

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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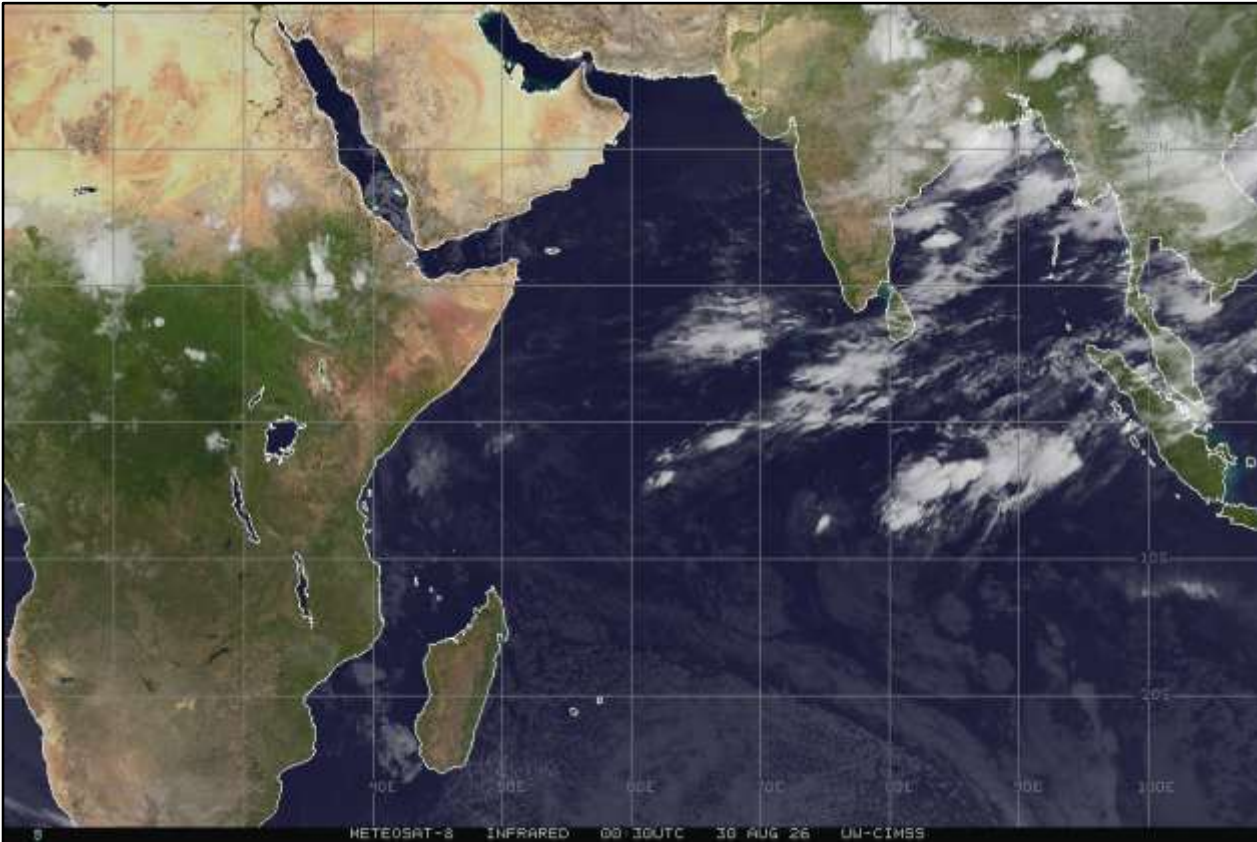
Date 2026.08.30

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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: 2026.08.30/0600UTC to 2026.08.30/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.30

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 20, 25, 50, 65, 70.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 10, 15, 30, 40, 55, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 77E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kts.

East of 77E : SW'ly / (15-25) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10.

South of Shear line:

West of 80E : SE'ly to S'ly/ (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65 & 80.

East of 80E : SE'ly/ (10-20) kts.

Seas:

Rough in sections : 05, 10.

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 15, 60, 65, 80.

