

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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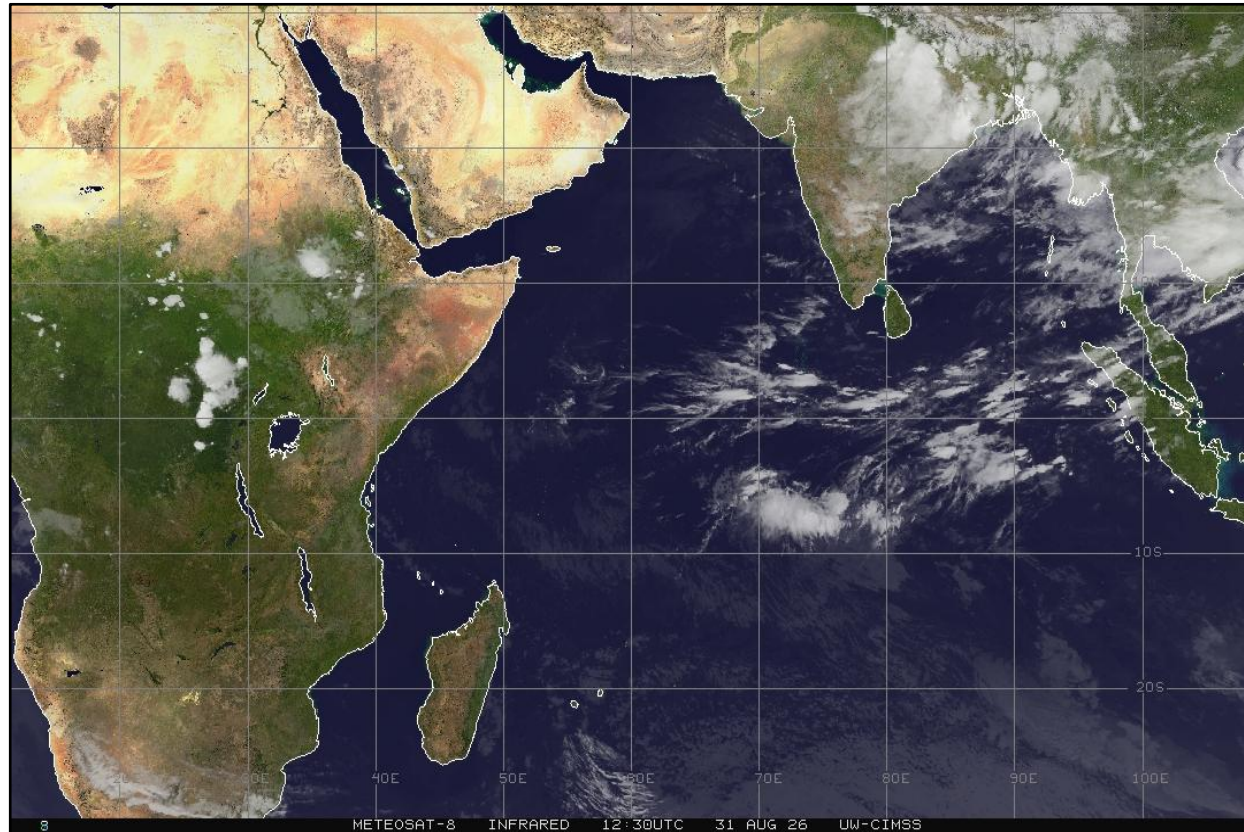
Date 2026.08.31

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WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.08.31/1400UTC to 2026.09.01/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.31

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 25, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65,.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 20, 35, 45, 70.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-15) kts.

From 70E to 80E : NW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 05.

East of 80E : SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 10.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 80, 65; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 40, 60, 70, 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 65, 80.

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 40, 60, 70, 85.

