

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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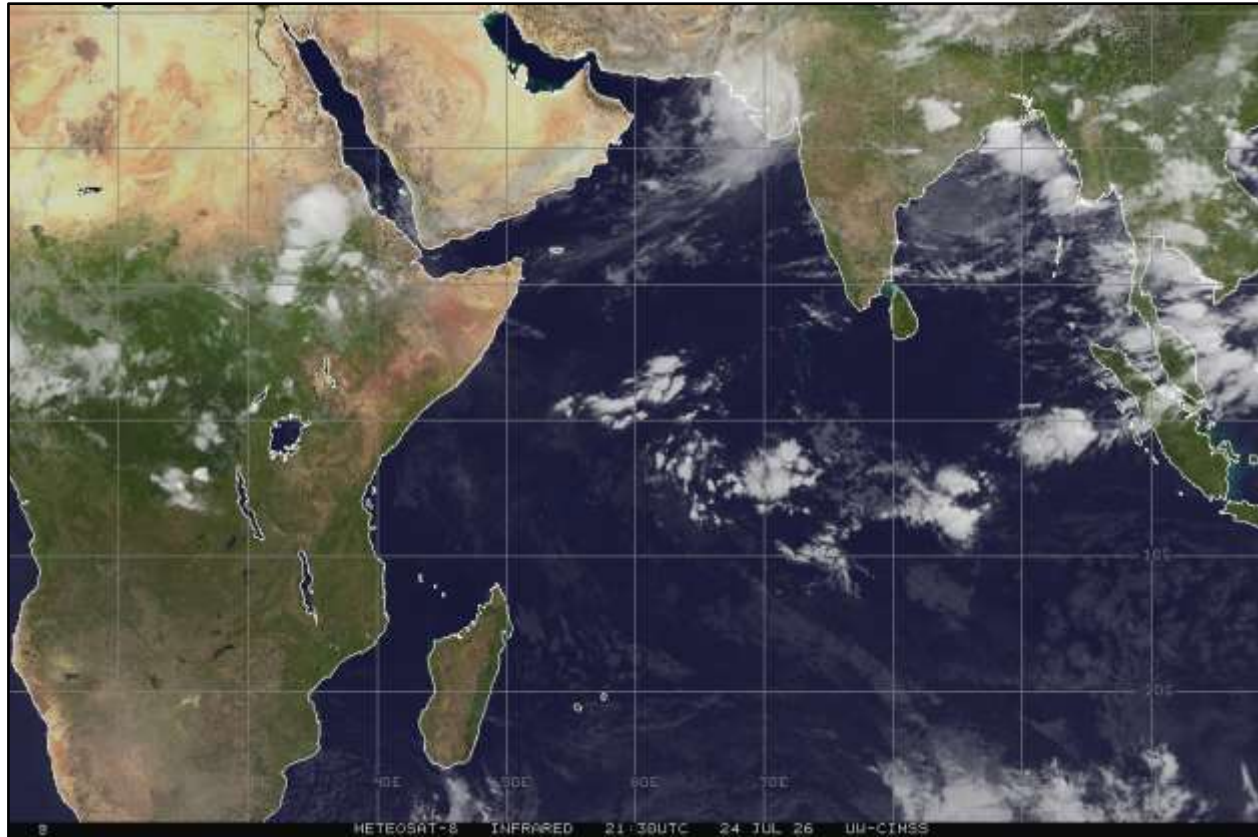
Date 2026.07.25

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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: 2026.07.25/0600UTC to 2026.07.25/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.25

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

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

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 50, 60, 65, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

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

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (10-20) kts ; gusting up to 30 kts in section 75; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 55, 70, 85.