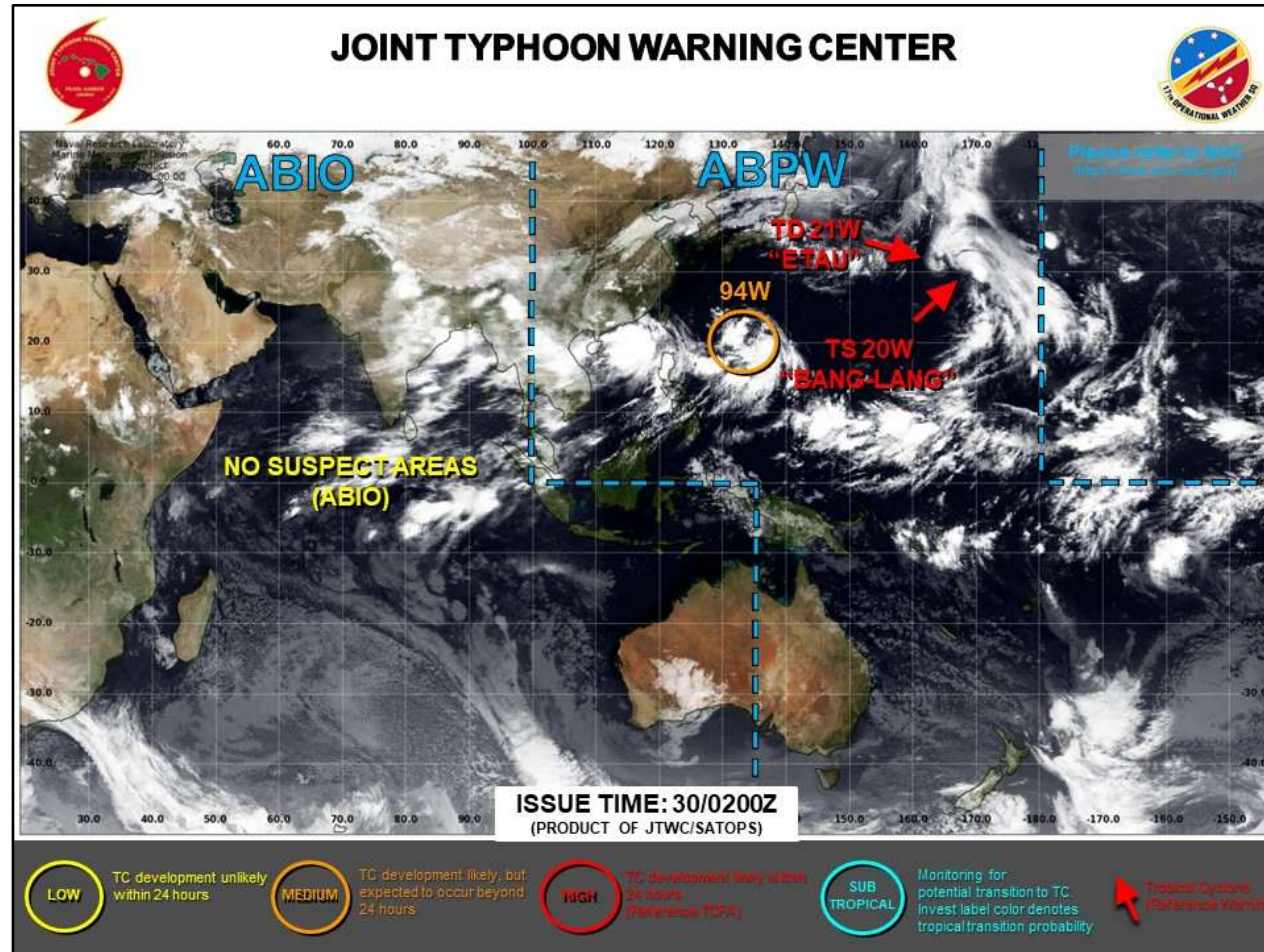
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 30, 40, 55, 70, 75, 85.

Moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



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



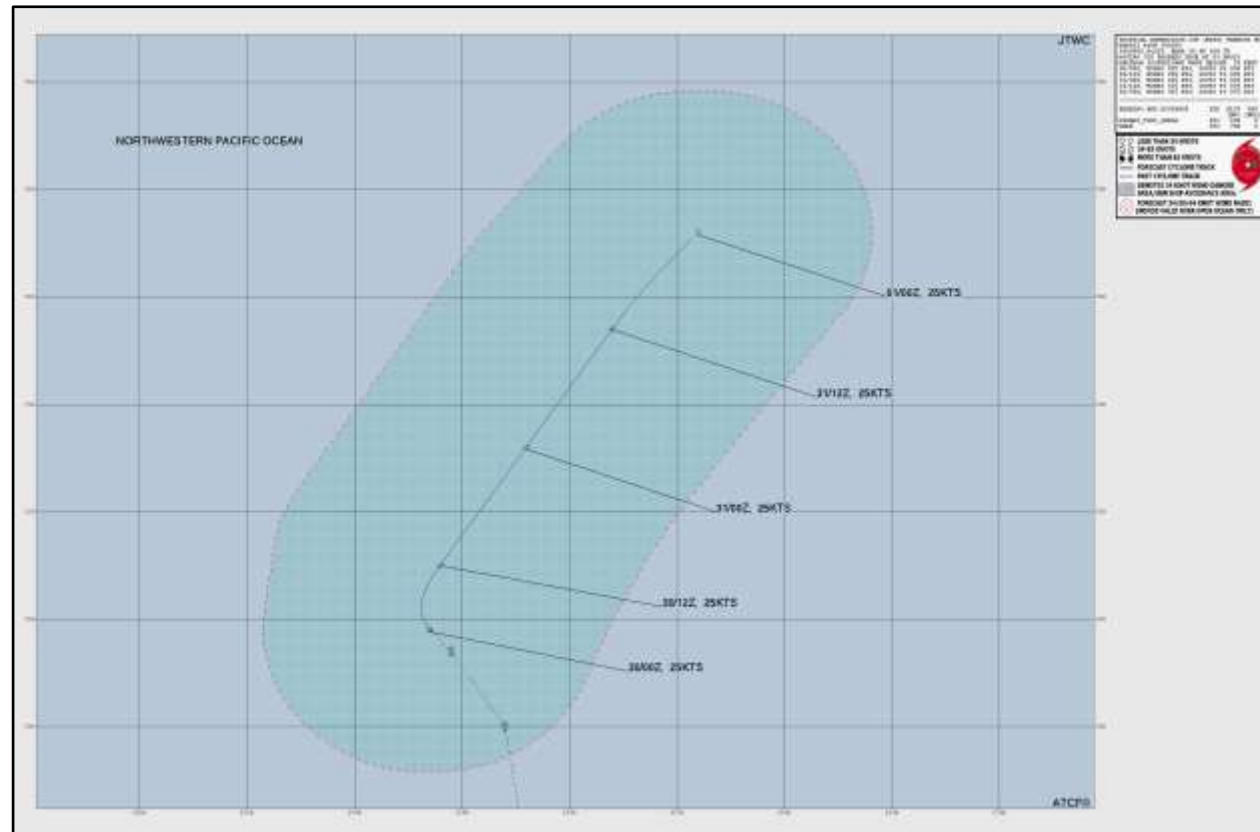
TROPICAL CYCLONE "BANG-LANG"



