

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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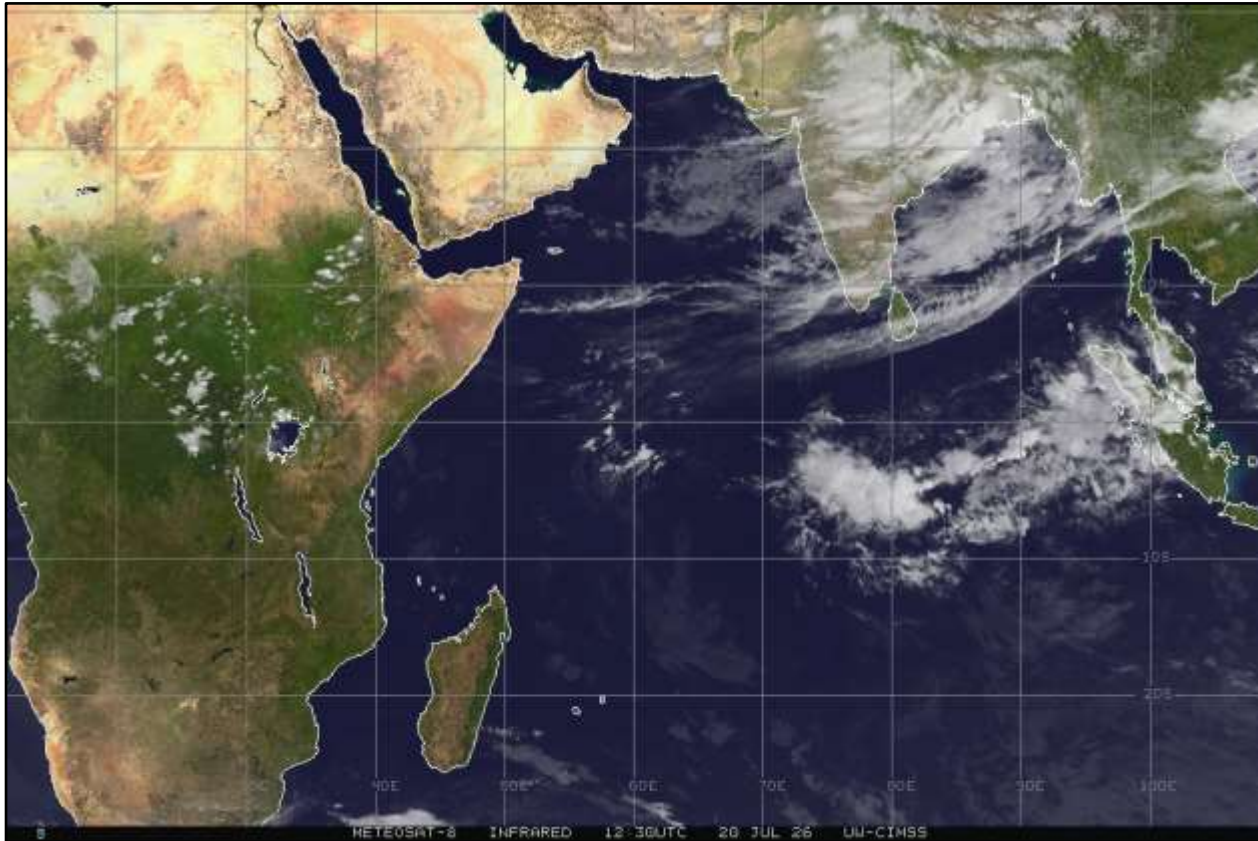
Date 2026.07.20

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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: 2026.07.20/1400UTC to 2026.07.21/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.07.20

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

Shear line is approximately along : 05N 60E, 05N 70E, 02S 80E, 01N 90E, 04N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 35, 45, 50, 55, 65, 70

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts

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 40, 45, 60, 75; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 65, 70, 80, 85

Seas:

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

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

Moderate in Sections : 40, 45, 60

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

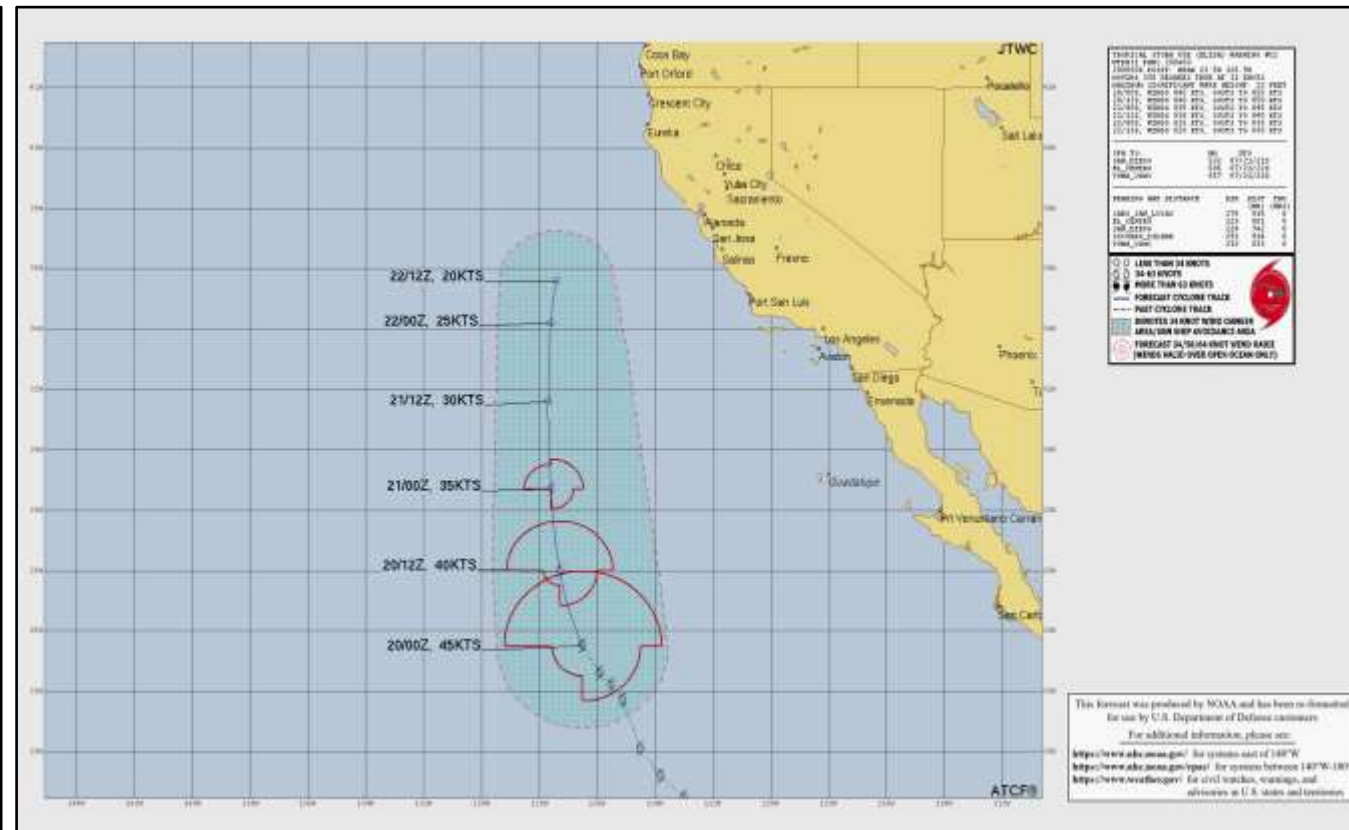
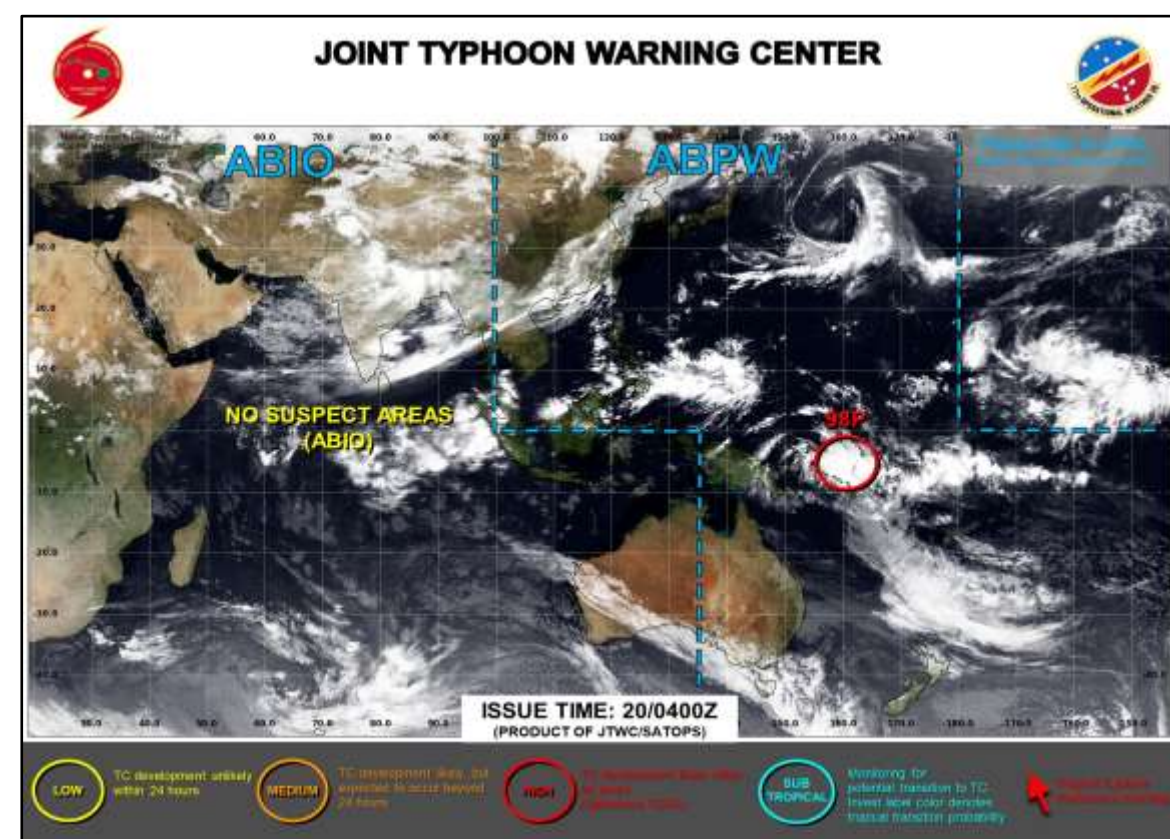
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

