

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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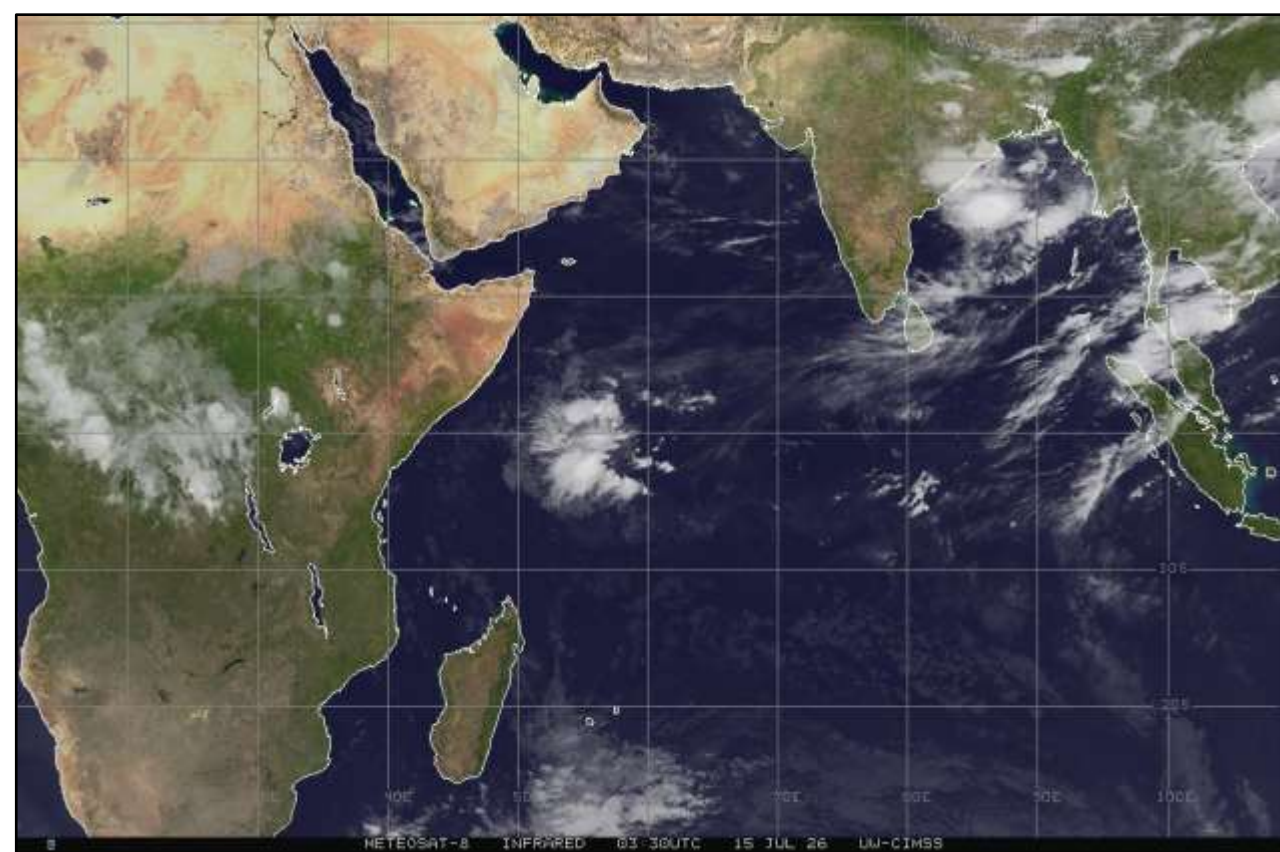
Date 2026.07.16

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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: 2026.07.16/0600UTC to 2026.07.16/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.16

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 20, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 70

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 60, 65, 75, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 76E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-15) kts, gusting up to (20-25) kts in section 00.

