

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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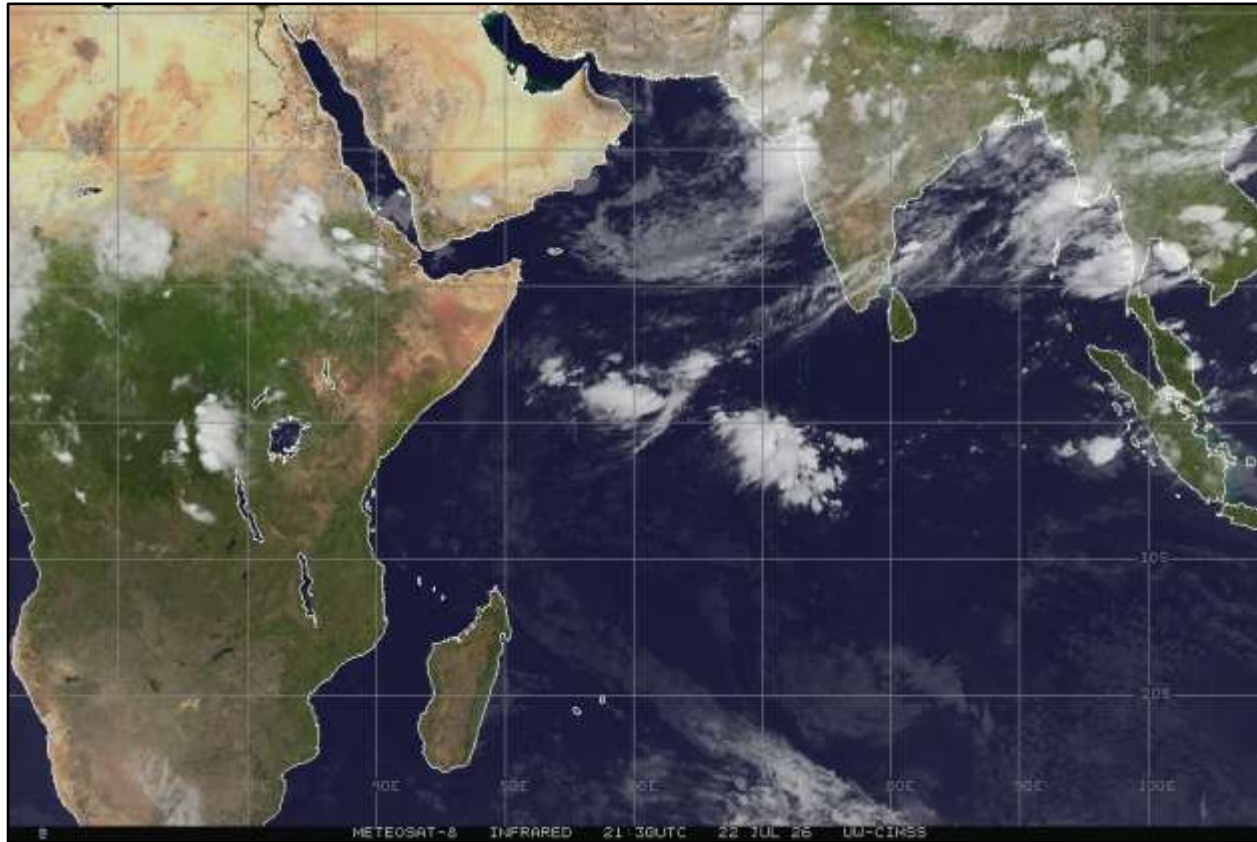
Date 2026.07.23

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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: 2026.07.23/0600UTC to 2026.07.23/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.23

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

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

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 25, 30, 60, 70

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'ly to W'ly / (10-15) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 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 30 kts in sections 75, 85; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 50, 55, 70.

