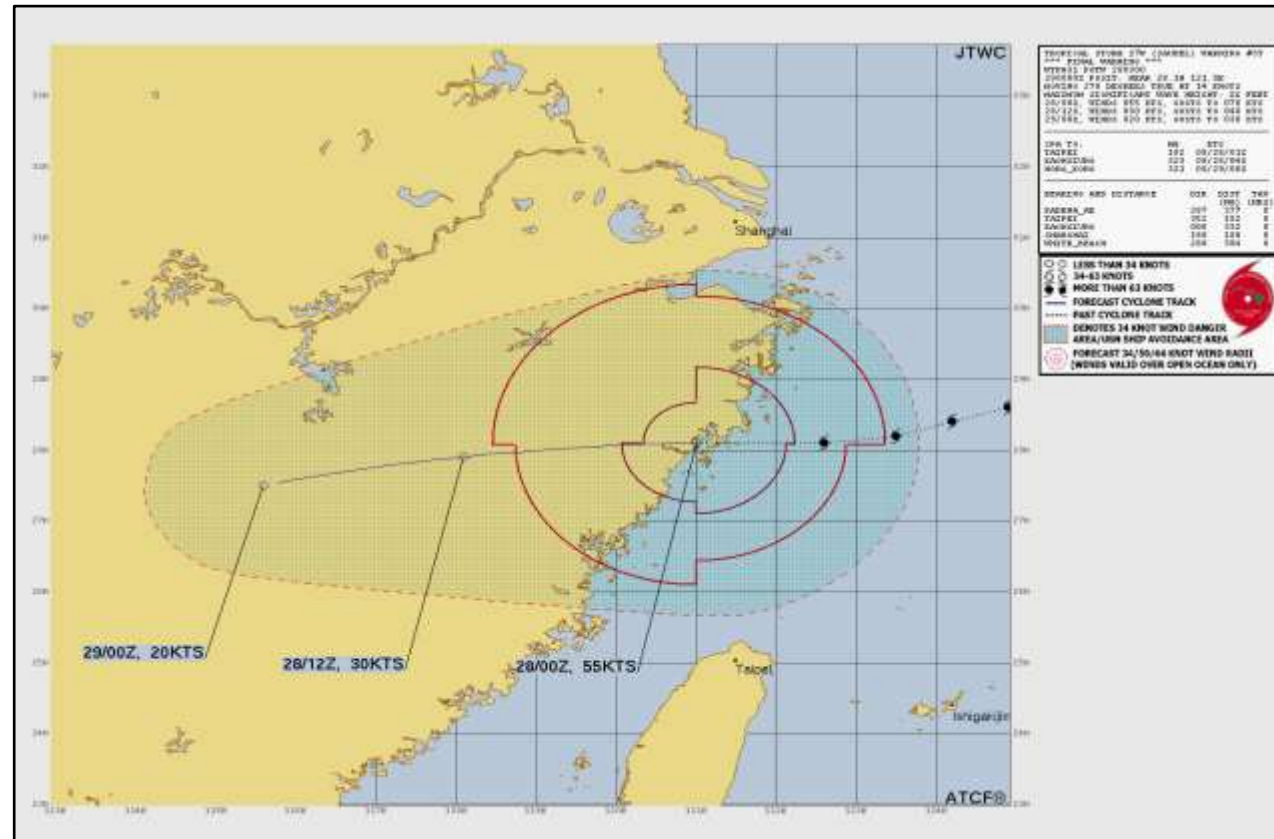


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TROPICAL CYCLONE "ETAU"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	03
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	04
Total Incidents	08