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in section : 75

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 05, 10

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 55, 70, 85

Moderate in Sections : 15, 40, 60, 65

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

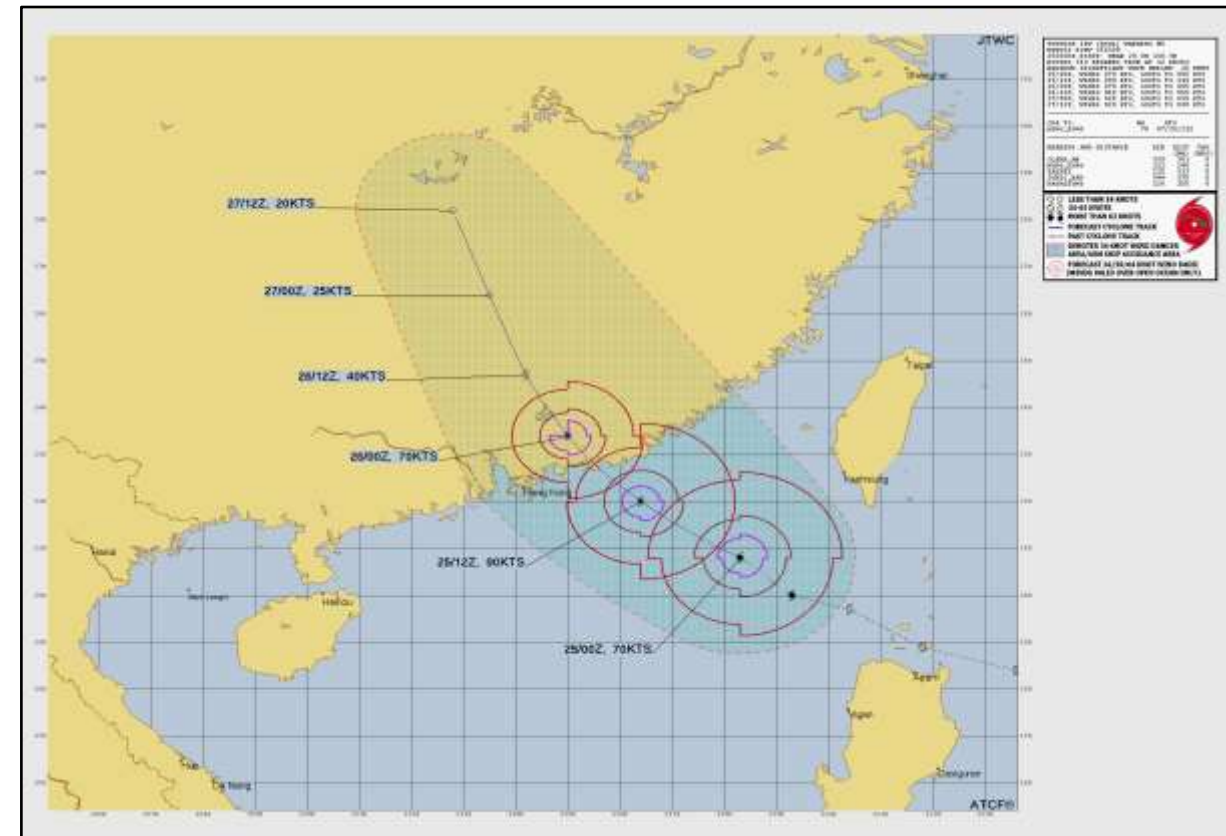
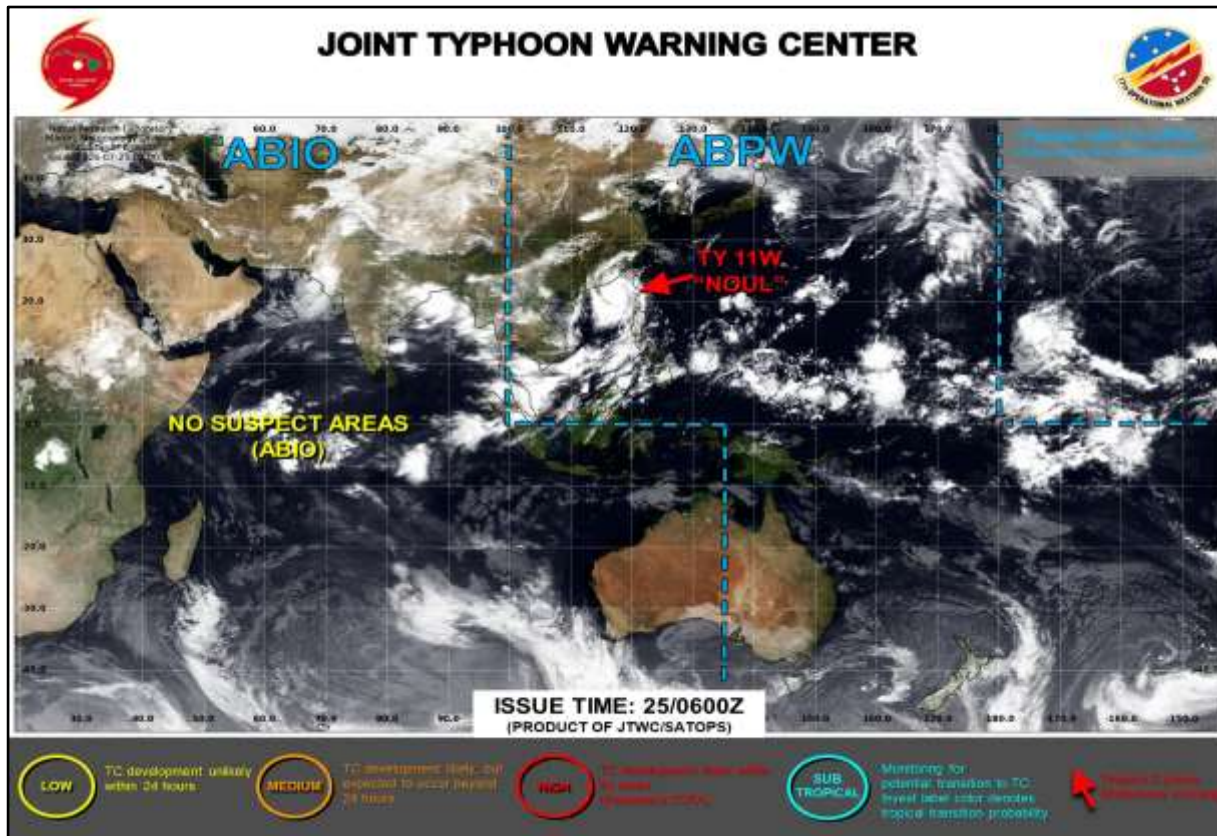
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE