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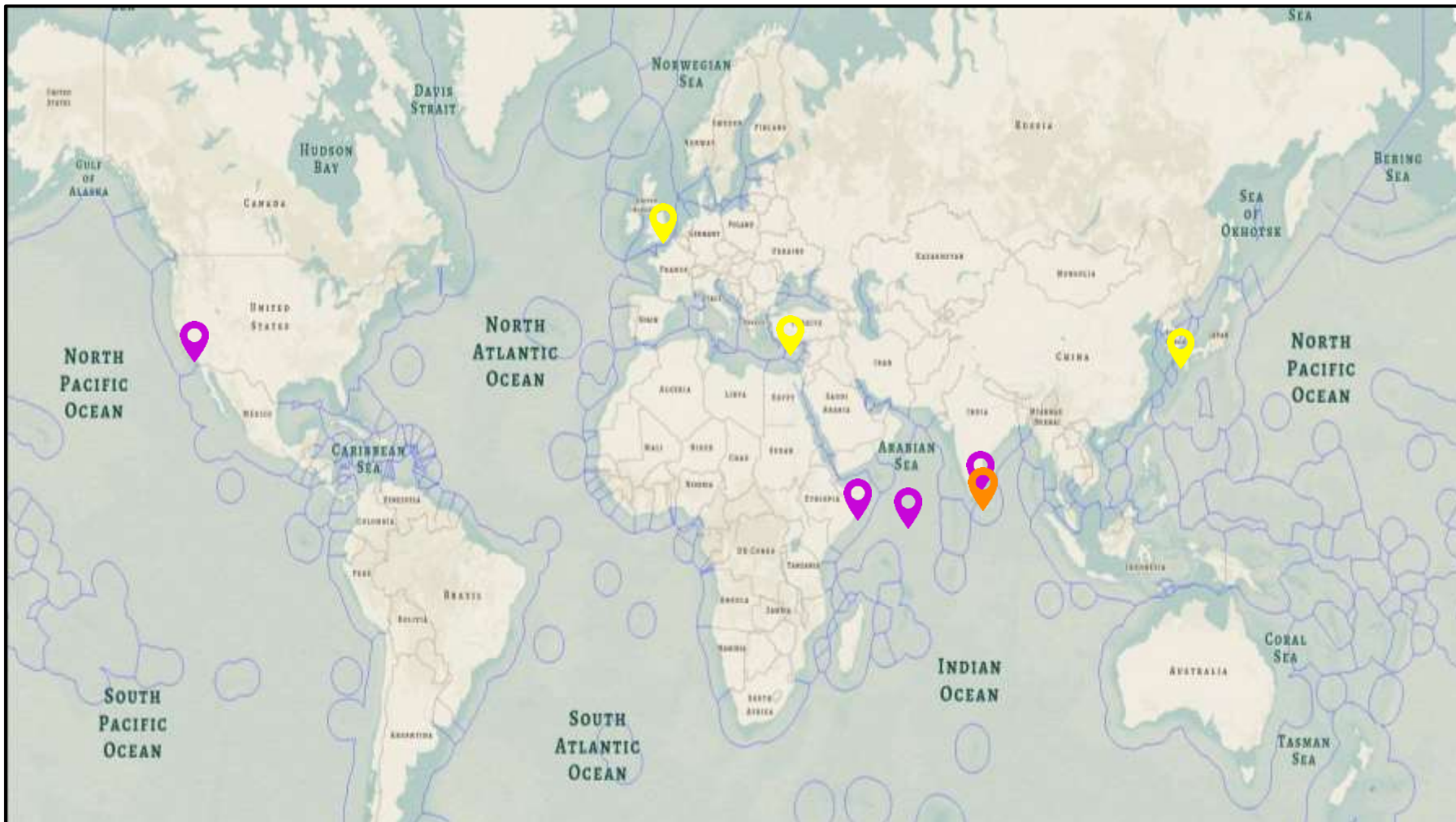


TROPICAL CYCLONE "ETAU"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

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29 Aug/Boat Carrying 270 People Capsizes/France

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.29	France	English Channel	Capsizing/Sinking	Fishing Boat	Search efforts are ongoing for two crew members following the sinking of a French fishing boat in the English Channel, according to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

A Coastguard rescue operation commenced after a distress call from a boat near Eddystone Lighthouse at 18:00 BST (2230hrs) on 29 Aug 26. Three individuals were rescued and taken to the hospital. An intensive search, supported by numerous civilian vessels, is ongoing for the two remaining crew members. Lifeboat crews from Newlyn and Salcombe have replaced those from Plymouth and Falmouth, who searched overnight.



Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjrx2qjv3e3o>

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30 Aug/Eight Die, Many More Missing After Ferry Capsizes /Cyprus

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.30	Cyprus	off North Cyprus	Capsizing /Sinking	-	The privately owned ferry that departed from the North Cyprus port of Kyrenia at 12.30pm began to take on water for an unclear reason, according to Türkiye's state-run news agency Anadolu.

