

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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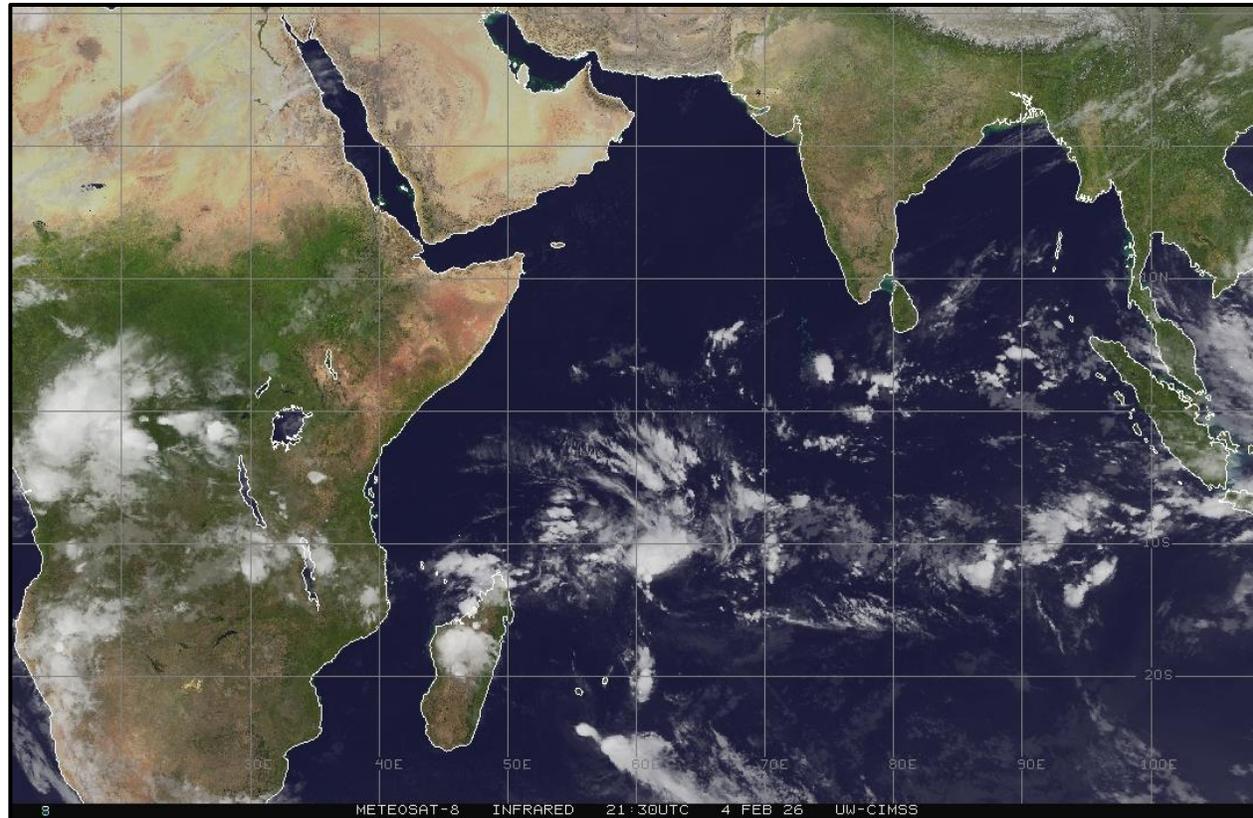
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Date 2026.02.05

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: 2026.02.05/0600UTC to 2026.02.05/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.02.05

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

Shear line is approximately along :03S 60E, 04S 70E, 02S 80E, 01N 90E, 01N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 06S 60E, 11S 70E, 11S 80E, 11S 90E, 11S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 25, 30, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 35, 40, 55

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 80E: NE'yly or N'yly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05

East of 80E: E'yly to NE'yly / (15-20)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ

West of 75E: NW'yly / (10-15)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60

East of 75E: SW'yly to W'yly / (10-20)kts

South of ITCZ:

West of 75E: Cyclonic / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 60

East of 75E: SE'yly / (10-20)kts.

