

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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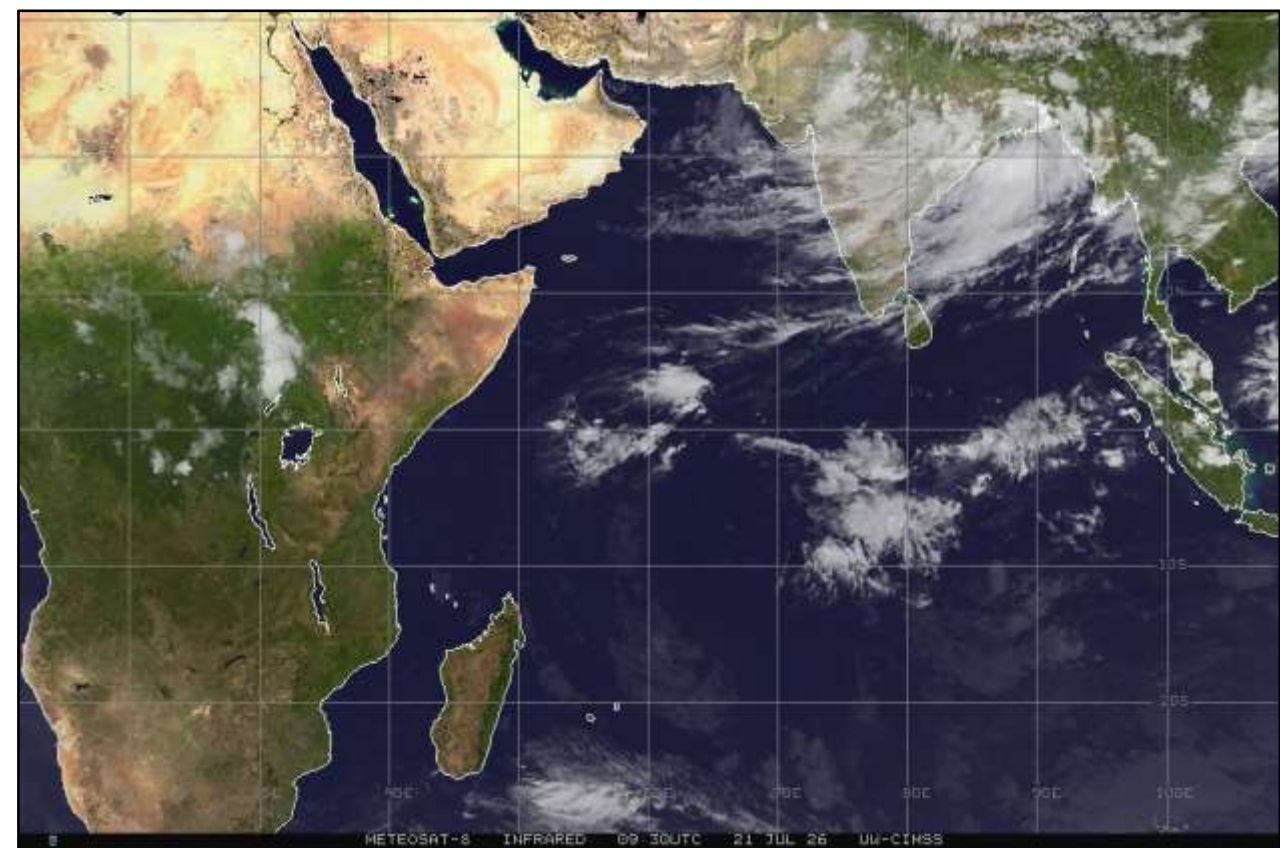
Date 2026.07.21

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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: 2026.07.21/1400UTC to 2026.07.22/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.07.21

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

Shear line is approximately along : 03N 60E, 06N 70E, 02S 80E, 01N 90E, 06N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 20, 45, 55,

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 15, 50, 65, 70, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'yly to W'yly / (10-15) kts

East of 75E: SW'yly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10

South of Shear line:

SE'yly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 40, 45, 60, 75, 80, 85; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 65