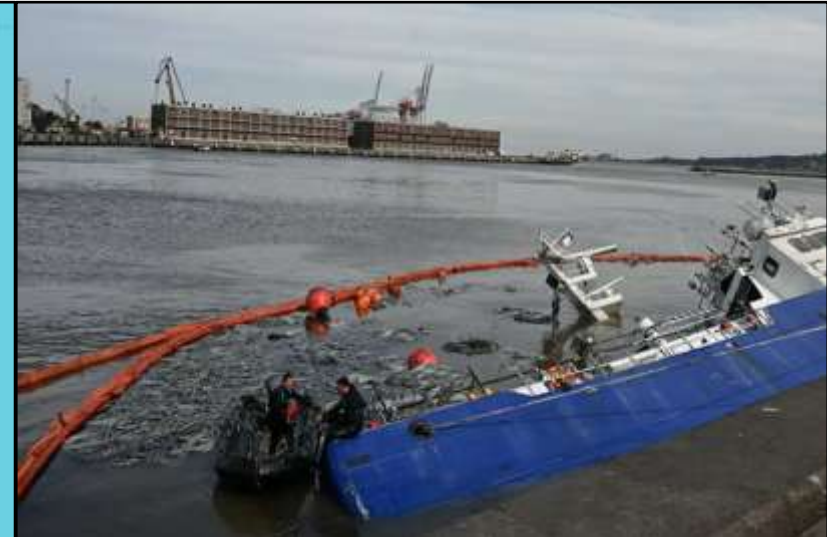
MARITIME INCIDENTS



25 Aug/Russian Commercial Fishing Vessel Sinks/Uruguay

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.25	Uruguay	dock in Montevideo	Capsizing /Sinking	Name - Alpa Crux Flag - Russia	They evacuated 41 crewmembers from the vessel, and Idernol Oriental Shipping hired Nueva Era Oil Spill Response Organization to implement environmental protection measures.

The Russian-flagged fishing vessel Alpa Crux sank at its dock in Montevideo, Uruguay, due to a suspected error during fuel transfer, leading to a loss of stability. The crew was safely evacuated, and an investigation is underway. The 50-meter, 946 gross ton vessel issued an emergency call at around 7:30 p.m. local time on 25 Aug 26, after it began listing to port while transferring fuel between tanks.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/photos-russian-commercial-fishing-vessel-sinks-at-the-dock-in-montevideo>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

26 Aug/Drone Attack Hits Lider Bordo Mavi, Injuring Five Crew/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.26	Russia	coast of Tuapse	Assault violations	Name – Lider bordo mavi Flag – Cameroon Type - Container Carrier	The Cameroon-flagged Ro-Ro/containership Lider Bordo Mavi was attacked off the coast of Tuapse, Russia, on 26 August, resulting in injuries to five crew members.

Lider Bordo Mavi, a 1985-built vessel operated by Lider Gida, was attacked by three drones while departing Samsun Port, Turkey, on 25 August, en route to Tuapse with a cargo of vegetables. The incident caused a fire onboard and injured five crewmembers. There is currently limited information on their condition and the extent of the vessel's damage. The ship, part of the Lider fleet operating between Turkey and Russia, measures 121.48 m in length, 21m in width, and has a capacity of 4,818 tonnes.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/fa/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13200/drone-attack-hits-lider-bordo-mavi-off-russia-injuring-five->



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25 Aug/Another tanker struck in Strait of Hormuz/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.25	Oman	Strait of Hormuz	Assault violations	Name – AL Salam II Flag – Kuwait IMO - 9328168	A crude oil tanker was hit by an unknown projectile in the Strait of Hormuz on 25 August, resulting in damage and a fire that the crew managed to extinguish.

According to UKMTO, the Kuwait-flagged tanker Al Salam II was hit by an unknown projectile near Khasab, Oman, at approximately 17:30 UTC. The incident caused a small hole above the waterline, but all crew members are safe, and there is no reported pollution. The vessel, built in 2007, measures 228 m in length and 32.25 m in width.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/fa/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13199/kuwait-flagged-tanker-hit-by-projectile-in-strait-of-hormuz>



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27 Aug/MS C Halts Novorossiysk Operations After Drone Attack/Turkey

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.27	Turkey	Black Sea	Assault violations	Name: MSC Ulsan III IMO: 9305001 Flag - Panama	MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company has suspended new bookings to and from Novorossiysk Port in the Black Sea following a drone strike on one of its vessels.

MSC has suspended operations for the Panama-flagged containership MSC Ulsan III after it was attacked while carrying cargo from Novorossiysk to Tekirdağ, Turkey. The timing of the attack, the responsible party, damage extent, and crew condition remain undisclosed. MSC plans to continue operating from other Russian ports, including St. Petersburg. The MSC Ulsan III, built in 2004, measures 215.08 meters in length and has a gross tonnage of 27,915.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13198/msc-halts-novorossiysk-operations-after-drone-attack-on-cont>



27 Aug/Iran Claims to Have Turned Back Indian Tanker/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.27	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name – Haana Flag – Marshall Island Type - Tanker	The report noted that an Indian tanker named Haana attempted to transit the southern route to the Gulf but was warned by the IRGC and turned back.