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 75, 85

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 50, 55, 70

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 00

Moderate in Sections : 40, 45, 60, 65, 80

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

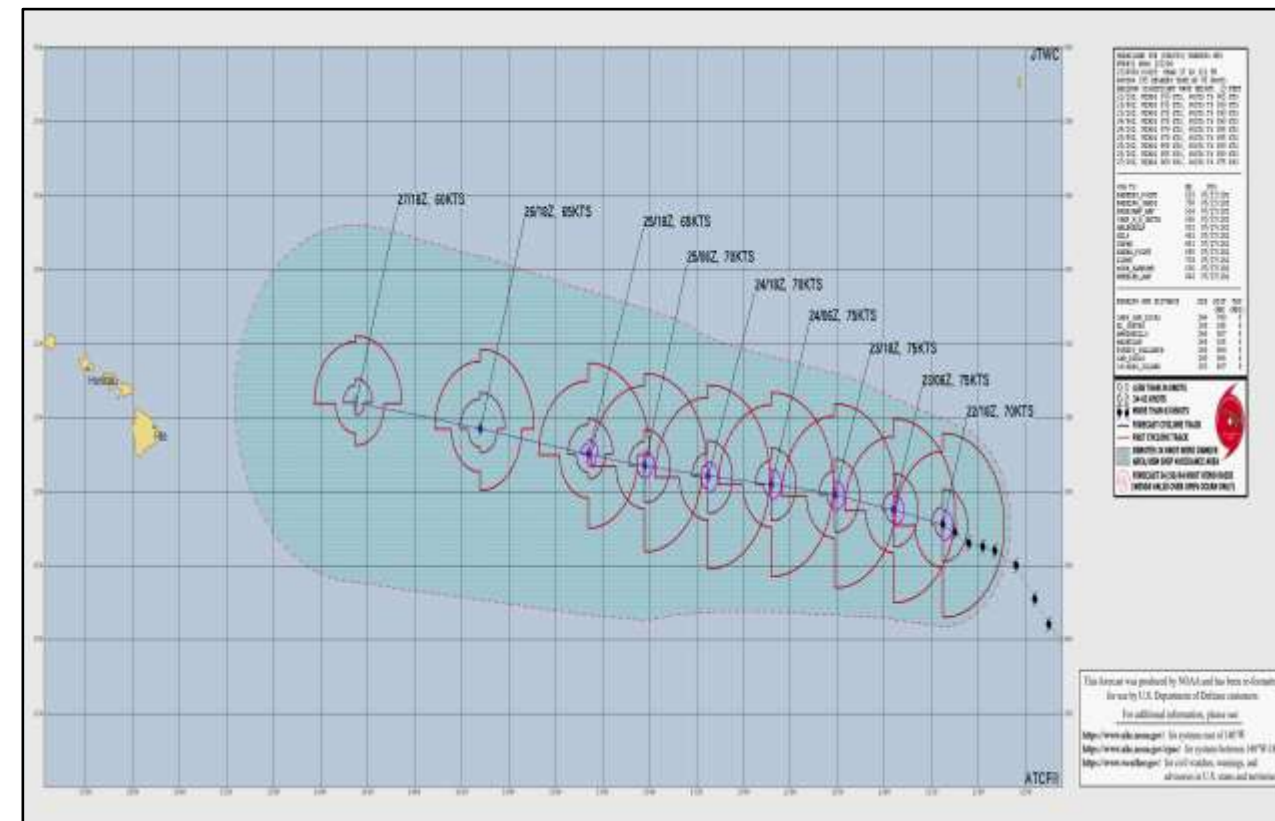
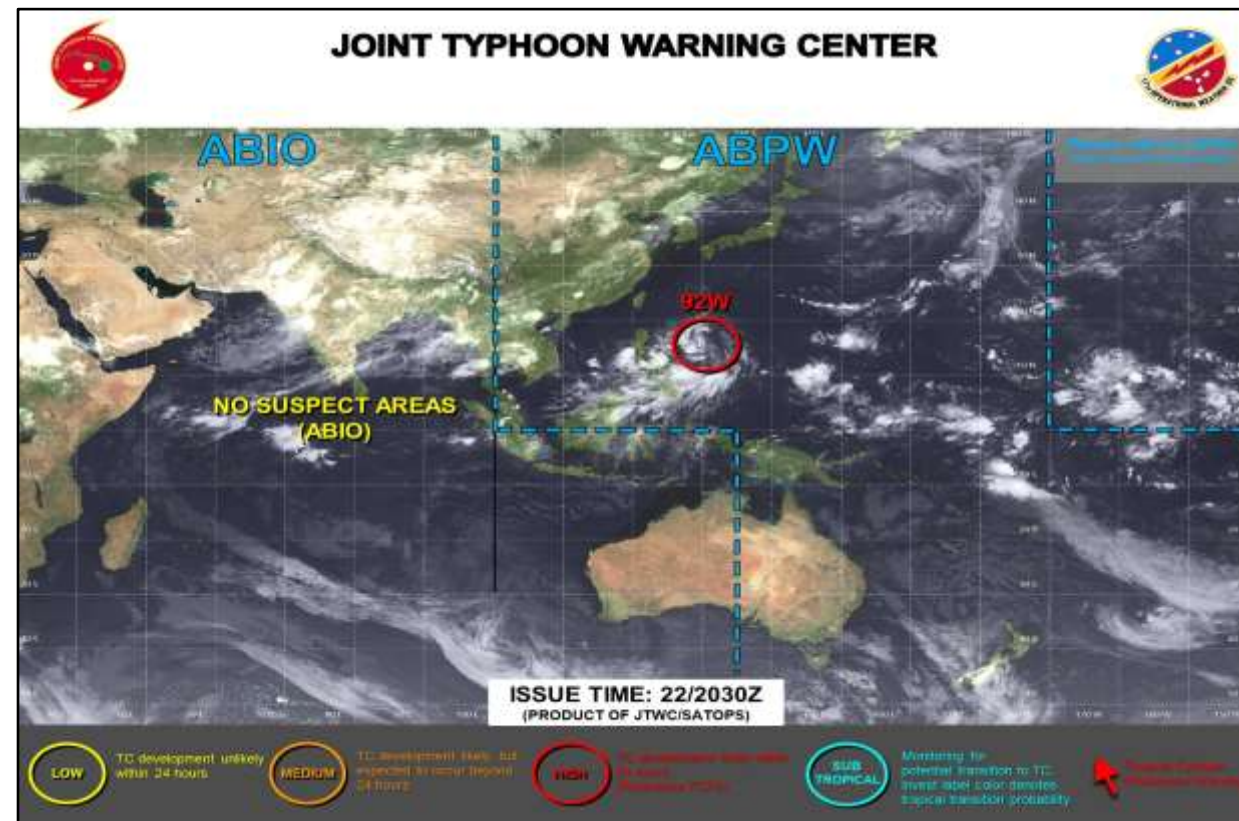
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "FAUSTO"