East of 76E: SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 80, 85

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 05, 10

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 80, 85

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 00, 75

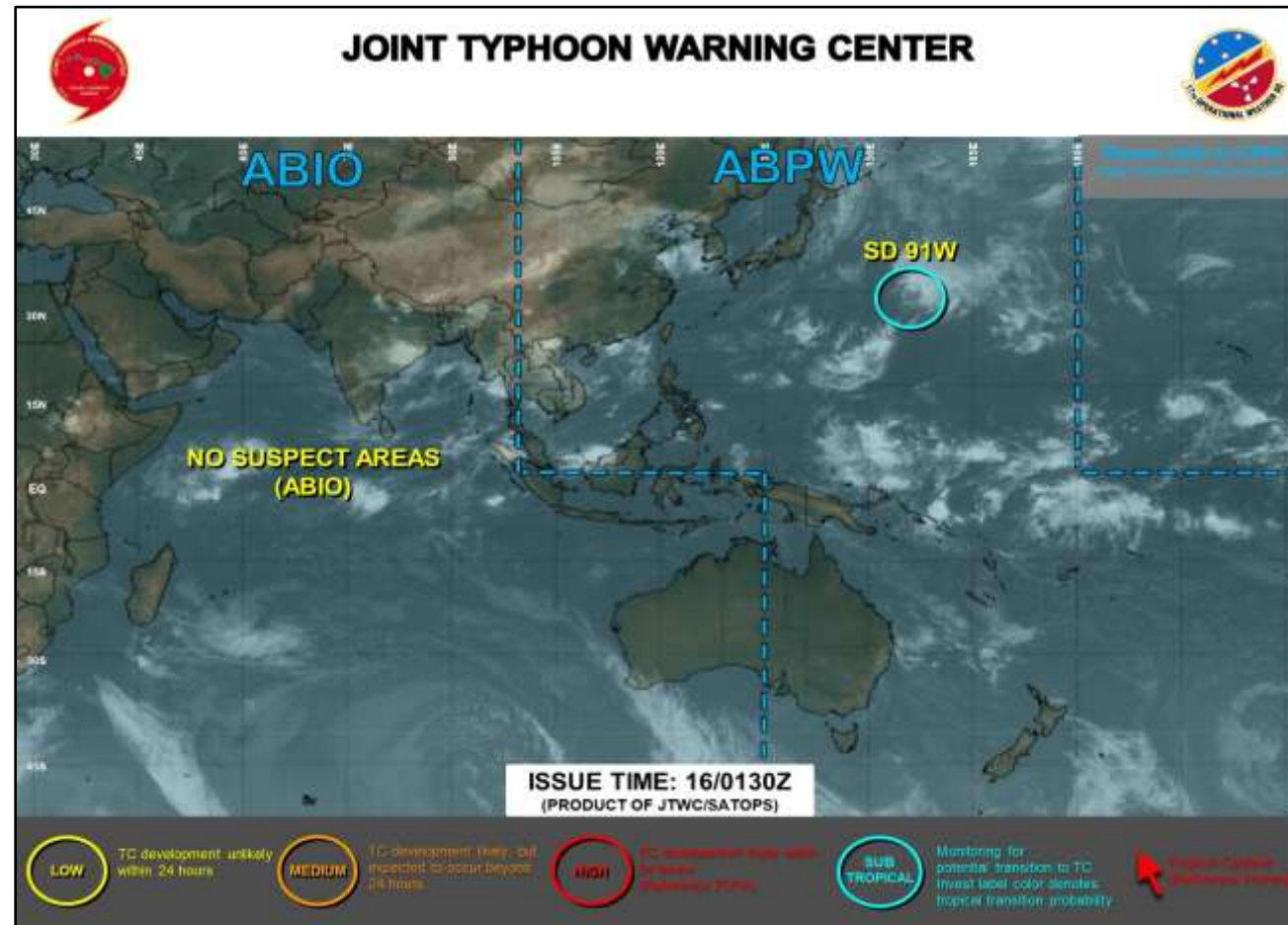
Moderate in Sections : 15, 30, 40, 45, 60, 65, 70

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>

CYCLONE



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	04
Total Incidents	10

MARITIME INCIDENTS



14 Jul/ Water Ingress Leaves Bulk Carrier Partially Submerged Near Bandar Abbas/ Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.14	Iran	Near Bandar Abbas	Grounding/ Standing	Name: LUNI Type: Cargo IMO: 9070711	The incident occurred amid intensified U.S. military strikes in the Bandar Abbas area. However, there is currently no evidence linking those operations to the vessel's sinking.