One person died when a ferry carrying around 270 people capsized off North Cyprus on August 30. According to Turkish Cypriot Transport Minister Erhan Arikli, the vessel had 267 people on board, including 259 passengers and eight crew members.



Source -: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/cyprus-turkiye-ferry-boat-capsizes-6350376>

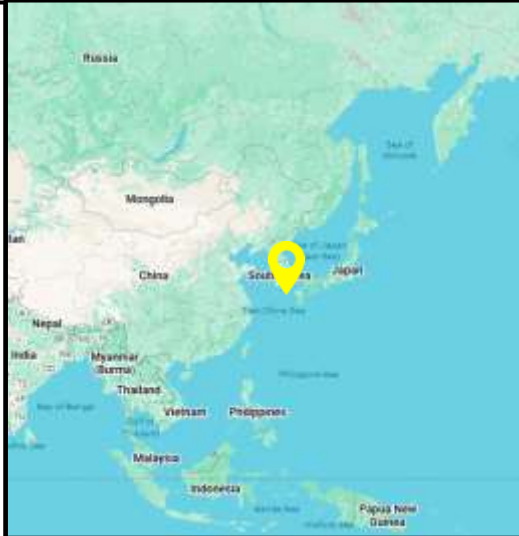
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27 Aug/Two Crew Killed in Vessel Fire/South Korea

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.27	South Korea	-	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Tanker vessel	The South Korean Coast Guard has confirmed the deaths of two crewmembers, one in his 20s and the other in his 60s, following a fire on a tanker. The fire is believed to have originated in the engine room of the unnamed South Korean-flagged vessel.

The report of a fire on a 7,300-ton oil product tanker was received by the Incheon Coast Guard at 10:30 pm on August 27. The tanker, located 4.6 miles north of Jawol Island near Incheon, had 18 crew members, including 11 Koreans. The Coast Guard rescued 16 crew members, while the bodies of the two missing members were later found in the engine room.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-two-crewmembers-killed-in-fire-aboard-south-korean-tanker>

IUU FISHING



30 Aug/33 Apprehended in Navy Anti-Illegal Fishing Operations/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
16 to 27 Aug 26	Sri Lanka	Around sea area	Illegal fishing apparatus	18 dinghies	The Sri Lanka Navy conducted operations against illegal fishing between 16 and 27 August 2026, apprehending 33 individuals and seizing 18 dinghies. These efforts were made in collaboration with the Police and Fisheries Inspectors.

The Eastern and Northern Naval Commands conducted operations in coastal and sea areas, including Ilankanthei, Lankapatuna, and others in Jaffna. Suspects, fishing boats, and prohibited gear were transferred to Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Department offices and police stations for further legal action.



Source -: [https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/thirty-three-\(33\)-apprehended-in-naval-operations-against-illegal-fishing.html](https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/thirty-three-(33)-apprehended-in-naval-operations-against-illegal-fishing.html)

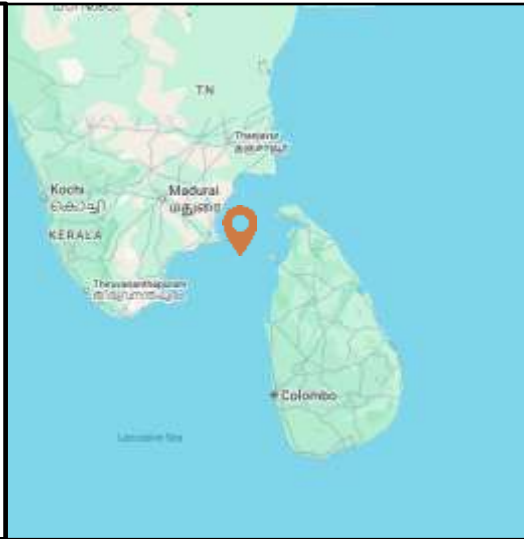
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30 Aug/Rameshwaram Fishermen Begin Indefinite Strike/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.30	India	Rameshwaram		-	Fishermen in Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu, initiated an indefinite strike on the 30th, demanding the release of 18 fishermen detained by the Sri Lankan Navy and compensation for seized or damaged fishing boats.