Seas:

Rough in section : 60

Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 05

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 10, 25, 70, 75, 85

Moderate in sections : 20, 15

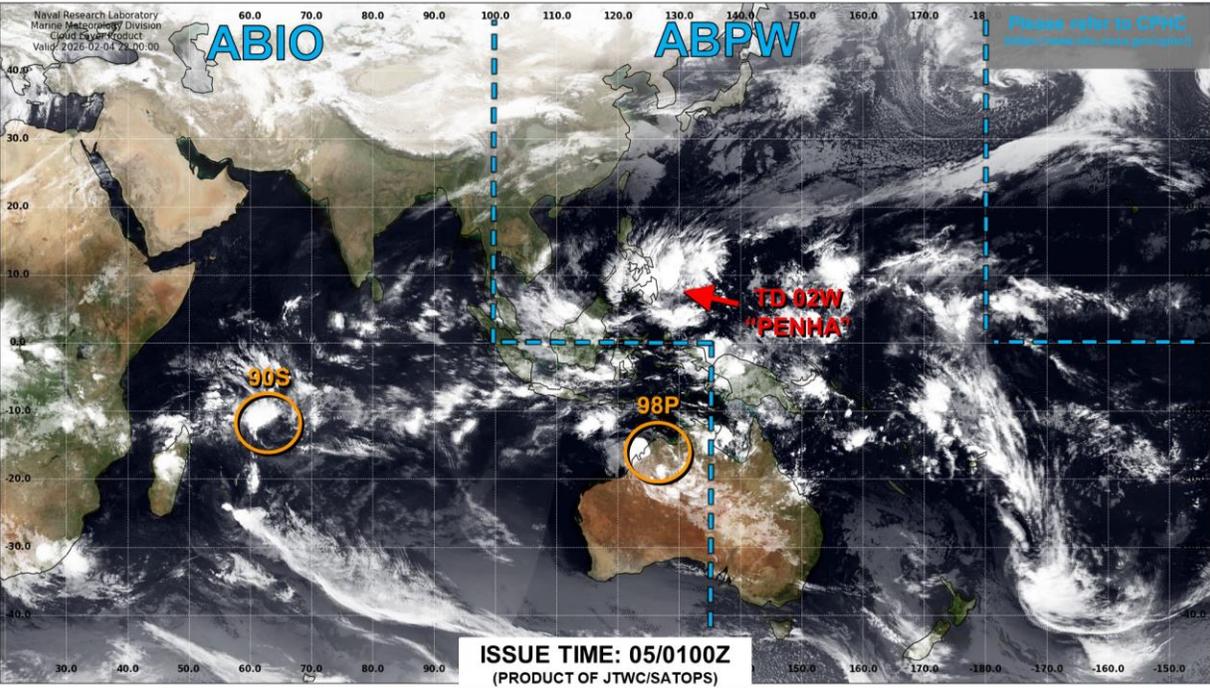
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

