

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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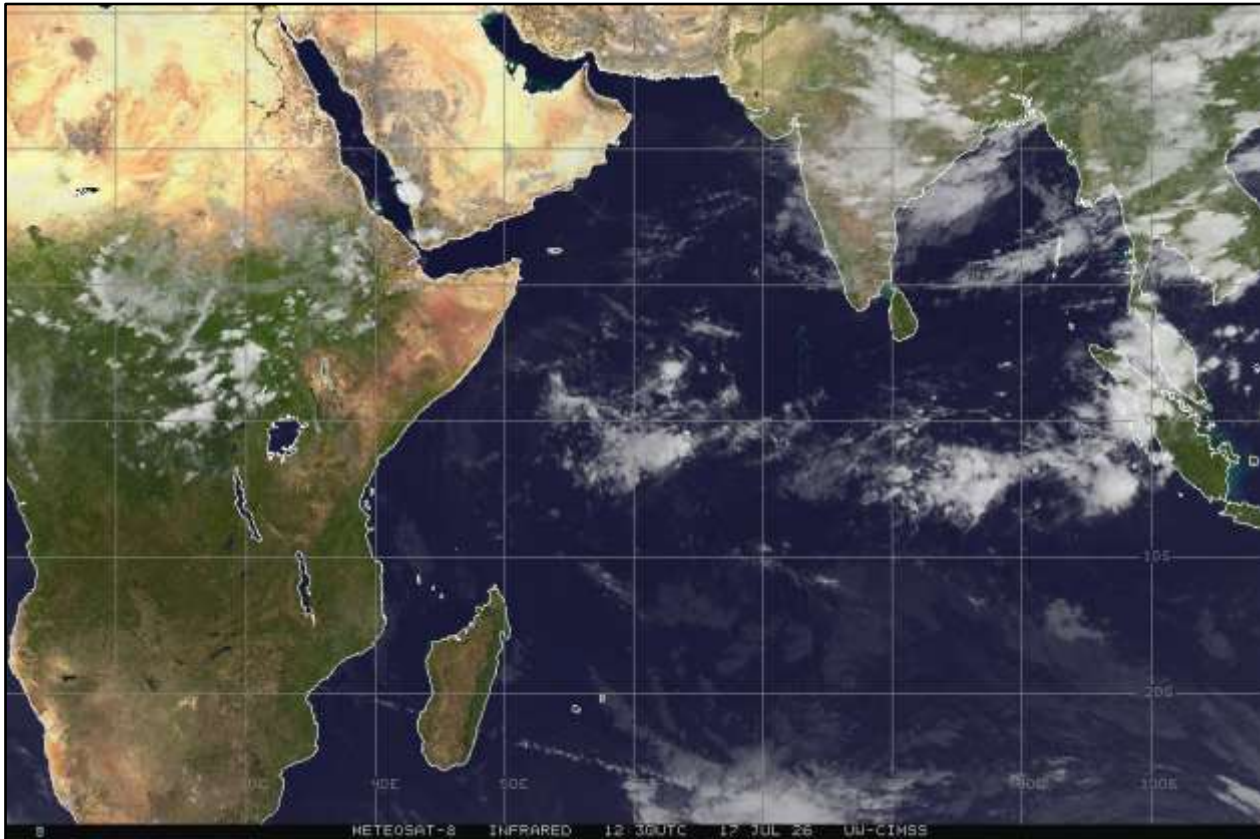
Date 2026.07.17

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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: 2026.07.17/1400UTC to 2026.07.18/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.07.17

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

Shear line is approximately along : 03N 60E, 05N 70E, EQ 80E, EQ 90E, 01S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 30, 40, 45, 50, 55, 70

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 20, 35, 75, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-15) kts, gusting up to (20-25) kts in section 00.