On 14 Jul 26 the bulk carrier LUNI partially sank off the coast of Bandar Abbas, Iran, after suffering water ingress and splitting in half. All 23 crew members were rescued. The vessel had been anchored near Bandar Abbas and reportedly collided with another ship days prior, which may have damaged its hull leading to flooding and structural failure, though this has not been officially verified.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13088/water-ingress-leaves-bulk-carrier-partially-submerged-near-b>

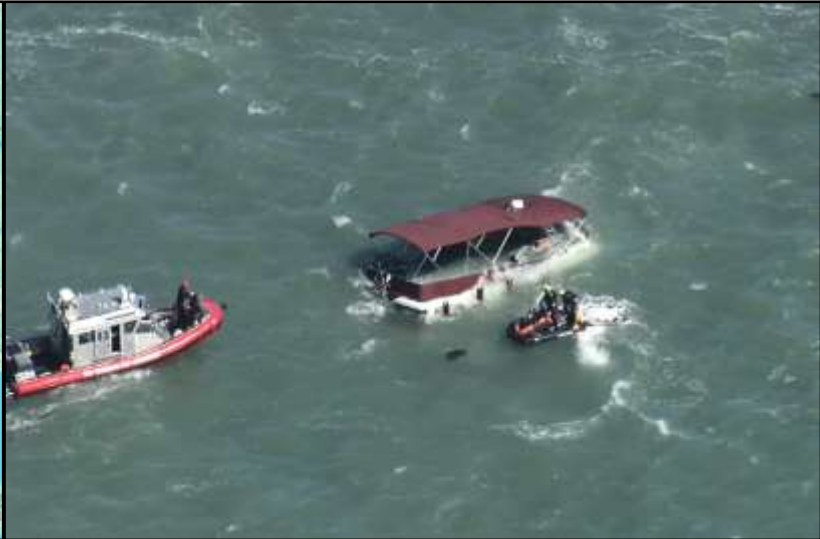
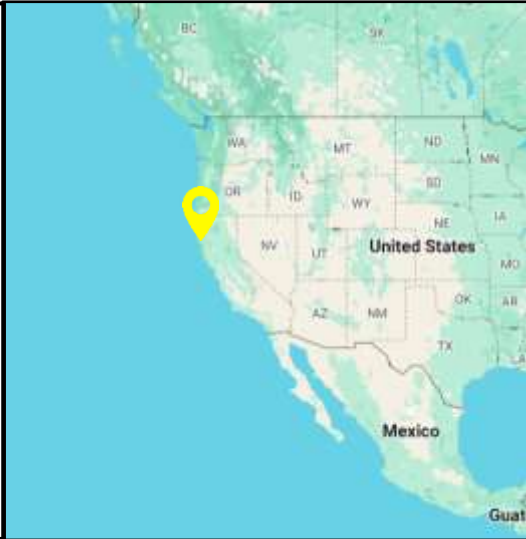
MARITIME INCIDENTS



14 Jul/ US Coast Guard Suspends Search for Three Missing People After Boat Sinks Near Alcatraz/ United States

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.14	United States	near Alcatraz	Capsizing/ Sinking	pontoon boat	Initial reports indicated that 19 people were involved with a vessel that was reportedly on fire; however, no fire evidence was discovered. Witnesses noted rough seas as the vessel started to take on water and ultimately capsized. Longshoreman Justin Marceline characterized the scene as chaotic during the rescue operations.