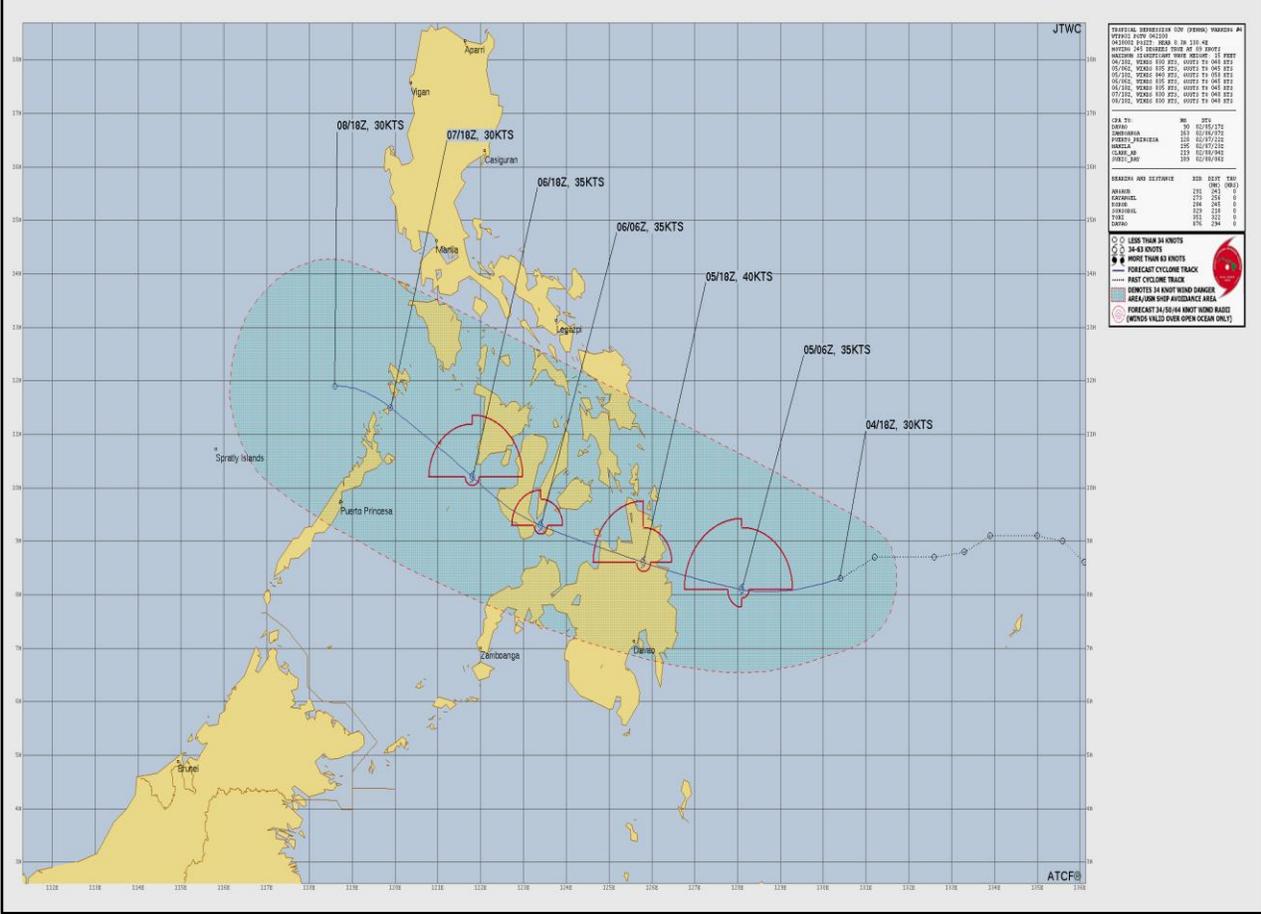
CYCLONE



JOINT TYPHOON WARNING CENTER



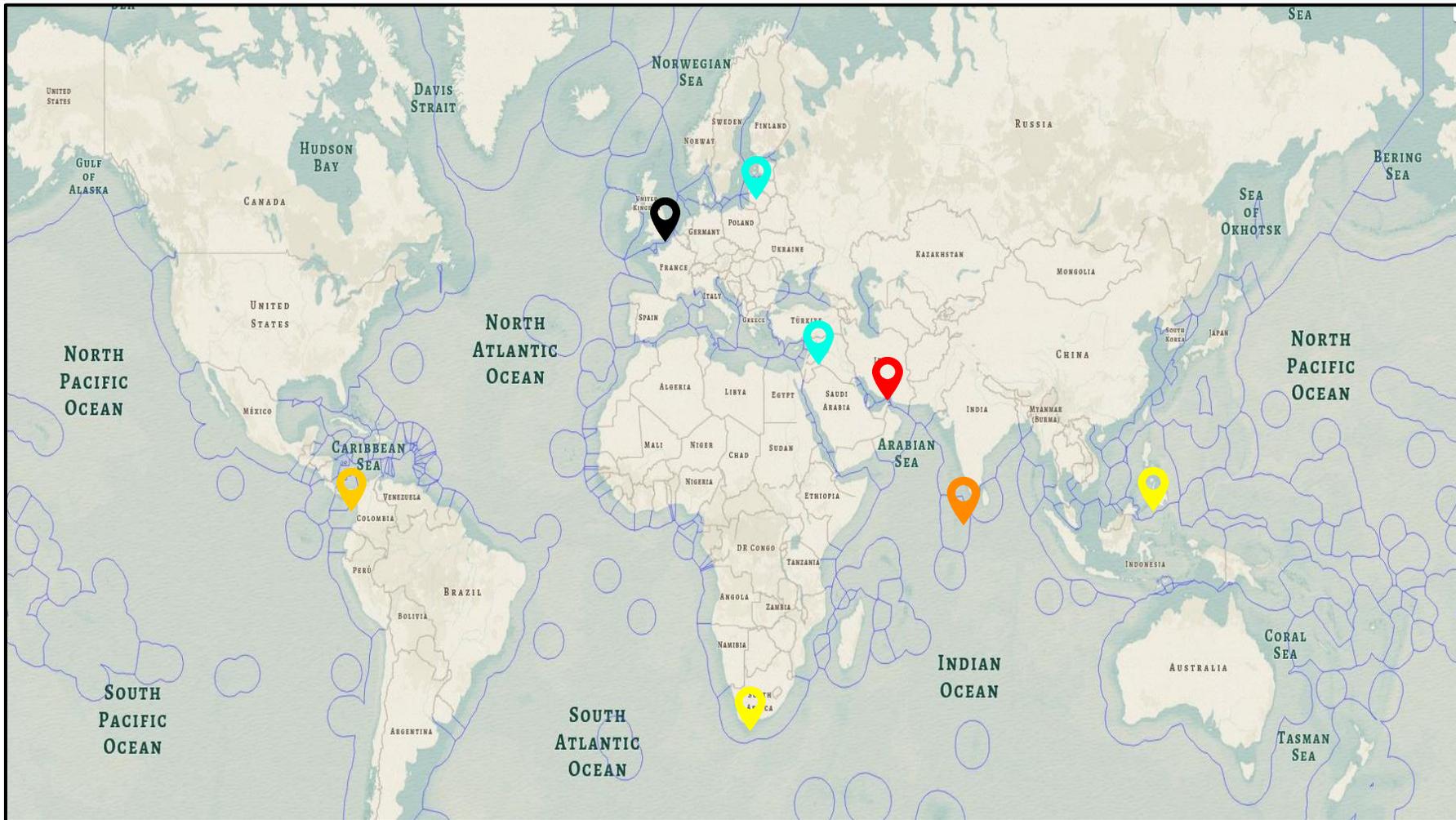
LOW TC development unlikely within 24 hours
 MEDIUM TC development likely, but expected to occur beyond 24 hours
 HIGH TC development likely within 24 hours (Reference TCFA)
 SUB TROPICAL Monitoring for potential transition to TC. Invest label color denotes tropical transition probability
 ▶ Tropical Cyclone (Reference Warning)



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	02