East of 75E: 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, 65, 70

Moderate in Sections : 15, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

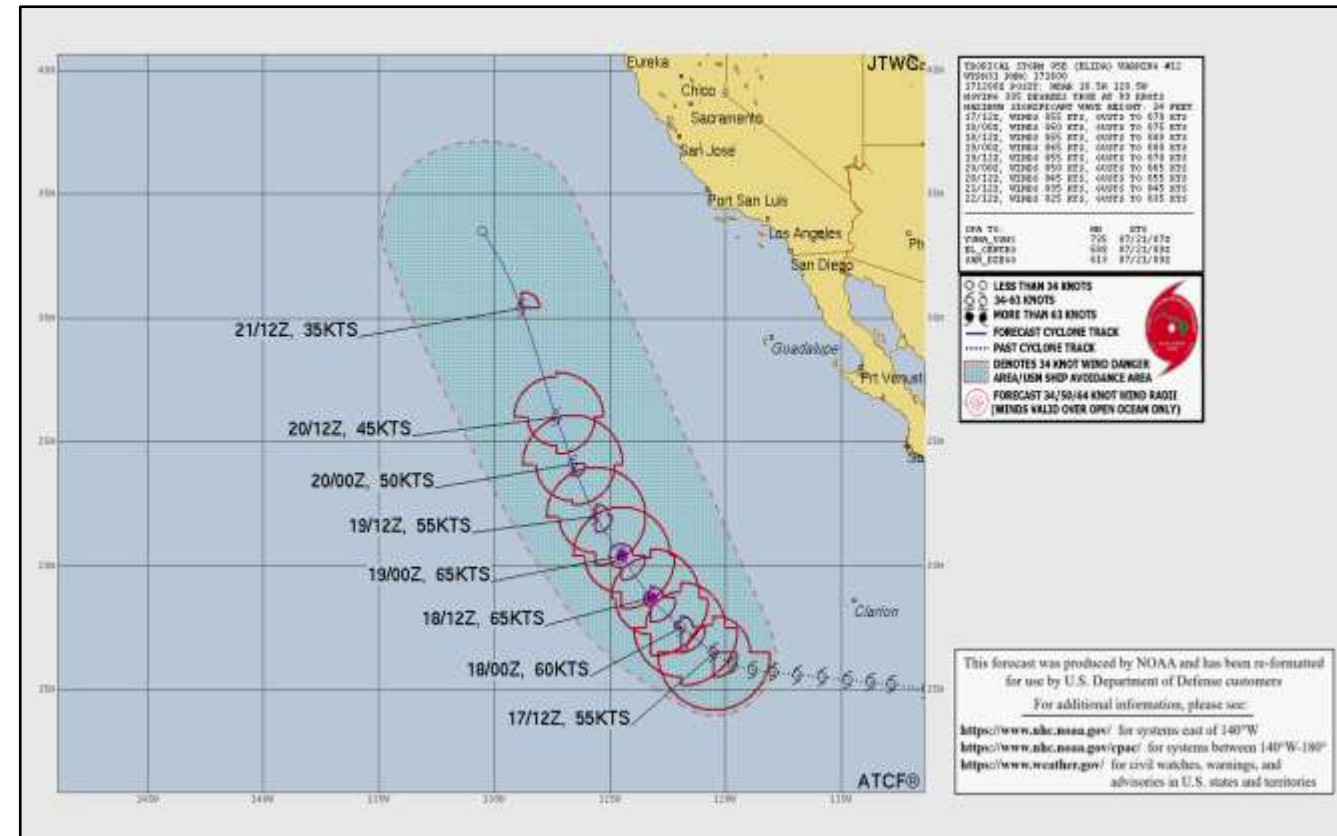
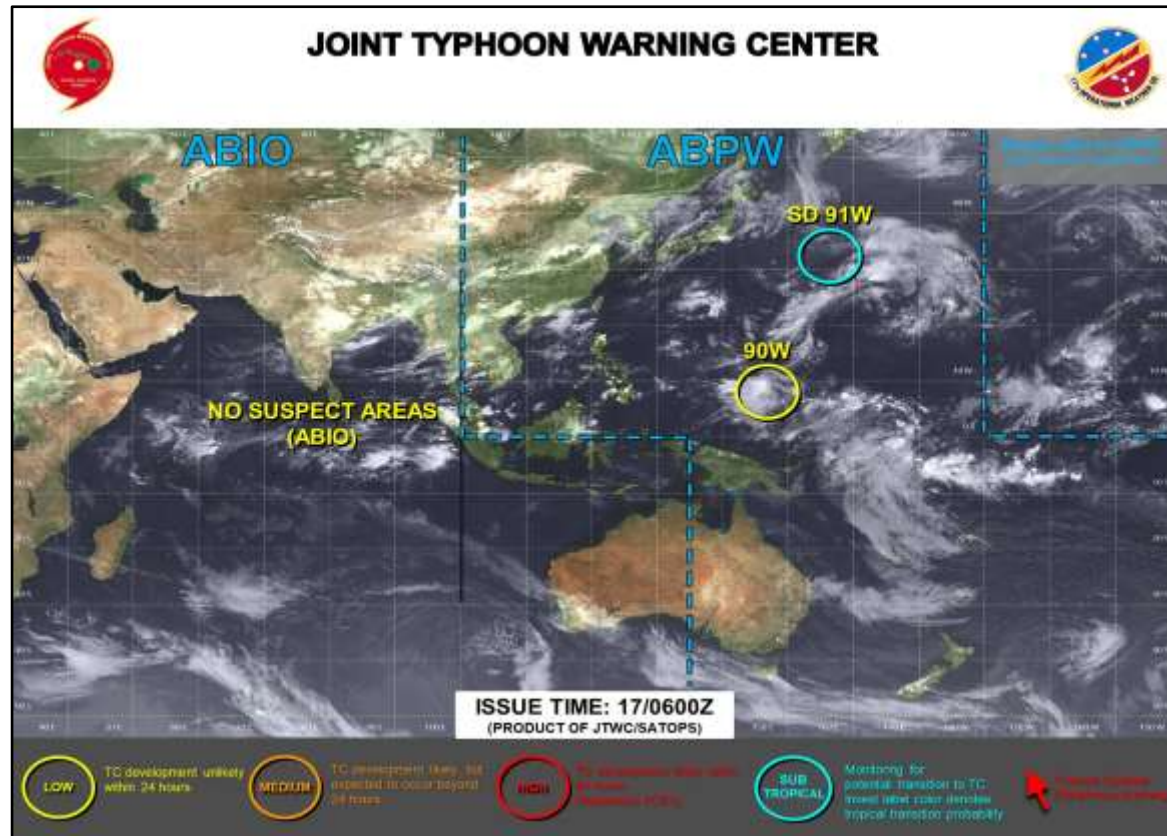
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE

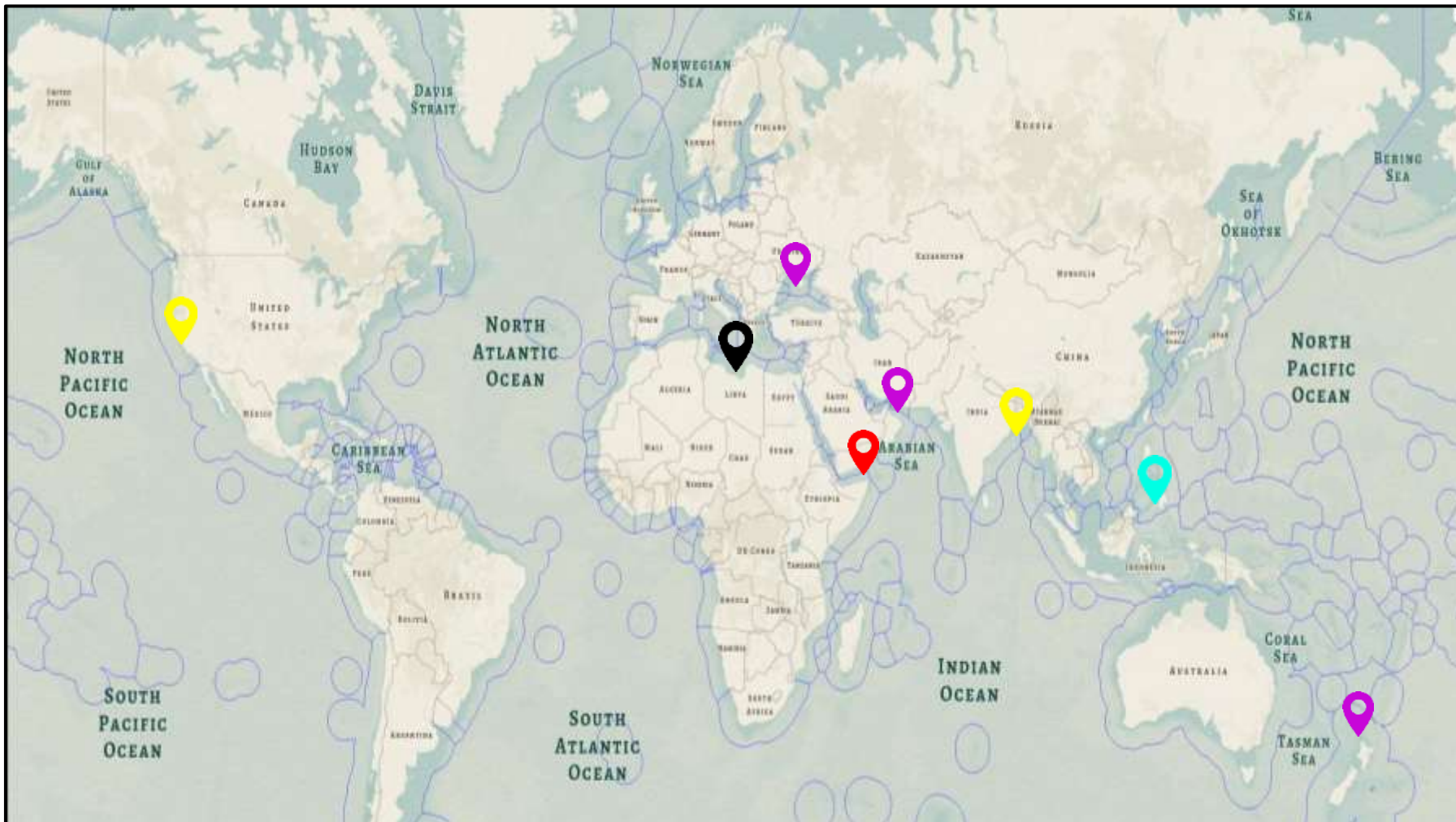


TROPICAL CYCLONE "ELIDA"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	08

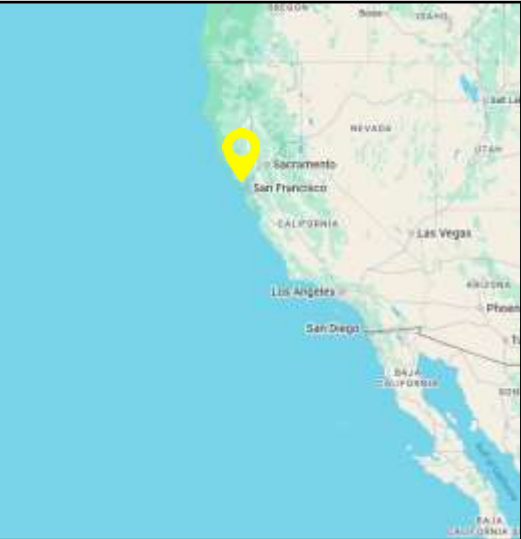
MARITIME INCIDENTS



14 Jul/ One Dead, Three Missing After Private Yacht Capsizes in San Francisco Bay/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.14	USA	San Francisco Bay	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Private Yacht	The US Coast Guard suspended the search operation on 15 Jul 26, approximately 24 hours after the capsizing, having covered over 950 square nautical miles with partner agencies.

One confirmed dead and three missing following a private yacht capsizing in San Francisco Bay on 14 Jul 26. The Coast Guard reported 20 aboard and rescued 17, while emphasizing that the missing individuals might be trapped inside the vessel.



Source -> <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/accidents/one-dead-three-missing-after-private-yacht-capsizes-in-san-francisco-bay>

MARITIME INCIDENTS



16 Jul/Cargo Vessel Runs Aground/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	India	Hoogly River in West Benga	Grounding/Standing	Name – ITT Ayzal Flag – India Type - Cargo	The ITT Ayzal is a cargo vessel built in 2013, measuring 108.22 meters long, 17 meters wide, and with a deadweight of 5,670 tonnes. It operates in the Bay of Bengal, frequently traveling between Kolkata, Port Blair, and Mayabunder.

