

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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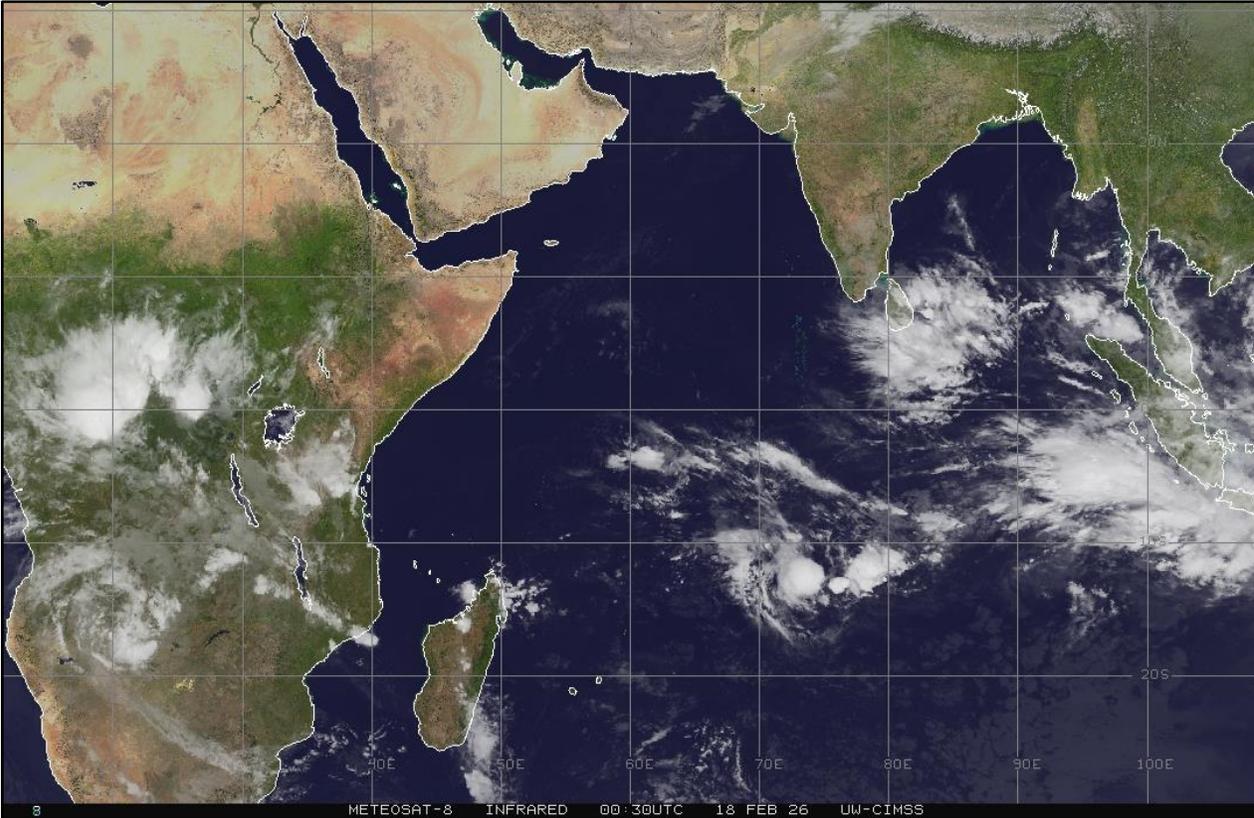


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Date 2026.02.18



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: 2026.02.18/0600UTC to 2026.02.18/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.02.18

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

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

ITCZ is approximately along : 06S 60E, 09S 70E, 13S 80E, 09S 90E, 09S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 30, 35, 40, 55, 70, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 25, 45, 50, 60, 65

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 73E: NE'ly or VRB / (10-15)kts.

In between 73E and 92E: Cyclonic / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10, 30.

East of 92E: NE'ly or SW'ly / (10-15)kts; gusting up to (20-25) kts in section 15

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 80E: NW'ly to W'ly / (15-25)kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 65

East of 80E: SW'ly or W'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 55, 70, 75