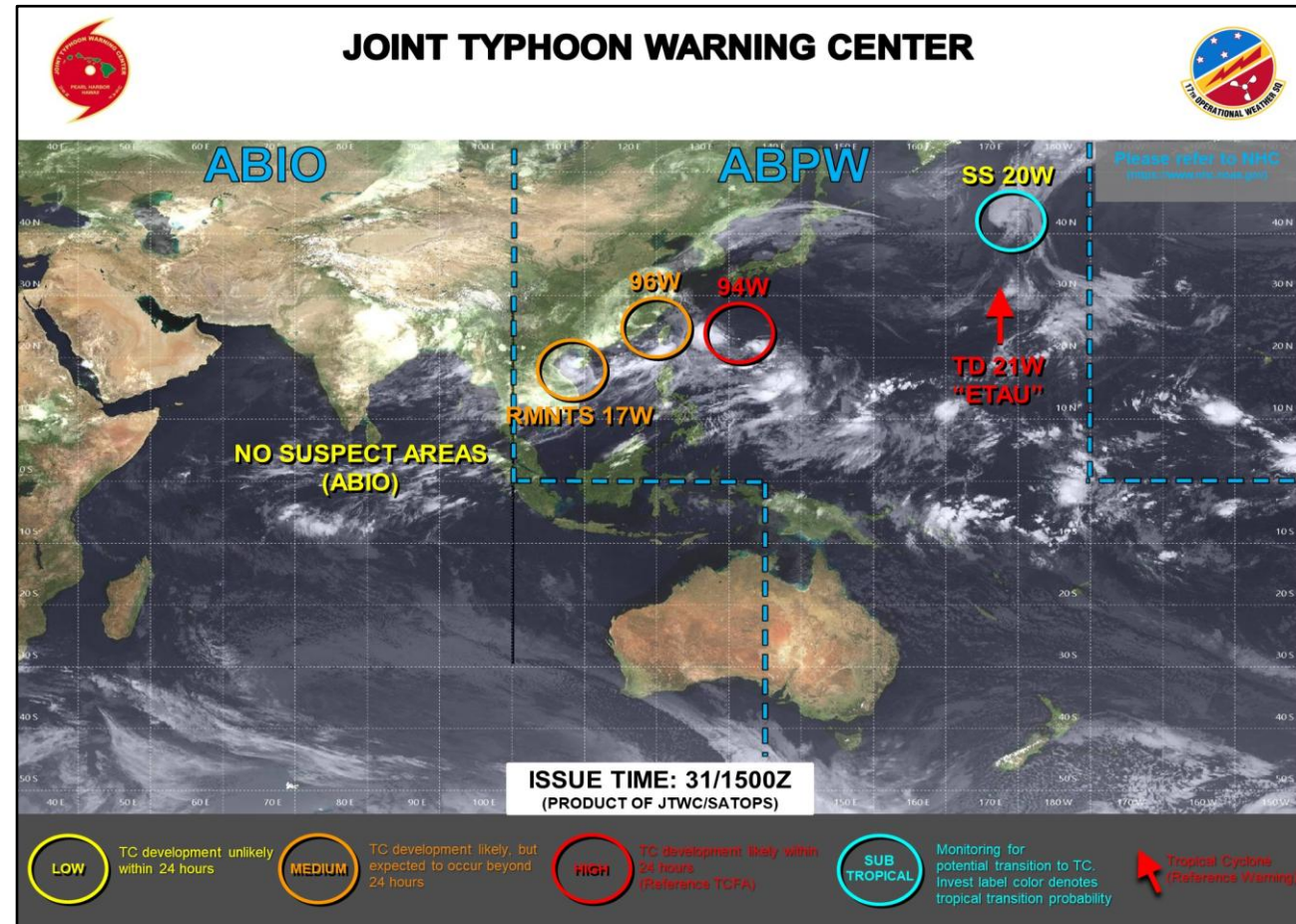
Moderate in sections : 15, 30, 50, 55, 75.