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 65

Rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 45, 60, 75, 80, 85

Moderate in Sections : 15, 40, 50, 55, 70

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

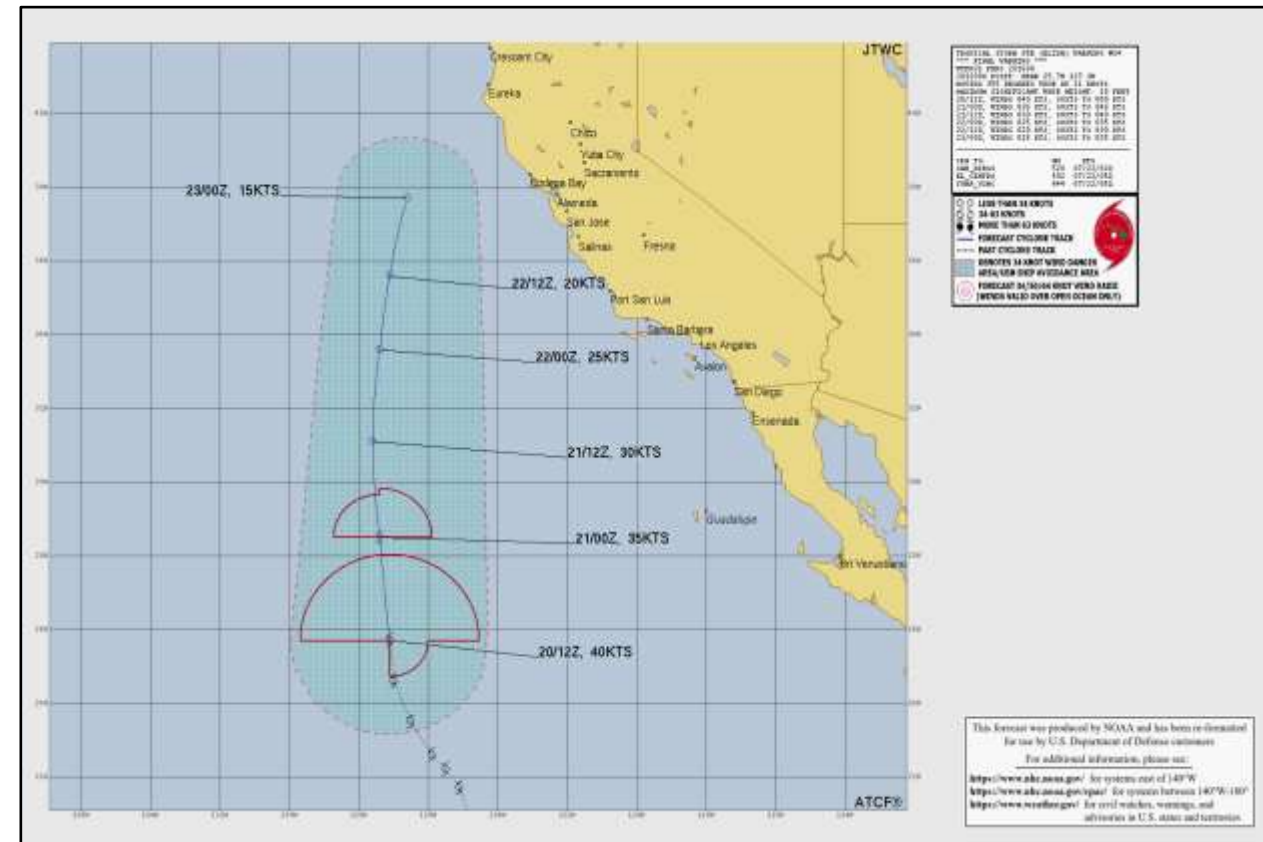
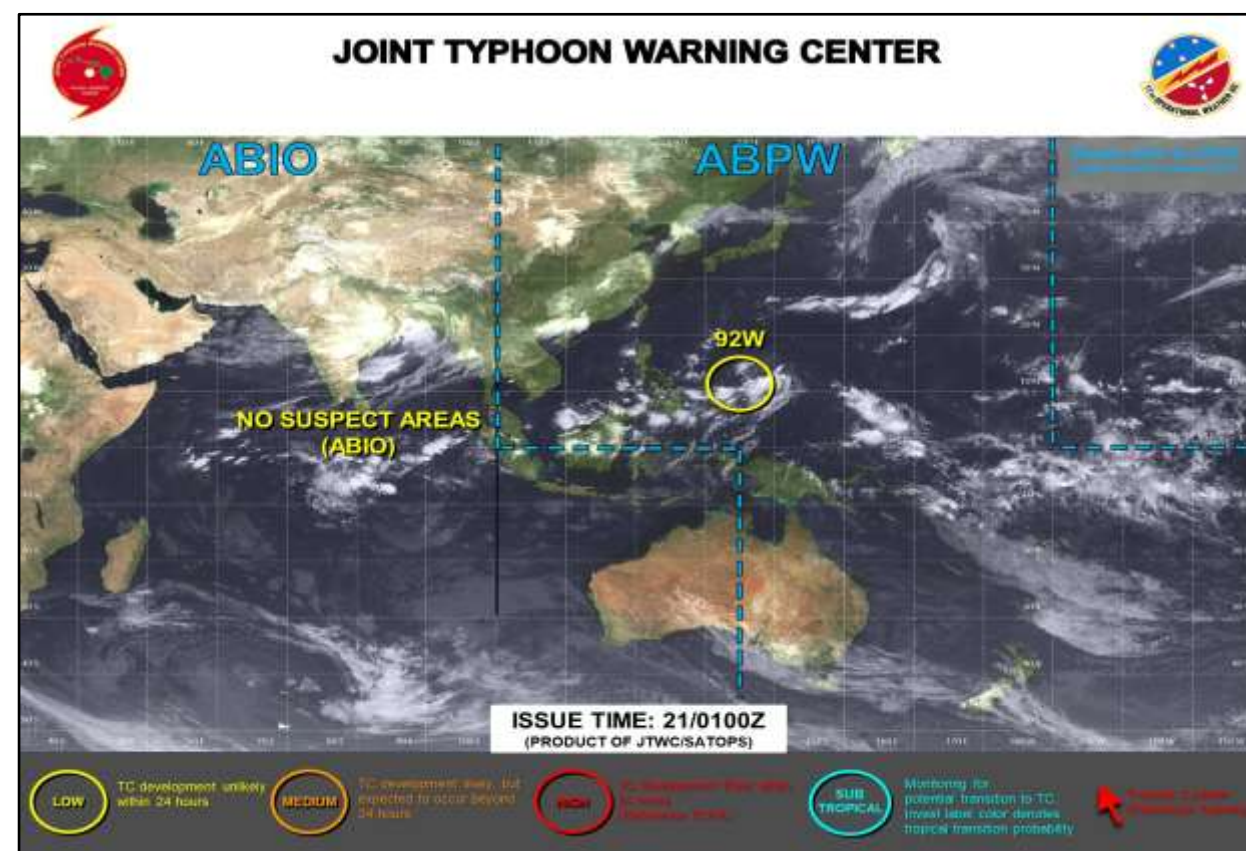
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE

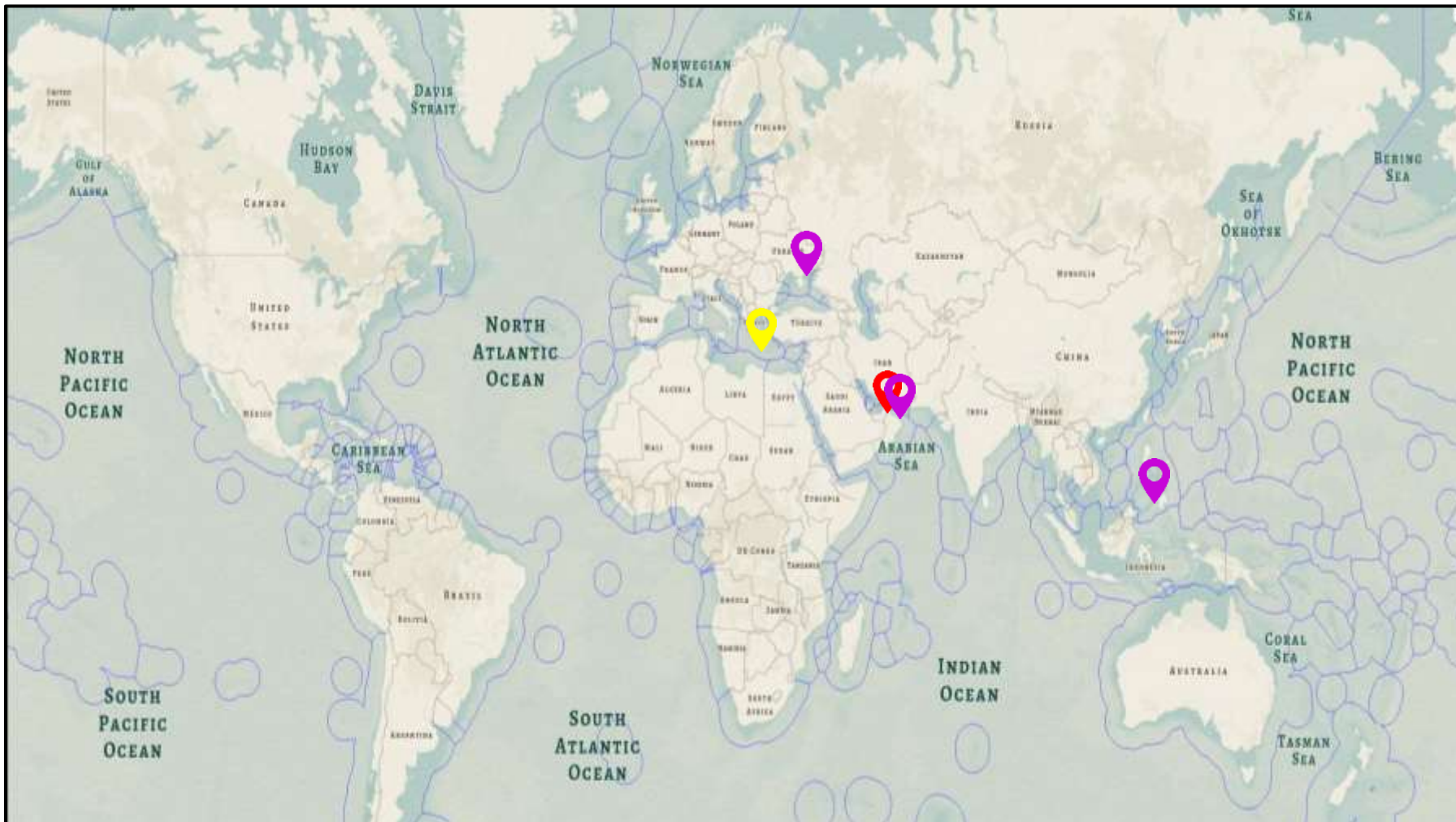


TROPICAL CYCLONE "ELIDA"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	05

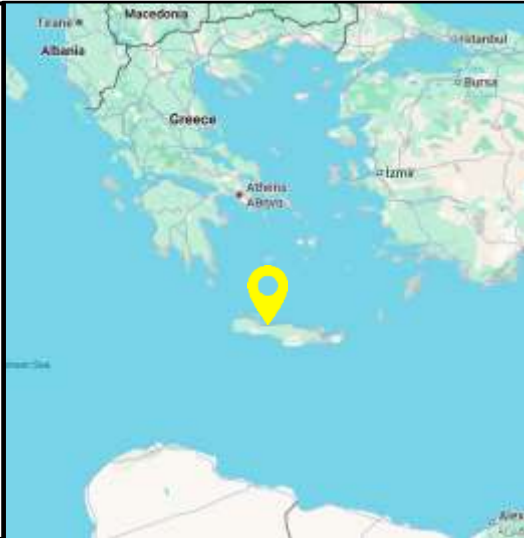
MARITIME INCIDENTS



20 Jul/ Ships Collide at Souda Port in Crete/ Greece

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.20	Greece	Souda Port	Collisions	Name- Elyros Type -passenger Flag -Greece	No injuries were reported after a collision between two vessels, which sustained material damage. Authorities responded promptly, and the cargo ship was safely brought into port under supervision. An investigation is ongoing to determine the circumstances of the collision.

The passenger ferry Elyros collided with a cargo ship at Souda Port in Chania, Crete, during manoeuvres on Monday morning, resulting in only material damage. Authorities are currently investigating the incident, which occurred as the Elyros was preparing to depart while the cargo vessel was attempting to dock.