One person has died and three others are missing after a pontoon boat capsized near Alcatraz Island. The incident occurred approximately 600 yards from the island, with the San Francisco Fire Department receiving a distress call at 1537 hrs local time. A man was found in severe distress and later pronounced dead upon reaching the shore. The boat, a 50-foot cabin cruiser named Volare, was carrying 20 adults, primarily family members attending a memorial service. Three injured passengers were transported to a local hospital and are reported to be in stable condition.



Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwylyzvy444o>

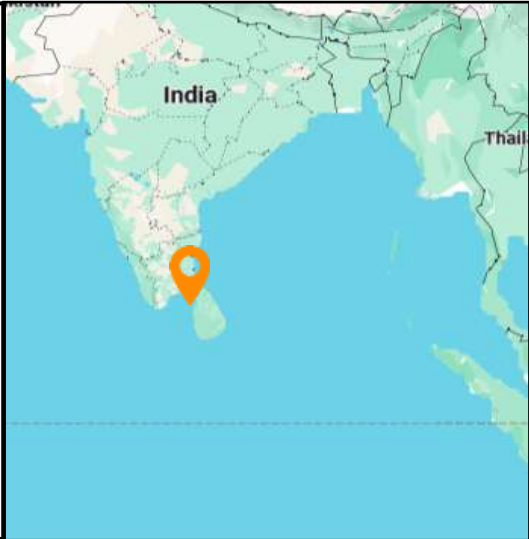
IUU FISHING



01 To 15 Jul/Navy Apprehends 28 for Illegal Fishing/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.01 to 15	Sri Lanka	North and East of Sri Lanka	Illegal Methods	-	The suspects and the confiscated illegal fishing gear and vehicles were transferred to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources offices in Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Cod Bay, and Valaichchenai, as well as the Maradankerni Police, for further legal action.

The Navy apprehended 28 individuals for illegal fishing activities during operations from 1 to 15 Jul 26, seizing 12 dinghies, 4 tractors, and 1 van. The Eastern and Northern Naval Commands conducted these operations in Mawadi Odi, Kadiraweli, Nayar, and Black Point in Trincomalee, along with Veththalakerni and Kaddaikadu in Jaffna.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/navy-apprehends-28-for-illegal-fishing-in-fortnightly-operations.html>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



15 Jul/ Negotiations on For Release of 3 Ships Held By Somali Pirates /Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.15	Somalia	Near Somalia	Piracy	Honour 25 and Eureka, and cargo ship Sward	On multiple occasions, onboard security had to fire shots to prevent unauthorized boarding attempts by skiffs. Although some pirates managed to board and hijack vessels, it is reported that at least three ships are currently held captive off the coast of Somalia.

Ransom negotiations are ongoing for the release of three merchant vessels and their 44 crew members held by Somali pirates in the Western Indian Ocean. The vessels, oil tankers Honour 25 and Eureka, along with cargo ship Sward, were hijacked between April and May near Somalia and the Gulf of Aden. Confidential discussions are taking place among the countries of registration, ship owners, and pirates to ensure the crew's safety, according to Vijay D Chafekar of the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre.



Source - : <https://www.dailyexcelsior.com/negotiations-on-for-release-of-3-ships-held-by-somali-pirates-singapore-based-maritime-centre-says/>

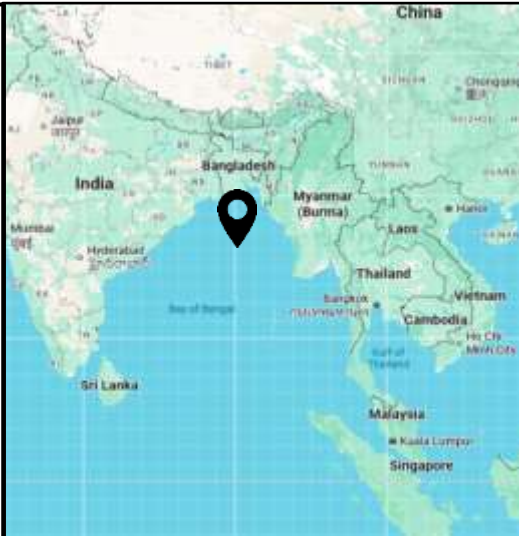
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