The Indian-flagged cargo vessel ITT Ayzal ran aground on the eastern bank of the Hoogly River in West Bengal, India, on 16 July while en-route to Kolkata. No injuries, pollution, or cargo damage were reported. The vessel veered out of the navigational channel despite the crew's attempt to deploy the anchor. Local authorities have initiated an investigation into the incident.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/pl/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13095/indian-cargo-vessel-runs-aground-on-hooghly-river>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



16 Jul/Suspected Hijacking/Yemen

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	Yemen	Gulf of Aden	Piracy	Name – Asana Flag – Tanzania Type - Tanker	It is currently unknown who was responsible for the tanker seizure, and no updates on the crew's condition have been provided.

Armed men seized the chemical tanker Asana in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen's southern coast on Friday, taking control of the vessel, which was headed to the Somali port of Bosaso. The tanker lacks a verified registered flag. Additionally, the UK Maritime Trade Operations reported another incident involving an eastbound vessel attacked by unauthorized individuals approximately 65 nautical miles south of Al-Mukalla, Yemen.



Source -: <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/430329>

IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



14 Jul/ Over 50 Feared Dead After Boat Carrying Illegal Migrants Capsizes/ Libya

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.14	Libya	off Tobruk	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	-	The Libyan Coast Guard will continue searching the waters for any trace of the missing migrants, who were attempting to reach Europe. This incident marks the second occurrence involving illegal migrants off the coast of Libya in under a month.