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 80

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 65

Rough in sections : 80

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 15, 30, 75

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 25, 55, 60, 75, 85

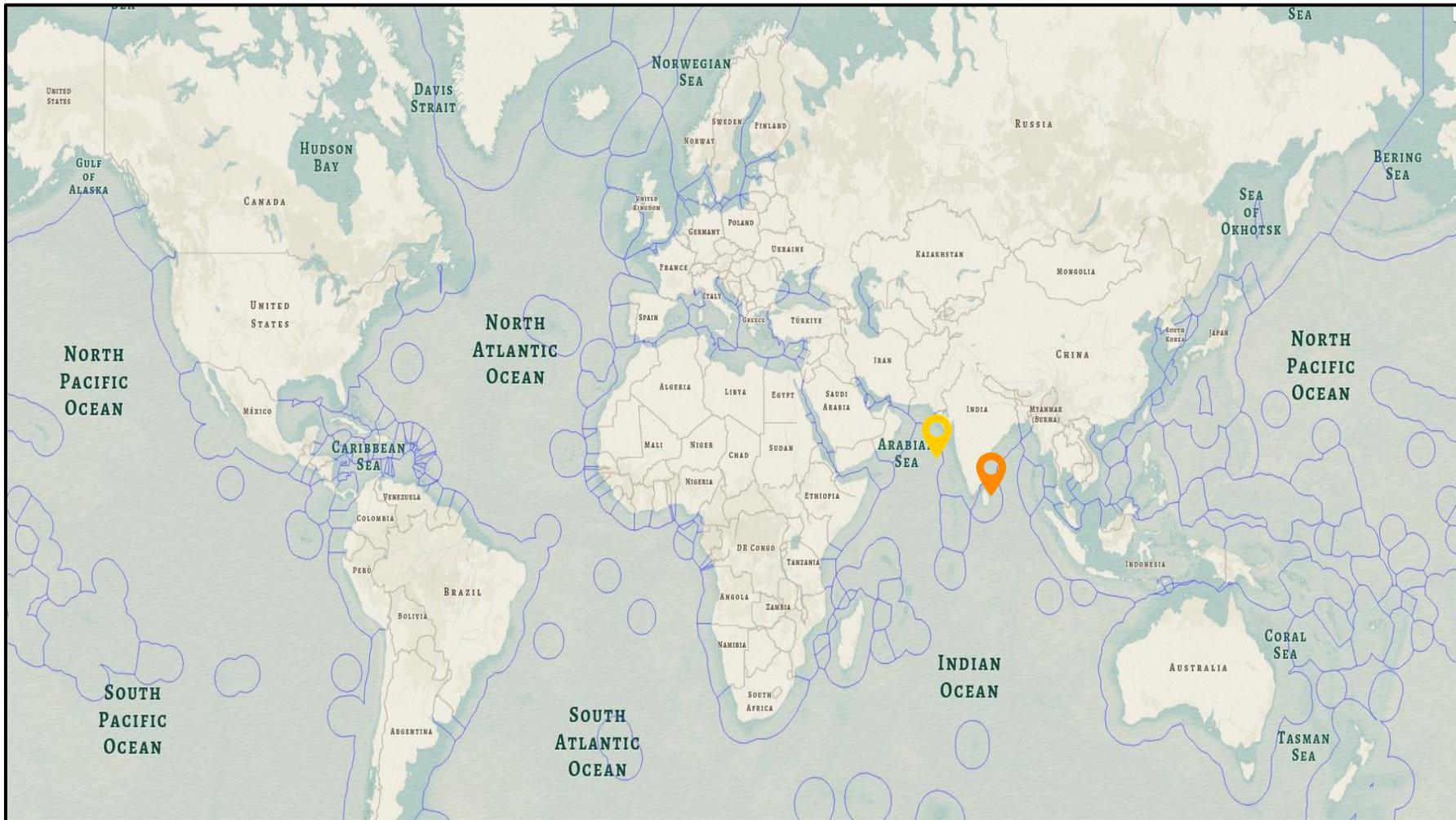
Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

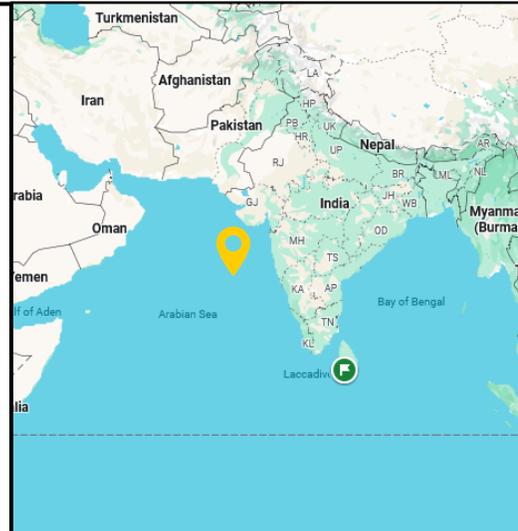
NARCOTIC



16 Feb/Indian Coast Guard & Gujarat ATS Seize 203 Kg Suspected Narcotics Near IMBL/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.16	India	Arabian Sea Near IMBL	Seizure Of Narcotics	One Boat	An ICG ship under Coast Guard Region (North West) was diverted to intercept a suspect vessel during multi-mission operations.

On 16 Feb 26 the Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad conducted an overnight operation intercepting a speed boat in the Arabian Sea that carried approximately 203 Kg of suspected crystalline narcotics near the International Maritime Boundary Line. This action was prompted by intelligence from Gujarat ATS concerning a foreign fishing vessel linked to drug trafficking.



Source -: <https://www.psuconnect.in/news/indian-coast-guard-gujarat-ats-seize-203-kg-suspected-narcotics-near-imbl>

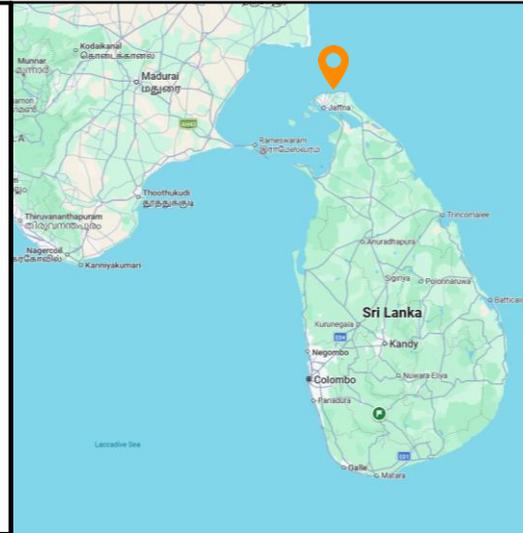
IUU FISHING



15 Feb/02 Indian fishing boats poaching in northern waters/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.15	Sri Lanka	Off Kankesanthurai	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	Two Indian Fishing Boats	The seized boats (02) and the Indian fishermen (25) will be handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Myliddy, Jaffna for onward legal proceeding

During an operation conducted in the dark hours of 15 and wee hours of 16 Feb 26 the Sri Lanka Navy seized two (02) Indian fishing boats and apprehended twenty five (25) Indian fishermen while they were poaching in Sri Lankan waters off Kankesanthurai, Jaffna.



Source -> <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/16/202602161200/>



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