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marin Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	NIL
Total Incidents	08

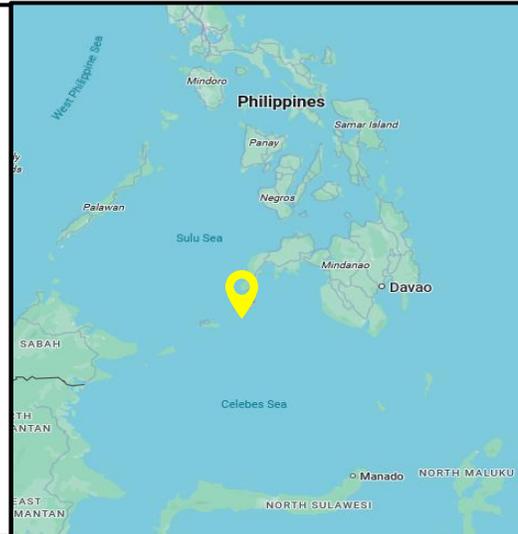
MARITIME INCIDENT



03 Feb/PCG divers enter sunken passenger boat in recover Tow bodies/ Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.03	Philippine	off Basilan	Sunk	passenger boat	On Tuesday, the PCG confirmed the location of the sunken M/V Trisha Kerstin during a dive operation off Baluk-Baluk Island.

Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) technical divers recovered two male bodies from the sunken M/V Trisha Kerstin 3 near Basilan on Wednesday. The bodies found hanging from the ship's railings, have been transferred to BRP Tubtataha for transport to Zamboanga City. The vessel sank on 26 Jan approximately 2.75 nautical miles northeast of Baluk-Baluk Island, where the PCG confirmed its location during a dive operation on Tuesday. Commander Cheska Jamorol noted that the ship lies in an east-to-west orientation relative to the island.



Source -: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268388/>

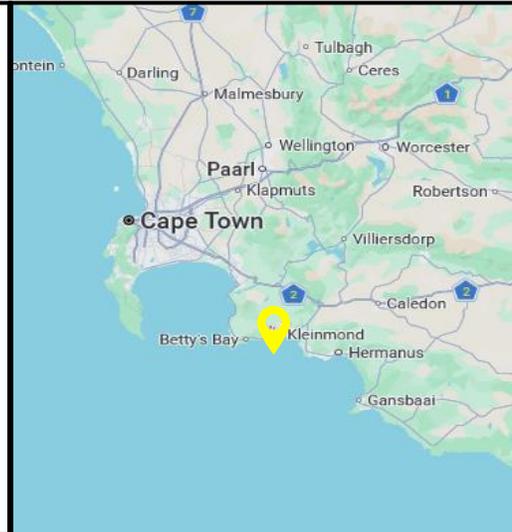
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03 Feb/Rescues Three Fellow Fishermen After Boat Capsizes at Sea / South Africa

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.03	South Africa	Off Draadbaai	Capsizes	Fishing boat	Sadly, at least ten people have drowned or are missing, many of them teenagers.

Reports emerged on 04 Feb 26 regarding a capsized crayfishing boat off Draadbaai prompting NSRI Kleinmond's rescue crew to launch efforts. Station commander Schalk Boonzaaier confirmed that three local fishermen were rescued by another crayfishing vessel after their boat capsized due to fishing rope entanglement around the motor propellers, causing it to take on water. The actions of the rescuing vessel's crew are commended.



Source -: <https://www.goodthingsguy.com/lifestyle/crew-rescues-3-fellow-fishermen/>

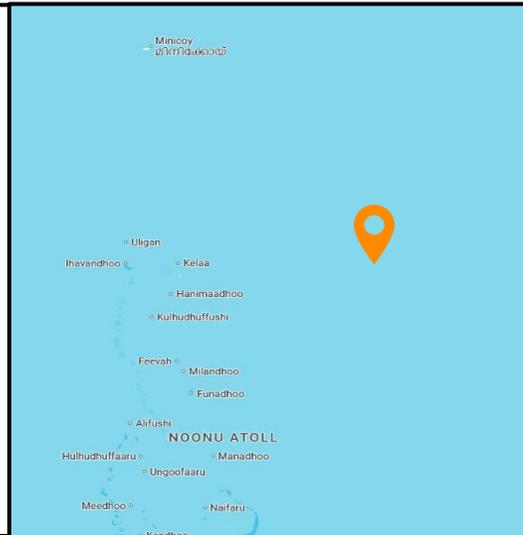
IUU FISHING



01 Feb/Two Sri Lankan fishing boats captured in waters /Maldivian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.01	Maldives	Maldives EEZ	Poaching	Two SLFV	Further details regarding the crew and any possible contraband were not immediately released.

The Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) Coast Guard intercepted two Sri Lankan fishing boats in Maldivian territorial waters during a surveillance operation on 01st Feb 26 . The boats were detected about 109 nautical miles off Haa Alif Kelaa and will be handed over to police at Kulhudhuffushi port for further investigation. Such seizures occur periodically due to violations of maritime boundaries with some intercepted vessels previously found carrying illegal narcotics. Details about the crew and contraband were not disclosed.



Source - : <https://www.newswire.lk/2026/02/03/two-sri-lankan-fishing-boats-captured-in-maldivian-waters/>

SMUGGLING



02 Feb/Naval Forces Foil Three Arms Smuggling Attempts/ Amman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.02	Amman	Amman	Arms Smuggling	-	The seized items were handed over to the competent authorities for necessary action.

Amman, Feb 2 (Petra) - The Royal Jordanian Navy thwarted three attempts to smuggle weapons, ammunition and some guided systems within their area of responsibility on Monday. The incidents were detected and controlled after the application of rules of engagement by the combat boat units and the Coast Guard in coordination with the Naval Operations Center.



Source -: https://petra.gov.jo/Include/InnerPage.jsp?ID=80963&lang=en&name=en_news/

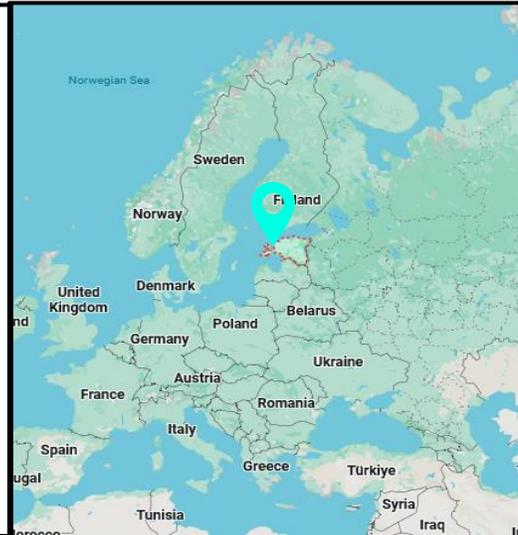
SMUGGLING



03 Feb/Detains Russia cargo Ship on Suspicion smuggling / Estonia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.03	Estonia	Anchorage near Naissaar	Suspicion of Smuggling	One Cargo Ship	The authorities declined to provide additional information, noting that it is an ongoing investigation.

On 03 Feb Estonian forces boarded the refrigerated containership Baltic Spirit for inspection due to suspicions of smuggling. The operation involved the Estonian Tax and Customs Board police and navy with over 50 personnel participating including a special police unit using a helicopter. An initial search is underway at the anchorage near Naissaar with plans for the vessel to be moved for further inspection. The Customs Board indicated a potential connection to smuggling activities from Ecuador.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/estonia-detains-russia-bound-ship-on-suspicion-of-smuggling/>

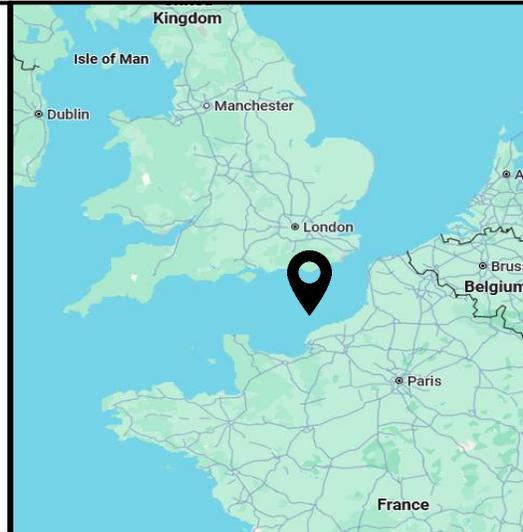
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



Month of January/ More than 900 migrants crossed Channel /UK

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
Month of January	UK	English Channel	Human Smuggling By Sea	-	In 2025, a total of 41,472 migrants crossed the Channel in small boats, which was almost 5,000 more than the previous year.