Iran is asserting it has halted all traffic in the Oman Channel as it negotiates over the Strait of Hormuz's operation. Reports indicate a tanker was turned back, and a Greek-owned tanker was reportedly struck. Iranian semi-official news agencies Fars and Mehr quoted an IRGC spokesperson claiming no vessel traffic has occurred along the southern route in the past 24 hours.



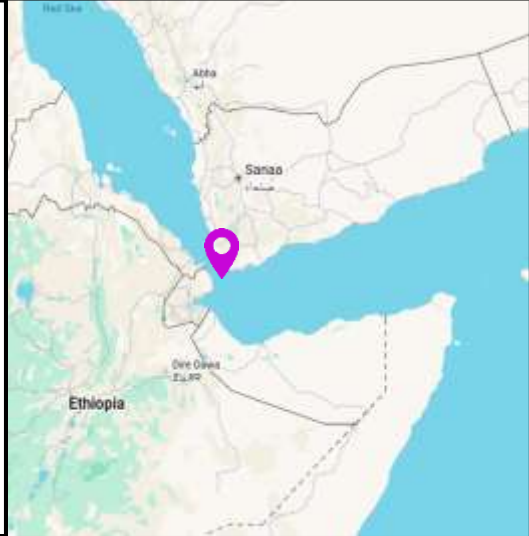
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25 Aug/Indian Navy Monitors Safe Transit of 2 Merchant Ships Through Bab-el-Mandeb Strait/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.25	India	Bab-el-Mandeb Strait	Naval Activities	Name – MV Dagher Name - MV Union Mariner	The Bab-el-Mandeb is a narrow strait connecting the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, serving as a significant shipping route for commercial vessels.

An Indian Navy unit observed two merchant ships, MV Dagher and MV Union Mariner, in the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait on August 25, reporting no incidents. This operation is part of the Navy's ongoing efforts to ensure the safe transport of essential cargo to and from India and to protect India's maritime interests.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/indian-navy-monitors-safe-transit-of-2-merchant-ships-through-bab-el-mandeb-strait/>



27 Aug/Navy commissions two new patrol boats/Australia

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2026.08.27	Australia	Cairns	Naval Activities	Name – HMAS Cape Spencer Name - HMAS Cape Hawke	The ceremony honors the dedication and professionalism of sailors tasked with taking the ships to sea for the benefit of their country.

The Royal Australian Navy has commissioned HMAS Cape Spencer and HMAS Cape Hawke at HMAS Cairns. These 58.1m Evolved Cape class patrol boats will enhance the Australian Defence Force's capacity to secure maritime approaches. Commodore Antony Pisani emphasized that this event signifies a crucial milestone in the Navy's growth and modernization aimed at addressing future maritime security needs.



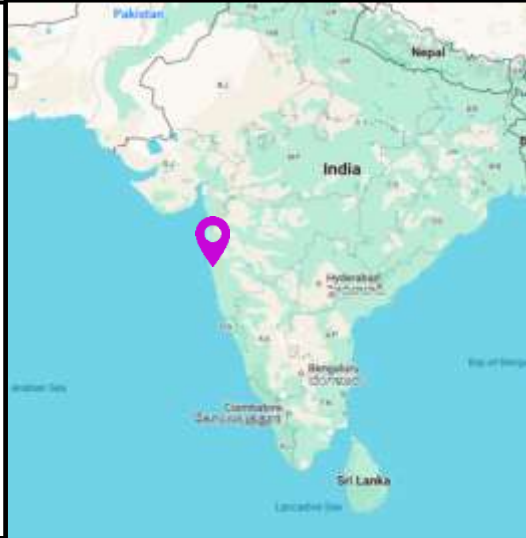
Source -: <https://www.australiandefence.com.au/news/news/navy-commissions-two-new-patrol-boats>



28 Aug/Indian Navy to Commission Second Indigenous Nistar-Class Diving Support Vessel/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.28	India	Mumbai	Naval Activities	Name – Nipun Type - Diving Support Vessel	The Indian Navy will commission the second Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar class, named Nipun, on August 31 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

The Nipun will operate in deep-sea diving and underwater operations, including submarine rescue missions and supporting divers in challenging sea conditions. It has been designed and built in India by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) in Visakhapatnam.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/indian-navy-to-commission-2nd-indigenous-nistar-class-diving-support-vessel-nipun/>



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