S. Emerit, president of the fishermen's association, reported that the Sri Lankan Navy arrested nine fishermen and confiscated their boat on July 22, with an additional nine fishermen and another boat detained on July 12. Emerit highlighted the Tamil Nadu government and Chief Minister's intervention, calling on the central government for immediate action to secure the release of the fishermen and their boats.



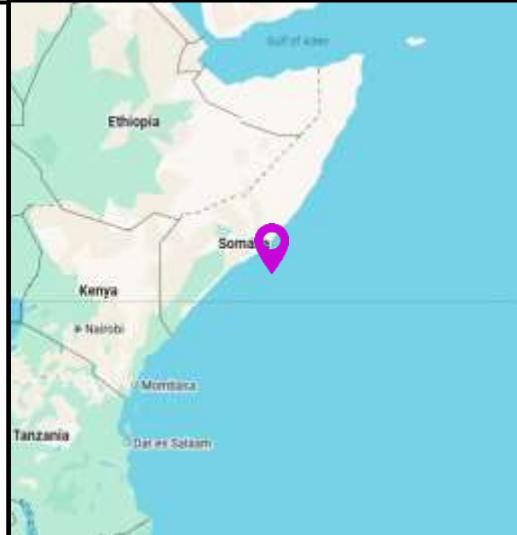
Source -: <https://adaderana.lk/news/cmtfnz88q0005356p9hqp6xo7>



29 Aug/Turkish, Somali Forces Free Pirate-seized Vessel In Somalia/Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.29	Somalia	Coast of Somalia	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name – Lutuf Flag - Cameroon	Turkish and Somali forces successfully freed the MV LUTUF from pirates near Somalia, concluding a 10-day operation that resulted in 14 alleged pirates being killed and four of their boats destroyed.

Turkey's navy and Somali forces liberated the MV LUTUF, a Cameroon-flagged vessel hijacked on August 17, after a 10-day operation that killed 14 alleged pirates. The operation, part of a defense agreement between Turkey and Somalia, saw four pirate boats destroyed and pressured the remaining pirates to abandon the vessel. Details on crew casualties were not provided, but the ship has resumed its journey with at least eight crew members, including one Turkish national, aboard.



Source -: <https://www.dw.com/en/turkish-somali-forces-free-vessel-seized-by-pirates-in-somalia/a-78560087>



29 Aug/US Navy's Final Expeditionary Sea Base/United State

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.29	United State	San Diego	Naval Activities	Name – USS Hector A Cafferata Jr	The Navy forward-deploys Expeditionary Sea Bases to support mine countermeasure ships and special operations forces, offering logistics support for various military operations from open waters to the shore.

The USS Hector A Cafferata Jr. (ESB-8), the last expeditionary sea base delivered to the U.S. Navy in San Diego, enhances maritime capabilities. Built by General Dynamics NASSCO, the 239 m long vessel displaces 90,000 tonnes at full load and features a 52,000 square foot deck. It can support various aircraft, including MH-53E Sea Dragon and MV-22B Osprey, reach speeds of 15 knots, and has a range of 9,500 nautical miles, accommodating 350 personnel.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/us-navys-final-expeditionary-sea-base-the-90000-ton-usns-hector-a-cafferata-jr-delivered/>



29 Aug/USS Theodore Roosevelt Prepares for Middle East Deployment/United State

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.29	United State	Arabian Sea	Naval Activities	Name – USS Theodore Roosevelt Name - USS George Washington	The carrier has spent the month preparing for deployment following its leadership in the Rim of the Pacific 2026 maritime exercise off Hawaii.

The U.S. Navy is dispatching the USS Theodore Roosevelt, its 4th Nimitz-class Aircraft Carrier, to the Middle East to reinforce its naval blockade against Iran in the Arabian Sea. It will replace the USS George Washington and is expected to remain in the region for 7 months, with potential extensions to 8 months as advised by the commanding officer to the sailors.



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