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	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	08

MARITIME INCIDENTS



21 Jul/Ship Runs Aground Near Sarnia Harbour/Canada

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.21	Canada	Sarnia Harbour	Grounding/Stranding	Name – Algoma Equinox Flag - Canada Type – Cargo	Sarnia Harbour Operator Jared Lean reported that a vessel departed from Cargill's Sarnia Grain Terminal around 3 p.m. but became stuck in a shallow area near the Sidney E. Smith Dock.

A coordinated effort is in progress near Sarnia Harbour to free the Algoma Equinox, a 225-meter-long freighter that ran aground Tuesday afternoon. This vessel mainly transports raw materials such as grain and iron ore in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.



Source - : <https://sarnianewstoday.ca/sarnia/news/2026/07/22/225-metre-ship-runs-aground-near-sarnia-harbour>

MARITIME INCIDENTS



21 Jul/ Ferry Collides with Cargo Vessel/Greece

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS		ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.21	Greece	Port of Souda	Collisions	Name – Elyros Flag – Greece Type – Passenger	Name - Iosif K Flag - Greece Type - Cargo	Both Greece-flagged vessels experienced minor damage and were inspected by classification society surveyors to evaluate their seaworthiness before returning to sailing. They remained moored at Souda.

The Ro-Ro/Passenger ship Elyros collided with the cargo vessel Iosif K in the port of Souda, Greece, on 21 Jul 26. Both vessels suffered damage, but there were no reported injuries. At the time, Elyros was operating a scheduled service from Piraeus to Souda, carrying 100 passengers, 32 cars, and 95 trucks.