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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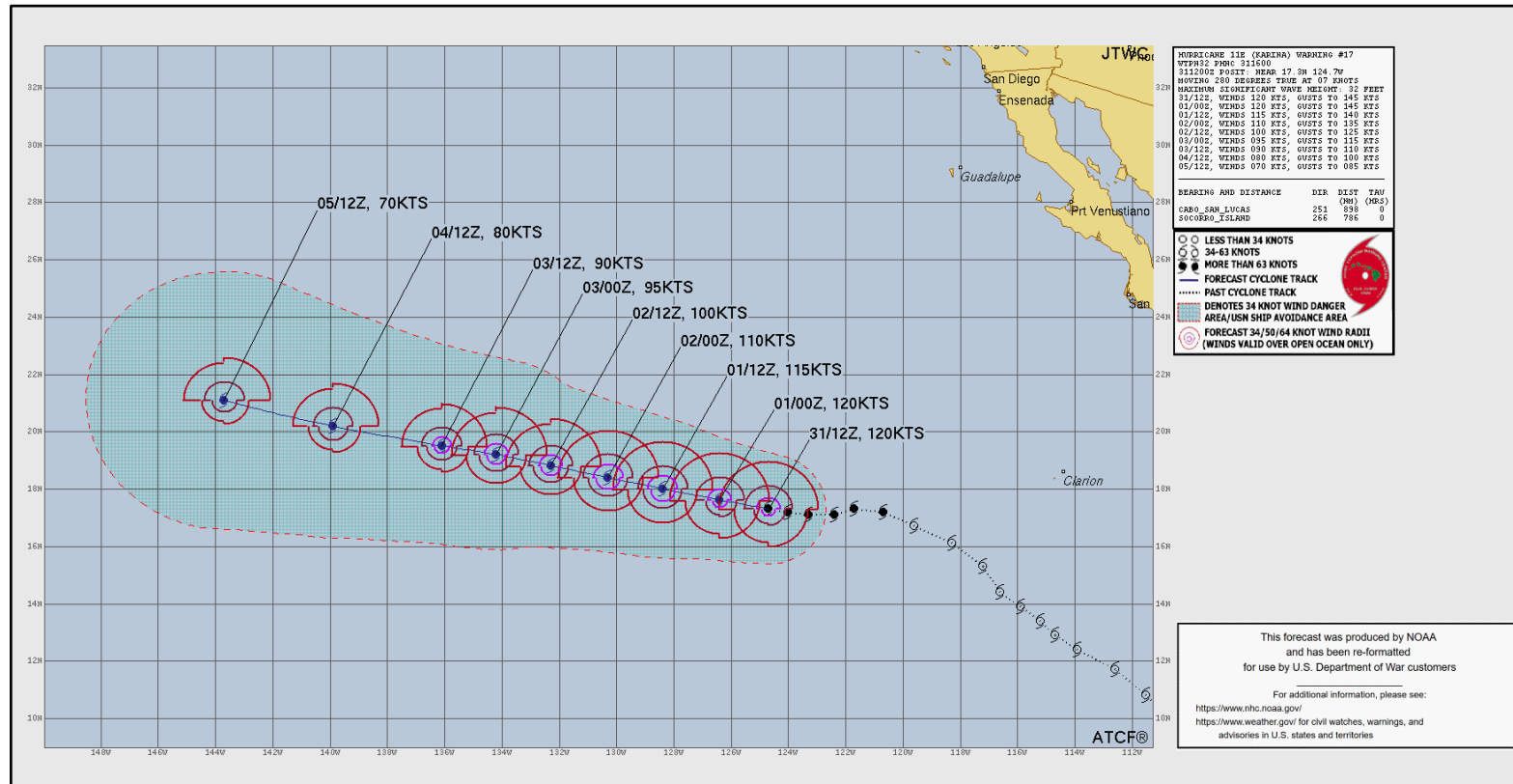


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "KARINA"