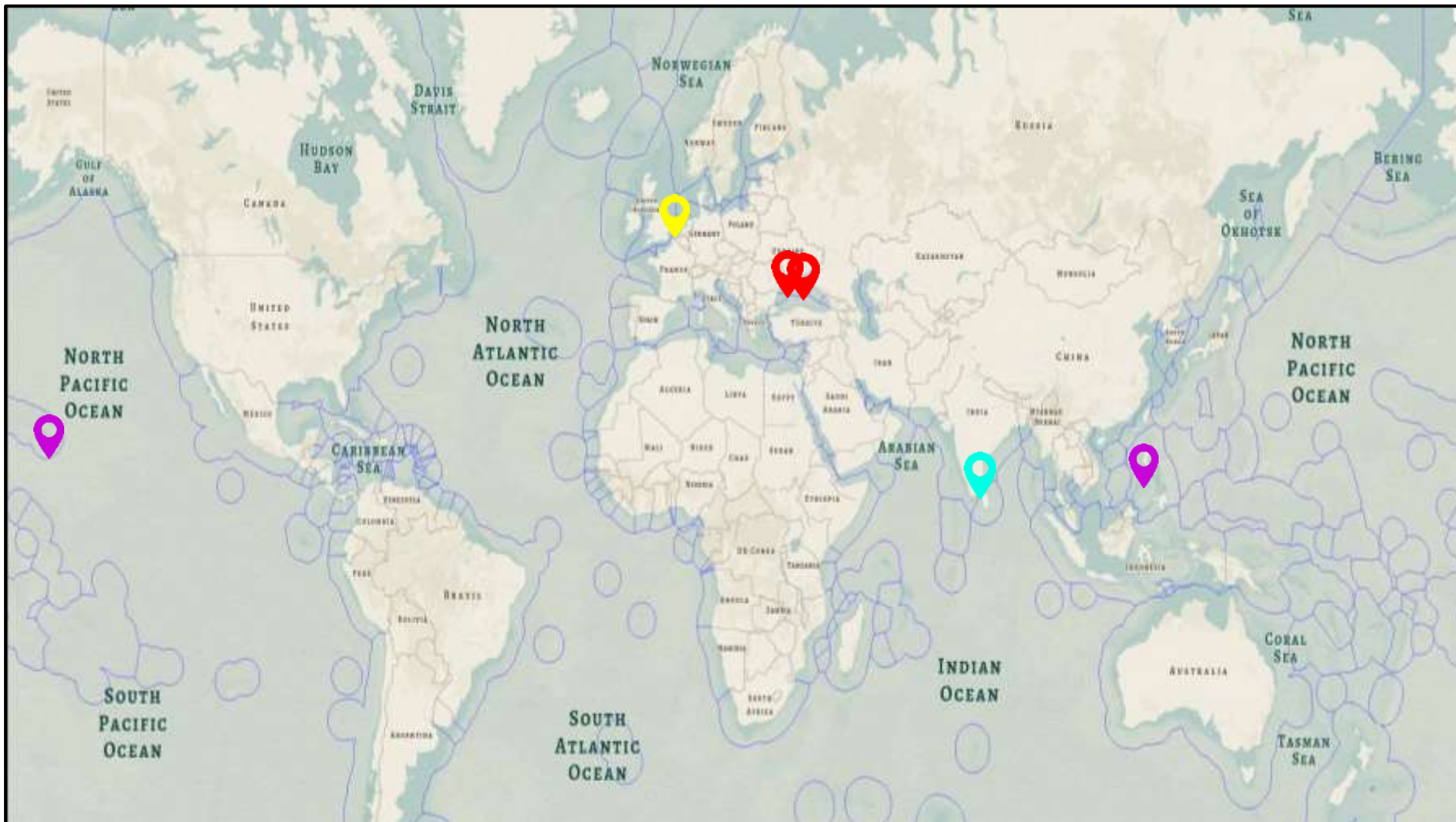


TROPICAL CYCLONE "NOUL"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	02
Total Incidents	06

MARITIME INCIDENTS



22 Jul/Cargo Vessel Refloated After Grounding/Denmark

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.22	Denmark	Off Nyborg	Grounding/Standing	Name – Roseburg Flag – Antigua And Barbuda Type - Cargo	Roseburg, a general cargo vessel built in 1991, operates under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda. It measures 82.04 meters in length and 12.57 meters in width.

The cargo vessel Roseburg refloated successfully after running aground off Nyborg, Denmark, on July 22 while departing for Halmstad. No injuries or pollution were reported. The tug Tybring was deployed the next day to assist the refloating. An environmental response vessel was positioned nearby to monitor for potential pollution. The Roseburg was towed to Nyborg for inspection after the operation's completion.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13120/cargo-vessel-refloated-after-grounding-off-denmark-coast>

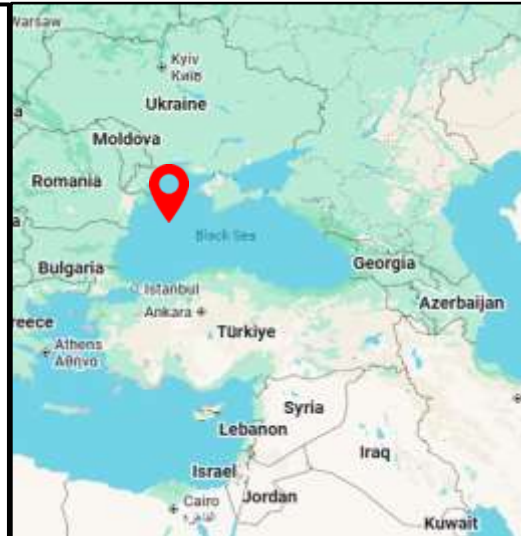
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



21 Jul/Cargo Vessel Damaged in Black Sea Attack/Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.21	Ukraine	Black Sea	Assault violations	Name – Lady zehma Flag – Panama Type - Cargo	The emergency response procedures were activated as the company's shore emergency response team coordinated with maritime authorities and stakeholders.