Authorities in Libya reported that a boat with over 60 illegal migrants capsized off the eastern coast, leading to at least 50 individuals dead or missing. The incident took place on 14 Jul 20 near an island off Tobruk, with ten survivors swimming to the island for rescue; the fate of the others remains unknown.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/accidents/over-50-feared-dead-after-boat-carrying-illegal-migrants-capsizes-off-libya>

SMUGGLING



16 Jul/ P6.1-M Smuggled Cigarettes Seized in Zamboanga City/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	Philippines	Territorial Waters Of Zamboanga City	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Motorboat	Senogat operatives captured suspected smuggled cigarettes from an abandoned motorboat during a patrol in Zamboanga City territorial waters.

Authorities seized approximately PHP6.1 million in smuggled cigarettes during maritime operations in Zamboanga City and Dapitan City on 16 Jul 26. Lt Col. Joel Senogat Jr reported that PHP4.8 million worth of cigarettes were confiscated in Sitio Layag-Layag, Barangay Talon-Ta.



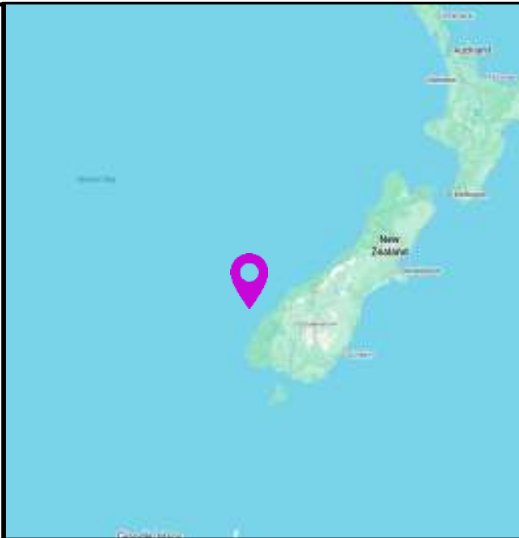
Source -: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1279699>



16 Jul/ Warns of Tsunami Threat After 5.9-magnitude Quake/ New Zealand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16	New Zealand	Western coast	Geography Activities	-	People in affected areas should move to the nearest high ground, evacuate tsunami zones, or travel as far inland as possible, according to the National Emergency Management Agency.

New Zealand authorities issued a tsunami warning after a 5.9-magnitude quake struck the western coast of the South Island, advising residents to move immediately to high ground.



Source -: <https://gulfnews.com/world/oceania/new-zealand-warns-of-tsunami-threat-after-59-magnitude-quake-1.500609913>

OTHER



17 Jul/U.S. Marines Board Crude Oil Tanker/United State

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	United State	Gulf of Oman	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name – Lan jing Flag – Curacao Type - Tanker	Wen Yao is a crude oil tanker built in 2005, measuring 330 meters long and 60 meters wide, with a carrying capacity of 298,972 DWT.

The U.S. mariners boarded the crude oil tanker Wen Yao in the Gulf of Oman on 16 July as part of a renewed naval blockade of Iranian ports. The operation, conducted by the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit under CENTCOM, aimed to ensure compliance with the blockade reinstated on 14 July. Following this, three commercial vessels attempting to reach Iranian ports were redirected.



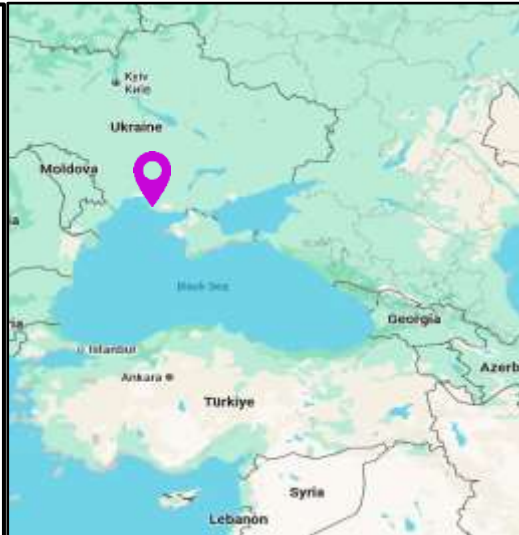
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/pl/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13097/us-marines-board-crude-oil-tanker-in-gulf-of-oman>



17 Jul/Russian Drone Strikes Damage Foreign-Flagged Ships/Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	Ukraine	southern city of Mykolaiv	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	One of the strikes on Friday resulted in the deaths of two Ukrainians aboard a foreign vessel.

Russia launched an attack on two Ukrainian Black Sea port cities, resulting in three deaths as it increases pressure on crucial trade routes. A drone strike targeted port infrastructure in Mykolaiv, damaging three civilian foreign-flagged vessels, according to regional prosecutors.



Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/russian-drone-strikes-damage-foreign-flagged-ships-at-ukrainian-port-killing-three/>



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