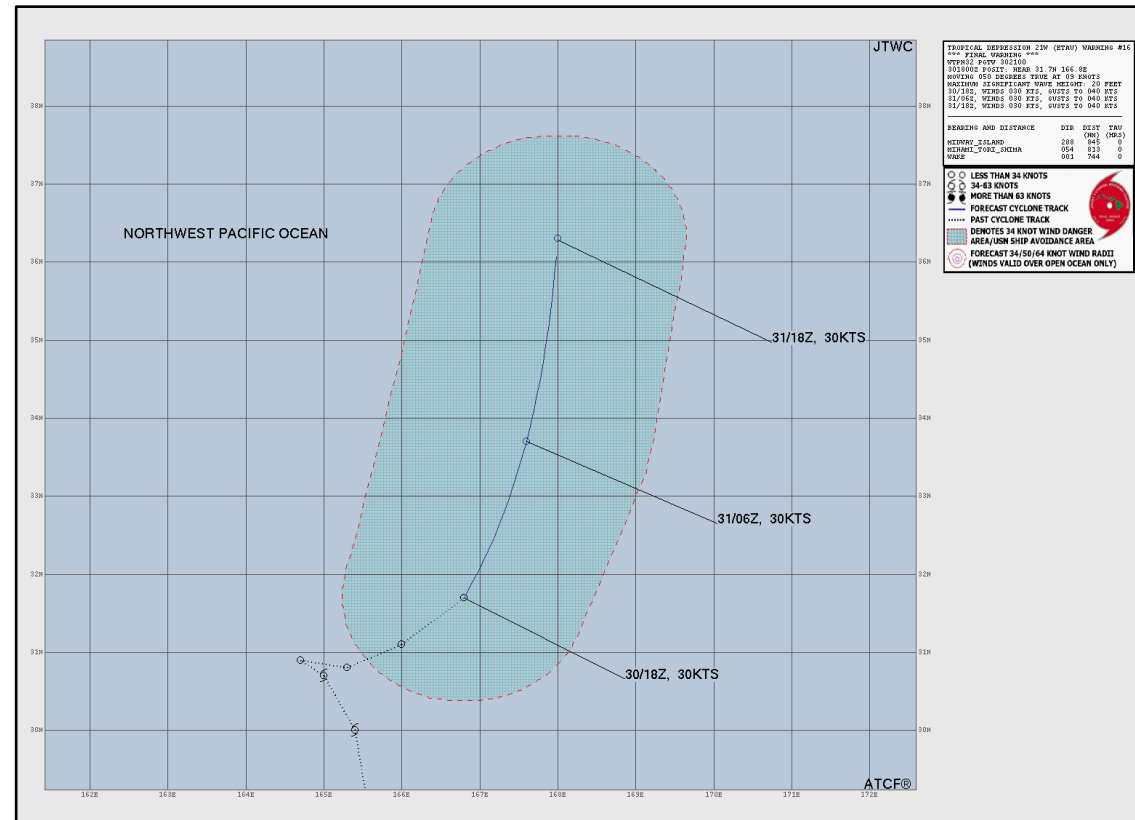


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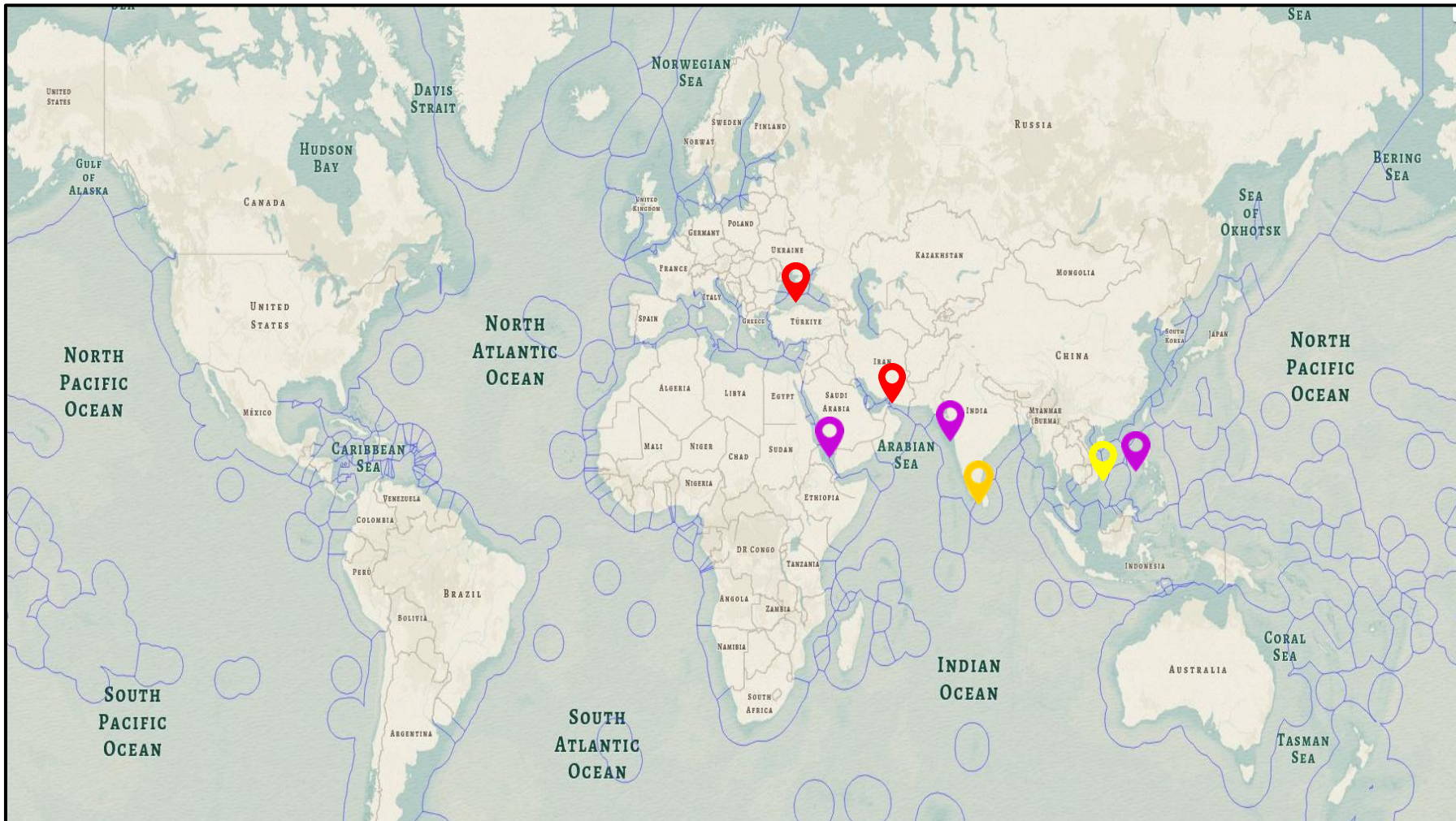


TROPICAL CYCLONE "ETAU"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	07

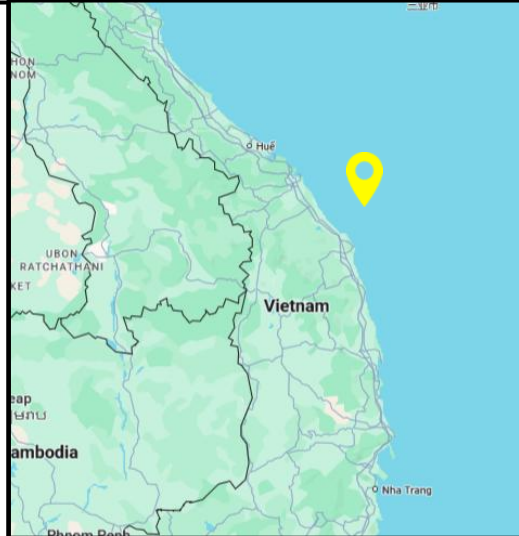
MARITIME INCIDENTS



26 Aug/Da Nang Steps Up Search, Rescue Efforts for Missing Fishing Boat /Vietnam

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.26	Vietnam	Off Son Tra Peninsula	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Fishing Boat	Search teams rescued 32 crew members in weakened condition from a situation on August 28, with the Coast Guard vessel KN 472 taking them to Truong Sa Lon Island. Search, rescue, and relief efforts are currently in progress..

The People's Committee reported that a 23.9m squid-fishing vessel, captained by 47-year-old Huynh Van Tri, lost contact on 26 Aug after departing An Hoa port on 29 Jul with 49 crew members. The vessel's last recorded position was about 17.6 nm from the maritime boundary in Vietnamese waters. Weather conditions included southwesterly winds and rough seas, increasing risks. Authorities coordinated search and rescue efforts, involving local forces and nearby vessels, and communicated with the Gia Lai Border Guard and maritime rescue centers to support operations.