- 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	05
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	02
Total Incidents	08

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20 Jul/Passenger Ferry Capsizes/Guyana

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.20	Guyana	off Guyana's	Capsizing /Sinking	Passenger Ferry	Authorities have recovered the bodies of one man and one woman; others unaccounted for are listed as missing.

Dozens of people are missing after the MV Barima, an ageing passenger ferry, capsized off the coast of Guyana, resulting in at least two fatalities. Of the 133 passengers, 67 have been rescued, including 15 children, as rescue teams continue their search for survivors.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/passenger-ferry-carrying-133-capsizes-off-guyana-2-dead-dozens-missing/>

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17 Jul/ Five Found Alive After Surviving Four Days at Sea in Boat Sinking/ Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	Indonesia	Near Matallang Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Passenger Boat	Survivors received medical treatment after being brought ashore, while search and rescue efforts continue for the 24 missing individuals, with additional vessels and personnel deployed to expand the search area.

Five survivors were rescued after a passenger boat sank in Indonesia's South Sulawesi province. They clung to a fishing device for four days before being found near Matallang Island by a passing fishing vessel. The boat sank on 15 Jul 26, resulting in at least one death and 24 people missing, which led to a significant search and rescue effort.



Source - : <https://news.az/news/five-found-alive-after-surviving-four-days-at-sea-in-indonesia-boat-sinking>

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19 Jul/WTIV Hits Ship, Crane Collapses/United Kingdom

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.19	United Kingdom	Port of Tyne	Collisions	Name – Wind Orca Flag – Denmark Type - Multi Purpose Offshore Vessel	On Sunday afternoon, a wind turbine installation vessel collided with a moored boxship at the port of Tyne, UK, leading to an allision with a nearby gantry crane.

At approximately 1300hrs , the WTIV Wind Orca departed from Cadeler's offshore wind staging terminal at Port of Tyne and collided with the moored feeder boxship BG Orange. The incident caused a gantry crane to fall onto BG Orange's wheelhouse. One individual sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to the hospital following treatment at the scene by an air ambulance crew. A significant emergency response is underway, and a full investigation has started, while Wind Orca has returned to her previous berth and remained there as of Sunday night.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/wtiv-allision-ends-in-gantry-crane-collapse-at-port-of-tyne>

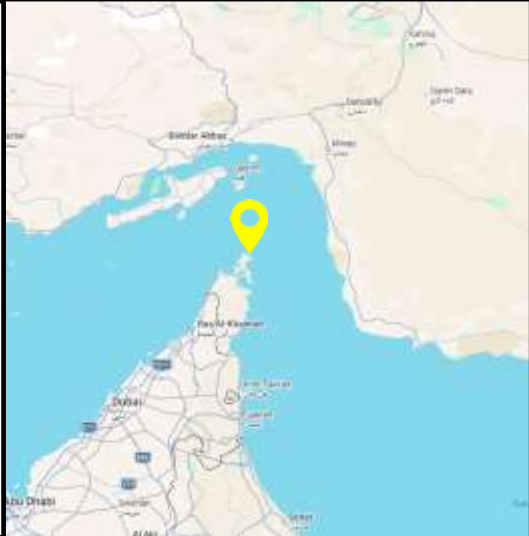
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19 Jul/Vessel Ablaze Near Kumzar/ Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.19	Oman	08 nautical miles northwest of Oman's Kumzar	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	The UKMTO has received information from a verified source regarding the fire, but the cause remains unconfirmed. Authorities are awaiting further details to clarify the circumstances of the incident.

The UK Maritime Trade Operations agency reported a vessel fire occurring 8 nautical miles northwest of Oman's Kumzar. The cause of the fire remains unverified, based on information from a reliable contact.



Source -: <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/business/3952672-vessel-ablaze-near-omans-kumzar-ukmto-reports?amp>

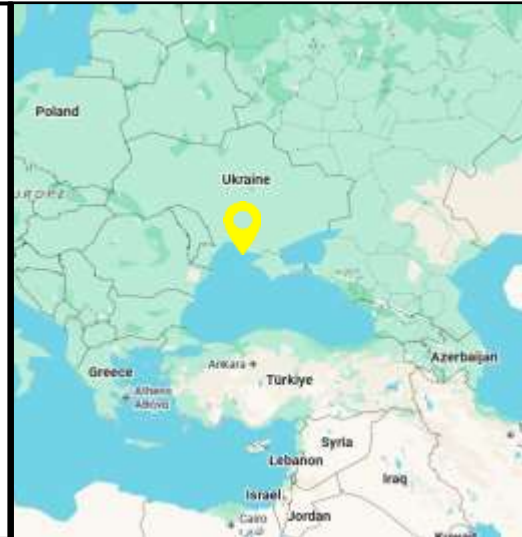
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19 Jul/17 Seafarers Rescued by Ukrainian Navy/Ukraine

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2026.07.19	Ukraine	Odesa	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name – VENTURO Flag - Antigua and Barbuda	VENTURO is a Supramax bulk carrier registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda, with a deadweight capacity of 57,000 tonnes. It operates between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, currently traveling from Varna, Bulgaria, to Sulina, Romania, at the Danube's mouth.