16 Jul/ More Than 500 Feared Dead as Officials Investigate Reports of Boats Capsizing Refugees/Myanmar

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	Myanmar	Bay of Bengal	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	-	Two boats lost contact, one carrying approximately 250 people and the other reportedly carrying 280, with the latter believed to have sunk off Myanmar's Ayeyarwady coast on July 8.

More than 500 individuals are feared dead following the capsizing of two boats in the Bay of Bengal, which were carrying members of Myanmar's Rohingya minority. The boats, which left Rakhine state in late June, included passengers who had traveled from refugee camps in Bangladesh, as reported by the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.



Source - : <https://apnews.com/article/un-rohingya-myanmar-bangladesh-boats-migration-refugees-40aade57d92ab1828f86d82141ef884c>

MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



14 Jul/ Toxic Substance Leak Forces Evacuation at Waasland Port / Belgium

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.14	Belgium	Waasland port	Chemical spill	Name-MSA MIA SUMMER II Type-Cargo IMO: 9169067	Officials are working to safely remove the chemical. Until further notice, shipping traffic remains halted, and the Kieldrecht Lock is closed.

A toxic substance leak at Waasland Port, Antwerp, caused the evacuation of Deurganck Dock on the evening of 14 Jul 26. The leak, originating from the MSC MIA SUMMER II container ship during unloading, prompted a swift response from emergency services and police, halting all operations at the MPET Terminal. About twenty individuals were exposed to hydrogen fluoride and received medical care. This substance can irritate skin and respiratory tracts, with severe concentrations leading to critical injuries or fatalities.



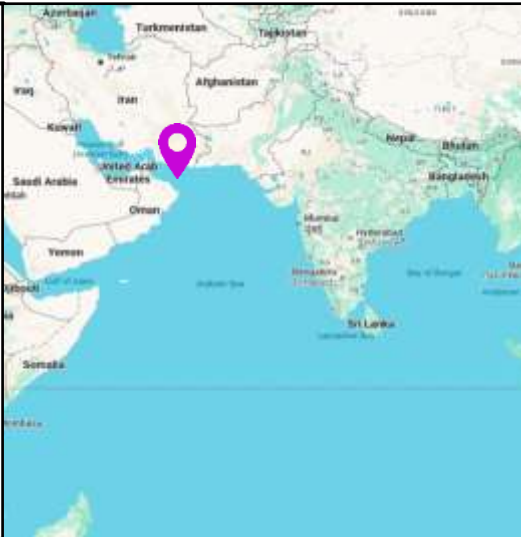
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15 Jul/India Bars Seafarers From Hormuz Voyages After Attacks/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.15	India	Strait of Hormuz	Foreign affairs		Among precautions, the Directorate General of Shipping has ordered that Indian crew members should not be deployed on vessels traveling through the waterway until further notice.

India has instructed ship owners, managers, and recruitment agencies to refrain from deploying seafarers on vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz due to a rise in attacks.



Source -: <https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/international/2026/07/16/877751.htm>