Source -: <https://www.tovima.com/society/ships-collide-at-souda-port-in-crete-no-injuries-reported/amp/>

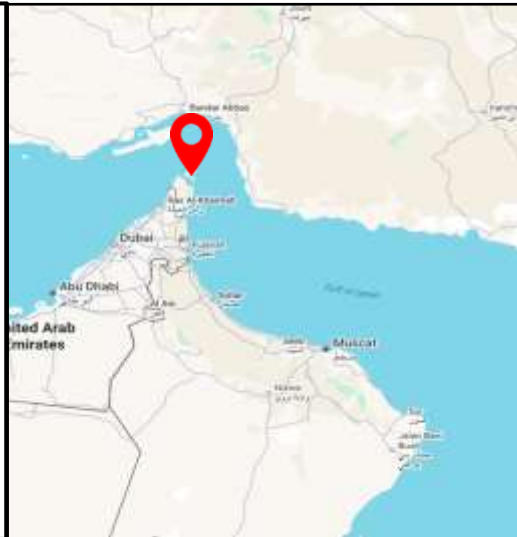
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



19 Jul/ Crew Abandons Oil Tanker After Attack/ Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.19	Oman	Off Kumzar	Assault violations	Name – Kavomaleas Flag - Malta	The vessel was identified by Vanguard as the Malta-flagged oil products tanker Kavomaleas.

The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported a fire on the Malta-flagged oil products tanker Kavomaleas, approximately 8 nautical miles off Kumzar, Oman, on 19 Jul 26. The vessel was struck by an unknown projectile, according to military authorities and identified by maritime security firm Vanguard.



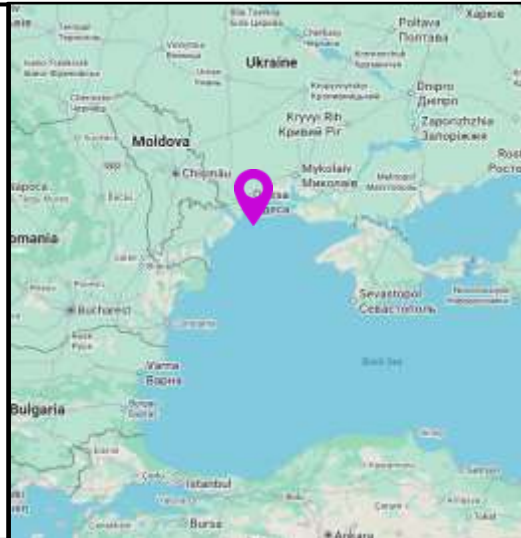
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13103/crew-abandons-after-oil-tanker-is-hit-near-strait-of-hormuz>



19 Jul/ Hormuz Traffic Drops to Four Vessels/ Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.19	Ukraine	Odesa port	Other military /Coastguard activities	Name – Golden leo Flag – Guinea Bissau Type - Other	USPA reported that the search-and-rescue operation continued overnight, resulting in eight rescues. However, ten individuals, including a Ukrainian maritime pilot, were confirmed dead in the incident, although the fire was brought under control.

The Guinea-Bissau-flagged cargo vessel Golden Leo was struck by a Russian cruise missile on 19 Jul 26 near Odesa, Ukraine, resulting in the death of 10 crew members. The ship had 17 crew members, including Indian and Syrian nationals, and was carrying corn when it was hit on the starboard side, causing a fire.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13105/russian-missile-strike-kills-10-aboard-bulk-carrier-near-ode>



20 Jul/ China Coast Guardsman Hits Philippine Sailor in the Head in Latest Clash/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.20	Philippine	Thomas Shoal outpost	Naval activities	China Coast Guard cutter 21560	Both sides had a brief confrontation using oars and poles, resulting in a head injury to one Philippine sailor, who is currently under evaluation by the AFP for a possible medevac.

A standoff at the Philippine Navy's Second Thomas Shoal between Philippine and Chinese forces resulted in injuries to one Filipino servicemember, marking the second incident of violence at this site since 2024. On Monday morning, a Chinese Coast Guard cutter approached the outpost, leading to a confrontation where Philippine personnel deployed RIB boats to deter the Chinese servicemembers, who reportedly attempted to strike Philippine responders and rammed a RIB.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/china-coast-guardsman-hits-philippine-sailor-in-the-head-in-latest-clash>



19 Jul/ New Tanker Attack Reported Near Strait of Hormuz/ United State

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.19	United State	Strait of Hormuz	Naval activities	Name – Kaifan Flag – Kuwait Type - Tanker	The report discusses an attack on the Malta-flagged tanker Kavomaleas, managed by Dynacom Tankers of Greece, which was hit by two projectiles and subsequently abandoned off the coast of Oman.

A commercial tanker, the Kaifan, reported being hit by what appeared to be a drone or missile near the Strait of Hormuz, causing a fire in its engine room. This incident occurred as U.S. forces continued strikes against Iranian military targets.



Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/new-tanker-attack-reported-near-strait-of-hormuz-as-u-s-continues-strikes-on-iran/>



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