The Lady Zehma, a general cargo vessel registered in Panama, was attacked in the Black Sea on 21 Jul 26 while departing Odesa, Ukraine. The vessel sustained significant damage, but all 22 crew members are safe, and there was no environmental contamination. The operator, GN Group Corporation, reported two separate attacks: a drone strike at approximately 0830 GMT and a rocket attack at around 1130 GMT.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13119/cargo-vessel-damaged-black-sea-attacks-all-crew-remained-unh>

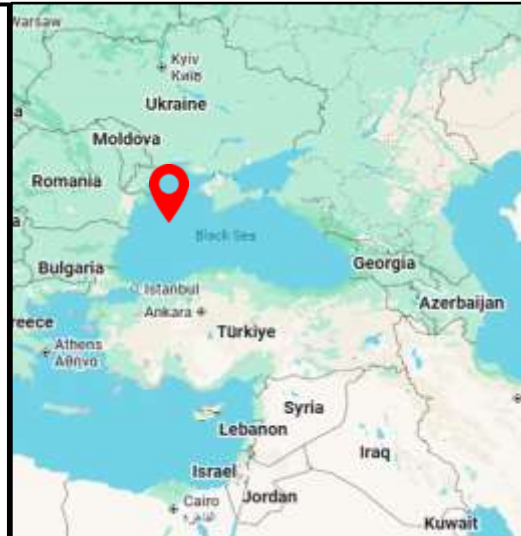
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22 Jul/Turkish Cargo Ship Damaged in Black Sea/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.22	Russia	Black Sea	Assault violations	Name – Reyhan Sari Flag – Turkiye Type - Cargo	Initial reports noted that one crew member was unaccounted for due to restricted access to the damaged accommodation area.

The Turkish-flagged cargo vessel Reyhan Sari was attacked by a drone in the Black Sea near Novorossiysk Port, Russia, on 22 Jul 26. The incident resulted in one crew member's death, two injuries, and another initially reported missing. Operator T&O Shipping confirmed the attack, which damaged the vessel's communications systems. One injured crew member later recounted that the vessel was hit twice, affecting both the cabin and deck, and he described the injuries sustained. The injured were evacuated by Turkish Coast Guard helicopter and taken to a hospital in Samsun, Turkey.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13118/turkish-cargo-vessel-damaged-in-black-sea-drone-attack-one-c>

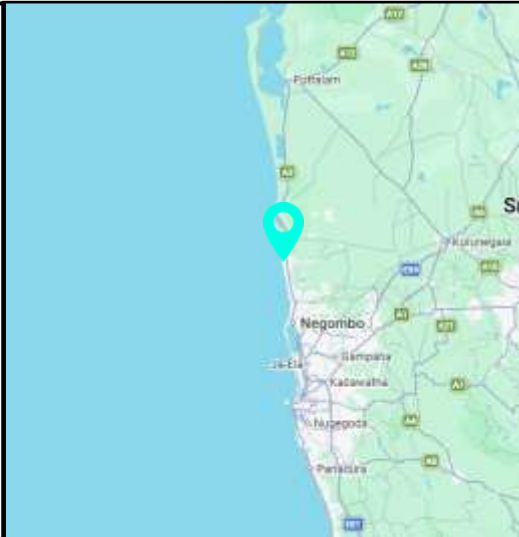
SMUGGLING



24 Jul/Navy Seizes More Than Three Tons of Contraband/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.24	Sri Lanka	Off Karukapane Beach	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Three dinghies	The seized consignment of Kendu leaves and the 3 dinghies were handed over to the Chilaw Excise Department Office for further legal proceedings.