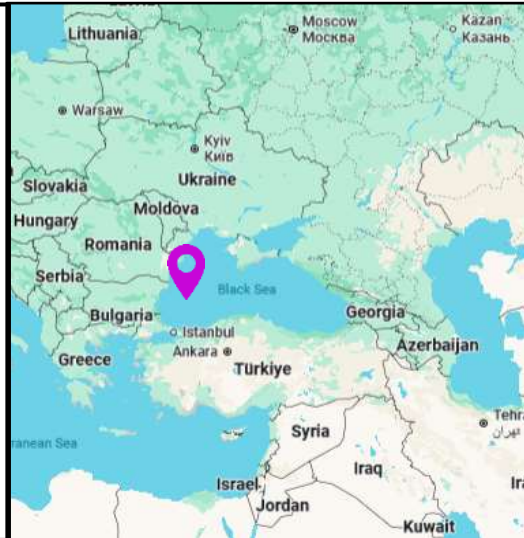
OTHER



15 Jul/Captain of Commercial Vessel Killed in Russian Drone Strike Near Odesa/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.15	Russia	Strait of Hormuz	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name – Atlas Bey Flag – Tanzania Type - Cargo	Ukrainian media outlets report that on 14 July, Russian forces targeted two commercial vessels: the Azerbaijani-crewed bulk carrier Atlas Bey and another Liberian-flagged vessel.

The captain of the commercial vessel Atlas Bey was killed in a Russian drone attack on 14 Jul 26, as reported by Ukrainian media. The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry confirmed the strike occurred at approximately 0315Hrs local time, noting that all 11 crew members were rescued, except for the captain.



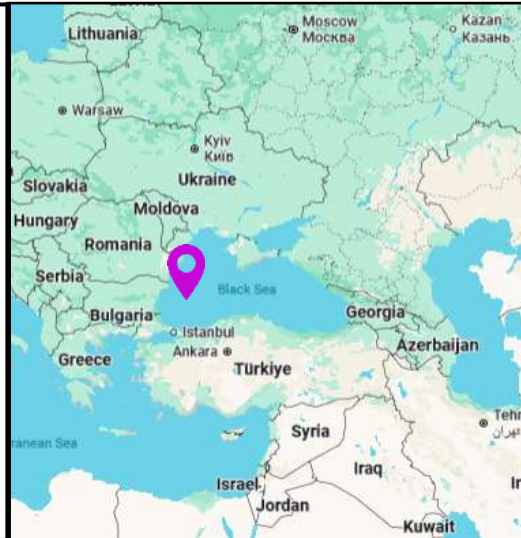
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16 Jul/Ukraine Claims Naval Drone Strikes on Tankers in Black Sea/Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	Ukraine	Black Sea	Naval Activities	Name – Louise 1, Banda, Blue	According to SBU, the Panama-flagged crude oil tanker Louise 1 transported Russian crude oil in violation of G7 and EU sanctions, moving nearly 3 million tonnes in 2026 from Baltic and Black Sea ports while its AIS was off.

On 16 Jul 26, the Ukraine Security Service (SBU) executed naval drone strikes on the crude oil tankers Louise 1 and Banda in the Black Sea, following a previous drone strike on the sanctioned tanker Blue. This operation, carried out in conjunction with the Ukrainian Navy, utilized Mamai sea drones to target vessels identified as part of Russia's "shadow fleet." Russian aircraft attempted to thwart the operation through gunfire and bombing but were unsuccessful in stopping the attack.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13094/ukraine-claims-naval-drone-strikes-on-tankers-in-black-sea>



15 Jul/U.S. Enforces Renewed Iran Blockade, Disables Curacao-Flagged Tanker/Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.15	United State	Strait of Hormuz	Naval Activities	Name – Belma Flag – Curacao Type - Tanker	The renewed blockade follows a two-month enforcement campaign starting on April 13, during which U.S. forces disabled nine Iranian-linked vessels.

The U.S. conducted a second wave of strikes against Iranian military assets on 15 Jul 26 targeting the Curacao-flagged oil tanker Belma in the Strait of Hormuz. The U.S. military disabled the tanker after it allegedly ignored warnings and attempted to approach the Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island. Strikes involved Hellfire missiles that targeted the tanker's smokestack. Earlier, on 14 Jul 26 the U.S. reinstated a naval blockade, redirecting vessels and marking Belma as the first disabled for non-compliance.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13092/us-enforces-renewed-iran-blockade-disables-curacao-flagged-t>



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