Source -: <https://baolangson.vn/en/da-nang-steps-up-search-rescue-efforts-for-missing-fishing-boat-5103465.html>

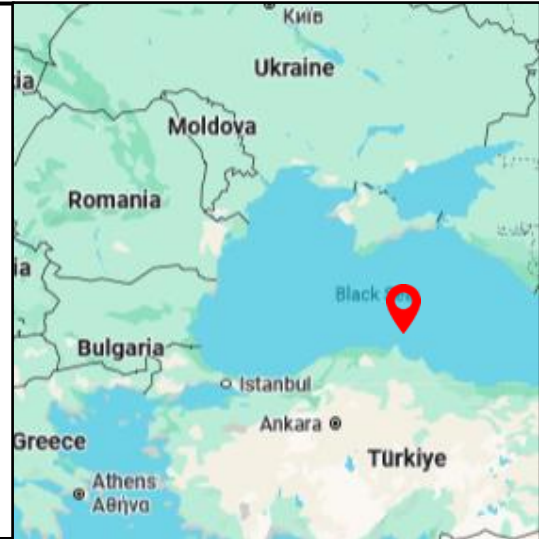
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



30 Aug/Chemical Tanker Runs Aground After Being Attacked By Drone In Black Sea/Turkiye

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS		ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.30	Turkiye	Sinop Port	Assault violations	Name: GOLDEN SAPLING Type: Tanker IMO: 9185841	Name: Maran Pythia Type: Tanker IMO: 9402902	Rescue teams have arrived on the scene and are assessing the situation to determine the best approach for towing the vessel free.

On 30 Aug 26 the Hong Kong-flagged tanker Golden Sapling ran aground off the coast of Samsun, Turkey, following a reported drone attack in the Black Sea. All 21 crew members were evacuated without injuries by a nearby Greek tanker, Maran Pythia. The Golden Sapling, approximately 90 nm from Sinop Port, last transmitted data on 26 Aug 26 before losing communication and subsequently drifting in bad weather before grounding.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/no/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13204/chemical-tanker-runs-aground-after-being-attacked-by-drone-i>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



30 Aug/Chemical Tanker Runs Aground After Being Attacked By Drone in Khasab/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.30	Oman	Khasab	Assault violations	-	Arsenio Dominguez, the secretary-general of the UN's International Maritime Organisation (IMO), reported that at least 70 attacks on vessels have occurred in the Strait of Hormuz in the last six months due to the US-Israeli military operation against Iran, resulting in 19 seafarer fatalities.

An oil tanker near Khasab, Oman, was struck by an unidentified projectile while approaching the Strait of Hormuz. The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported no casualties or environmental damage. The incident, which occurred on Saturday, is under investigation by relevant authorities. Ships in the area are advised to exercise caution and report any suspicious activity.



Source -: <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20260831-oil-tanker-hit-by-unidentified-projectile-off-oman-ukmto/>



31 Aug/Ice Drug Consignment Worth Over Rs. 8 Billion Seized At Colombo Port/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.31	Sri Lanka	Colombo Port	Seizure of narcotics	-	A businessman from Dematagoda has been arrested in relation to the incident.

Police authorities recovered nearly 463 Kg of crystal methamphetamine ('Ice') valued at over Rs. 8 billion from two containers at Colombo Port. The operation, executed by the Police Narcotics Bureau and the Central Crime Investigation Bureau (CCIB) with assistance from Sri Lanka Customs, followed intelligence reports leading to the inspection and weighing of the illicit drugs.



Source -: <https://adaderana.lk/news/cmthaj1da000o356pqq7e5tce>

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30 Aug/Houthi Unmanned Attack Boat Base Destroyed by Yemeni Forces/Yemeni

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.30	Yemeni	Red Sea Coast	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	NRF naval forces intercepted a dhow near the Hanish Islands, transporting a substantial supply of Chinese and Iranian electrical components for hundreds of drones, along with radio-control equipment and documents linking the shipment to the IRGC..