A total of 933 migrants crossed the Channel in small boats in January marking the lowest figure for that month since 2021 attributed to stormy weather conditions. This represents a 15% decrease from 1,098 arrivals in January 2025 and a 30% drop from 1,335 in January 2024. The Home Office reported halting 40,000 crossing attempts and detaining nearly 50,000 individuals illegally present in the UK. A new agreement with France has facilitated the return of migrants arriving by small boats.



Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c74wkd9lqlvo//>

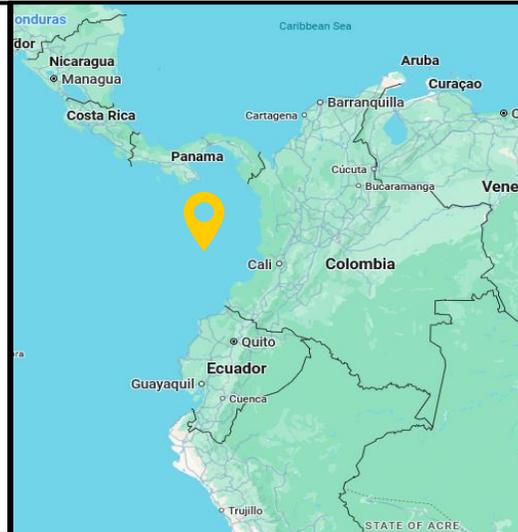
NARCOTIC



03 Feb/Boat crew tosses 115 kilos of cocaine in Pacific while fleeing /Colombia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.03	Colombia	Pacific Ocean	cocaine	Speed Boat	The seizure was announced on the same day that Colombian President Gustavo Petro met with President Trump at the White House.

Colombian authorities reported that the crew of a speedboat discarded over 100 packages of cocaine into the Pacific Ocean while evading the navy. The incident occurred 55 nautical miles off Colombia's Pacific coast during a crackdown on drug trafficking. Authorities seized 115.7 kilograms of cocaine recovering 116 packages from the sea after the crew fled the scene. This event unfolds amidst increasing US pressure on Colombia to combat drug production with the country's president visiting President Trump in Washington at the time.



Source -: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/boat-crew-tosses-cocaine-pacific-fleeing-navy-colombia/>

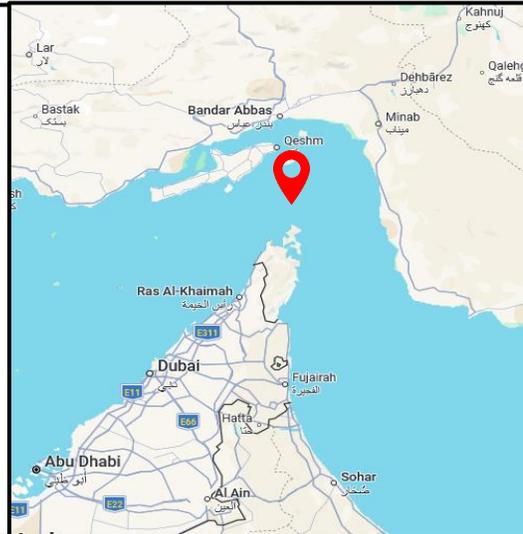
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



03 Feb/ US-flagged Tanker Approached by Armed Crafts in /Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.03	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Armed robbery	Name - Stena Imperative Type – Tanker Flag - USA	Reuters News media reported that US-flagged oil/chemical tanker Stena Imperative was approached by Iranian gunboats in the Strait of Hormuz on 3 February.

The Stena Imperative an oil/chemical tanker was approached by gunboats in the Strait of Hormuz which ordered it to stop and prepare for boarding. The tanker ignored the orders and continued its journey. UKMTO confirmed the incident stating the vessel was approached by armed craft approximately 30 km north of Oman and is under investigation. The tanker built in 2016 is 183.14 metres long and has a gross tonnage of 29680 it departed Singapore on 18th Jan and is set to arrive in Bahrain on 04th Feb 26.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12669/us-flagged-tanker-approached-by-armed-crafts-in-strait-of-ho/>



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