The Navy seized approximately 3,135kg of smuggled Kendu leaves along with three dinghies during an operation off Karukapane Beach in Chilaw on 24 Jul 26. The operation, conducted by SLNS Thambapanni of the Northwestern Naval Command based on credible information, involved inspecting suspicious dinghies in the Karukapane coastal area. The Kendu leaves were found stuffed in 80 sacks, and it is suspected that the shipment was abandoned due to increased surveillance by the Navy.



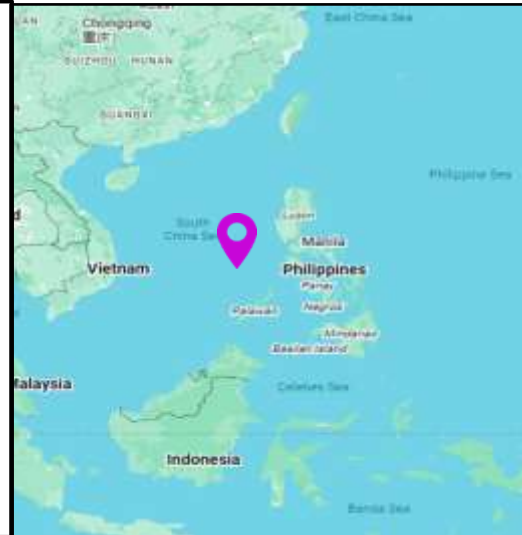
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/navy-takes-hold-of-more-than-three-tons-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-off-chilaw.html>



24 Jul/Water Cannon Used for Second Straight Day Near Scarborough Shoal/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.24	Philippines	Near Scarborough Shoal	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	At approximately 7:53 a.m., the vessel was struck directly by a water cannon, followed by two additional hits around 8:00 a.m. During this time, it temporarily lost satellite internet connectivity while sailing about 10 nautical miles northeast of the shoal, with the connection restored at 8:36 a.m.

On 24 Jul 26, the Philippines accused China's Coast Guard of using water cannons against Philippine vessels near Scarborough Shoal for the second consecutive day. This incident marked the third confrontation in the South China Sea within a week, following encounters on Thursday and a clash on Monday at Second Thomas Shoal. The Philippine Coast Guard reported that a Chinese vessel came within seven meters of a Philippine vessel performing a fisheries mission approximately 12 nautical miles from Scarborough Shoal.



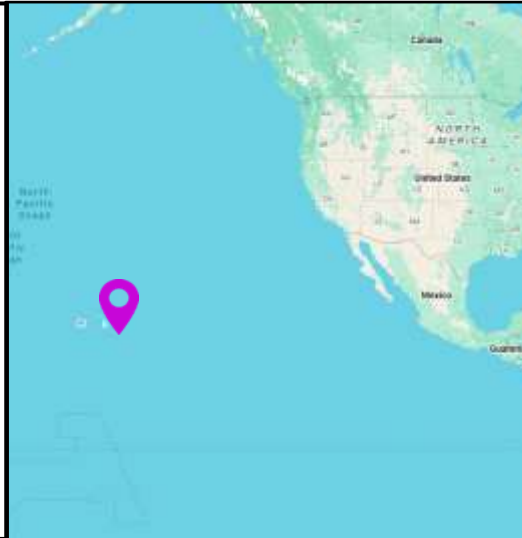
Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/shipping/india-introduces-new-rules-for-sea-carriage-of-plastic-pellets>



24 and 17 Jul/U.S., Allies Sink Two Retired Warships/United State

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.12 and 17	United State	Hawaiian island of Kauai	Naval Activities	-	The United States and allied nations participated in live-fire sinking exercises (SINKEX) as part of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026 exercise.

The United States and allied nations conducted live-fire sinking exercises (SINKEX) during the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026 exercise, resulting in the sinking of two decommissioned U.S. Navy warships. The guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay was sunk on July 12, followed by the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu on July 17, both deployed to about 15,000 feet deep waters north of Kauai, Hawaii.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/watch-u-s-partner-nations-sink-2-retired-warships-in-rimpac-2026-live-fire-exercise/>



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