National Resistance Forces in Yemen destroyed a Tufan-1 unmanned attack boat at a Houthi naval outpost, indicating prior engagements. This suggests that the Tufan-1s were intended for naval operations against Saudi Arabia. Previously, these boats attacked bulk carriers, such as the Transworld Navigator, which survived a strike, and the MV Tutor, which sank. A two-man crew operates the Tufan-1, equipped with a 150kg warhead and a closing speed of 35 knots, reflecting the Houthis' continuing threat to maritime security..



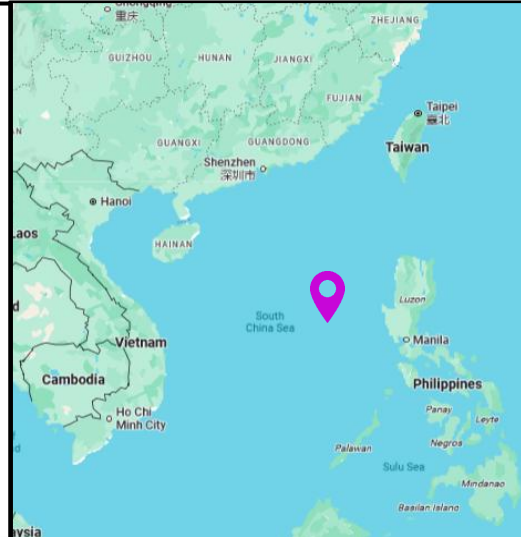
Source -: https://maritime-executive.com/article/houthi-s-unmanned-attack-boat-base-destroyed-by-yemeni-forces?utm_source=chatgpt.com



30 Aug/China Enhances South China Sea Patrols Over “Illegal Activities”/China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.30	China	Huangyan Dao	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	Such patrols aim to enhance the management of relevant waters and firmly protect China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests, according to the CCG.

On 30 Aug 26 the China Coast Guard (CCG) conducted law-enforcement patrols in the territorial sea of Huangyan Dao and its surrounding areas. The CCG reported that it has intensified such patrols since August to regulate ships involved in illegal activities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.



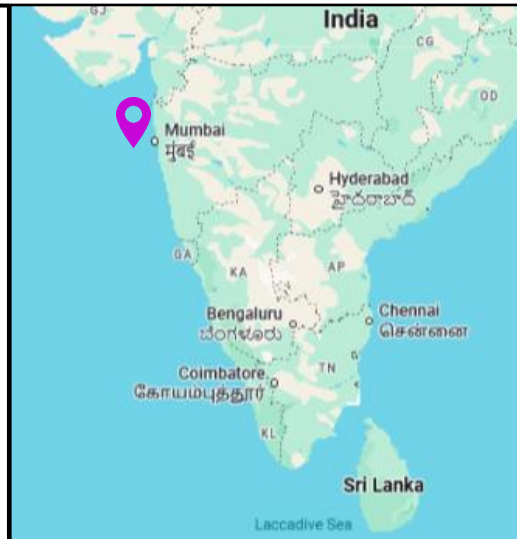
Source -: <https://www.businesstoday.com.my/2026/08/30/china-says-south-china-sea-patrol-enhanced-over-claimed-illegal-activities/>



31 Aug/Indian Navy Commissions Second Diving Support Vessel Nipun In Mumbai /India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.31	India	Mumbai's Naval Dockyard	Naval Activities	Name- NIPUN	The commissioning of 'NIPUN' will enhance the Indian Navy's capability for specialized diving and underwater missions, showcasing the advancements of the Indian shipbuilding sector in delivering sophisticated vessels.

Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, presided over the commissioning of the Indian Navy's second Diving Support Vessel (DSV), 'NIPUN', on 31 Aug at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard. Delivered on 30 Jul 26 and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, 'NIPUN' enhances deep-sea diving and underwater operational capabilities, meeting Indian Register of Shipping standards. The vessel, featuring advanced diving equipment and approximately 75% indigenous content, underscores the Navy's commitment to indigenous shipbuilding and the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. It is equipped for various underwater missions, including navigation and medical support systems.



Source -: <https://thenewsmill.com/2026/08/indian-navy-commissions-second-diving-support-vessel-nipun-in-mumbai/>



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