Source -> <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13109/ferry-strikes-cargo-vessel-while-entering-souda-port-in-gree>

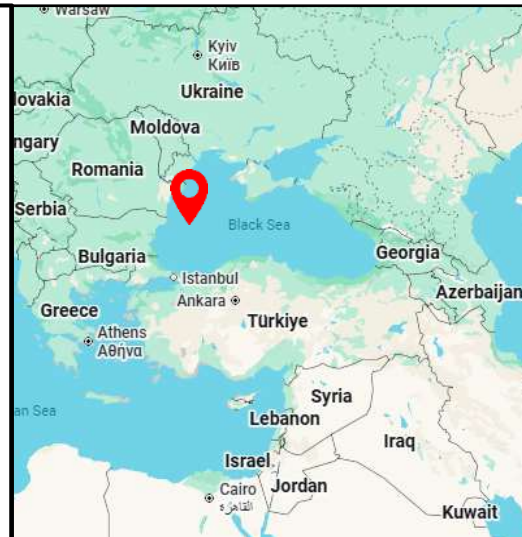
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



20 Jul/Drone Attack Damages LPG Tanker/ Romania

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.20	Romania	Black Sea	Assault violations	Name – Elyros Flag - Greece Type – Passenger	Romania's Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Constanța initiated a rescue operation for the crew members of a vessel, involving the Romanian Coast Guard and rescue vessels SAR Apollo and Artemis, which promptly reached the location.

The Liberian-flagged LPG tanker Gas Lisbon was struck by a drone while in Romania's Exclusive Economic Zone in the Black Sea on 20 Jul 26, igniting a fire and causing an explosion. All 17 crew members were evacuated, though three suffered injuries. The attack took place 20 nautical miles southeast of Sfântu Gheorghe, leaving the crew stranded in the bow without access to lifesaving equipment.



Source -> <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13111/lpg-tanker-damaged-by-drone-attack-in-black-sea-three-crew-i>

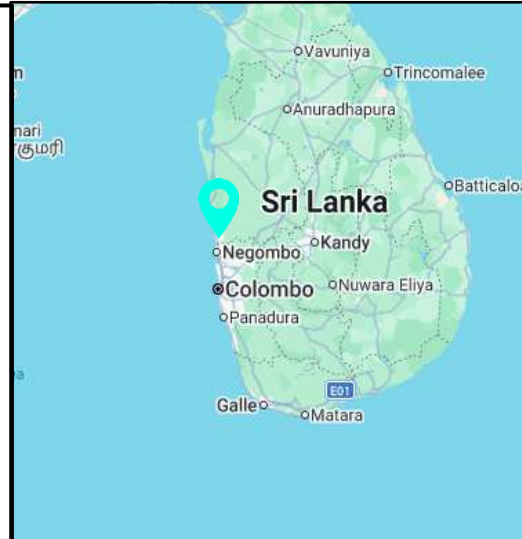
SMUGGLING



22 Jul/Kendu Leaves Worth Over \$15M Seized/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.22	Sri Lanka	Wellamankara	Contraband/ Goods smuggling	One dinghy boat	The arrested suspect, together with the seized stock of Kendu leaves, dinghy boat and the lorry, were handed over to the Custom Preventive Office in Katunayaka for further investigation and legal proceedings.

On 22 Jul 26 a special operation led by the Sri Lanka Coast Guard in the 'Wellamankara' area of Wennappuwa, in collaboration with the State Intelligence Service and Police Special Task Force, resulted in the arrest of three individuals. They were apprehended with a dinghy and a lorry containing over 2200 kg of Kendu leaves, valued at over 15 million.



Source -> <https://news.coastguard.gov.lk/news/2026/07/22/202607221124/>

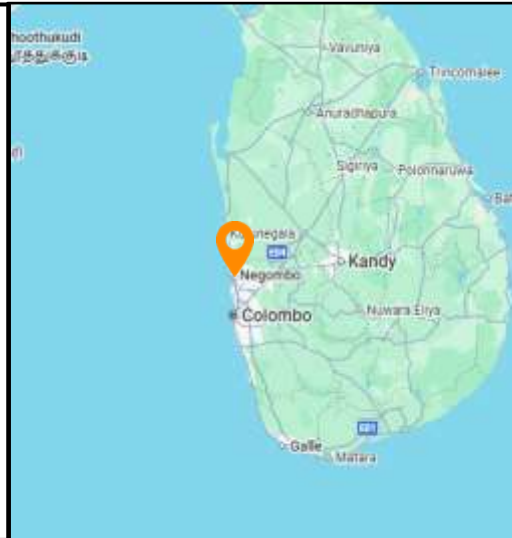
IUU FISHING



21 Jul/Seven Arrested in Illegal Shark Fishing Case/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.21	Sri Lanka	Negambo Fisheries harbour	Fishing for endangers species/Prohibited species	multi-day fishing vessel.	The fishermen and the seized shark fish consignment, along with the fishing vessel, were delivered to the Assistant Director of Fisheries in Negombo for legal action.