The Ukrainian Navy rescued 17 Filipino seafarers from the disabled cargo ship VENTURO, which was struck by a Russian attack off the Odesa coast. One seafarer was lost, and three were injured and hospitalized. The strike disabled the ship's propulsion, and while Russian attacks continued, naval crews managed to reach the drifting vessel and bring all survivors ashore.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/seafarers-rescued-russian-strike-cargo-ship/>

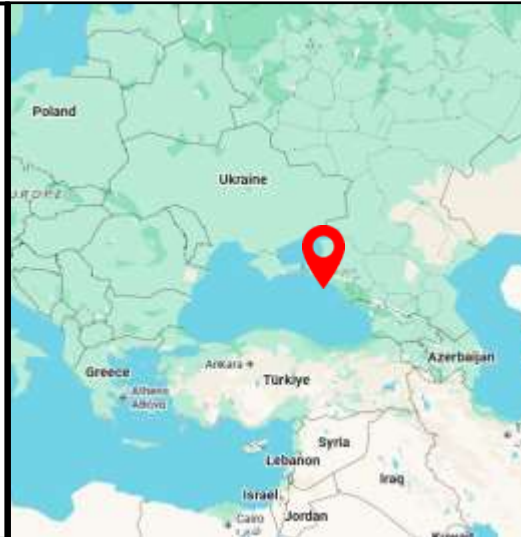
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



19 Jul/CPC Suspends Oil Loadings/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.19	Russia	Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) terminal	Assault violations	Name – Nissos Ios Flag - Marshall Islands	There were no injuries or fatalities among CPC staff or contractors, and no oil spill occurred; the tankers remained afloat, according to CPC.

Two oil tankers, ASIA and NISSOS IOS, were attacked at the Caspian Pipeline Consortium terminal off Russia's Black Sea coast, prompting CPC to suspend oil loadings. The ASIA tanker caught fire during the incident but the blaze was extinguished.



Source - : <https://gcaptain.com/caspian-pipeline-consortium-oil-loadings-suspended-after-drone-attacks-on-tankers/>



19 Jul/Hormuz Traffic Drops to Four Vessels/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.19	Iran	Strait Of Hormuz	Foreign affairs	-	The recent decline in traffic coincided with the U.S. conducting its eighth consecutive night of attacks on Iranian targets, while Kuwait and Bahrain have noted an uptick in Iranian aggression, heightening security concerns in the Gulf.

Commercial shipping through the Strait of Hormuz experienced a further decline, with only four vessels crossing on Sunday, a decrease from eight the previous day. This slowdown is attributed to escalating tensions between the United States and Iran, following earlier reports indicating that confirmed crossings had already hit a three-week low on July 16, with only eight vessels recorded that day.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/only-four-vessels-cross-strait-of-hormuz-as-gulf-shipping-slows-amid-us-iran-tensions/>



19 Jul/US Redirects Six Commercial Ships/United State

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2026.07.19	United State	Strait Of Hormuz	Naval Activities	-	U.S. Navy Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS John Finn (DDG 113) are maintaining focus and vigilance as American forces carry out a naval blockade against Iran, according to a CENTCOM post on X.

The United States has redirected six commercial vessels and disabled one ship as part of its naval blockade on Iran, according to the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). These actions, carried out by U.S. forces since July 19, aim to ensure compliance with the blockade resumed last week on vessels traveling to or from Iranian ports and coastal areas.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/us-says-it-redirected-6-commercial-ships-disabled-1-under-iran-naval-blockade/>



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