Sri Lanka Coast Guard arrested seven fishermen and seized 2650 kg of illegally harvested shark fish (*Alopias Vulpinus* and *Carcharhinus Longimanus*) at Negambo Fisheries harbour on 21 Jul 26, in violation of Extraordinary Gazette No.1938/2 dated 26th October 2015. The catch was concealed in a multi-day fishing vessel.



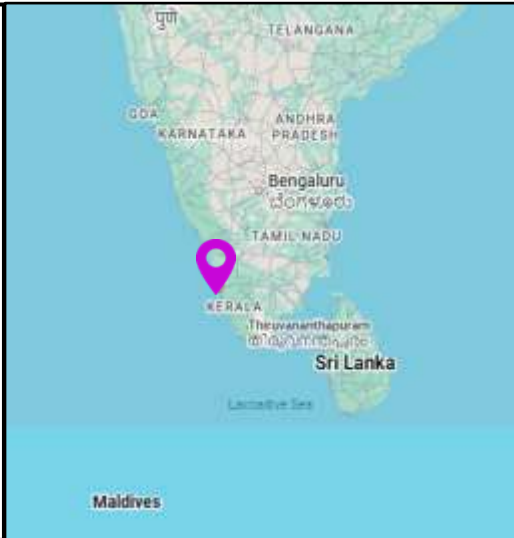
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22 Jul/Indian Navy Commissions INS Malvan/India

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2026.07.22	India	Kochi	Naval Activities	Name - INS Malvan Flag – India Type - anti-submarine shallow-water craft.	Malvan's induction into the Navy introduces a new era of indigenously built shallow water crafts, emphasizing efficiency and speed to enhance operational success and protect the country's maritime interests, particularly amidst China's growing dominance in the Indian Ocean region.

INS Malvan, the second Mahe-class anti-submarine shallow-water craft of the Indian Navy, has been commissioned. Over 80% of its equipment is locally manufactured, reflecting India's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision for self-reliance in defense. The vessel was constructed at Cochin Shipyard Limited and is named after a decommissioned minesweeper from 2003.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/indian-navy-commissions-submarine-hunter-ins-malvan-to-counter-china-in-indian-ocean/>



20 Jul/Indian Coast Guard Plans Major Fleet Expansion/India

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2026.07.20	India	-	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	The ICG is enhancing its operational capabilities with an expanded fleet of ships and aircraft, creating a robust defense for India's maritime zones, according to the Coast Guard.

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) aims to expand its fleet to 200 ships and 100 aircraft to bolster surveillance and response capabilities in India's maritime zones. This expansion will enhance the current fleet of 155 ships and 82 aircraft, supporting ongoing efforts to improve maritime security. The ICG ensures constant surveillance and rapid response through the continuous deployment of its assets.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/indian-coast-guard-plans-to-expand-operational-fleet-with-200-ships-and-100-aircraft/>



21 Jul/Saudi Oil Tanker Reverses Course/Saudi Arabia

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2026.07.21	Saudi Arabia	Red Sea	Foreign affairs	-	The tanker Rodos, transporting approximately 700,000 barrels of Saudi crude to India, altered its course in the Red Sea to head north towards the Suez Canal instead of proceeding through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

Several commercial vessels, including oil tankers transporting Saudi crude to India and China, changed course after Yemen's Houthi movement issued a warning against ships visiting Saudi ports. This marks an early indication of the enforceable naval blockade that the Houthis announced the previous day, cautioning shipping companies that vessels involved in loading or unloading cargo at Saudi ports might be targeted anywhere within the range of the Yemeni Armed Forces.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/saudi-oil-tanker-carrying-700000-barrels-to-india-reverses-course-after-houthi-warning/>



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