

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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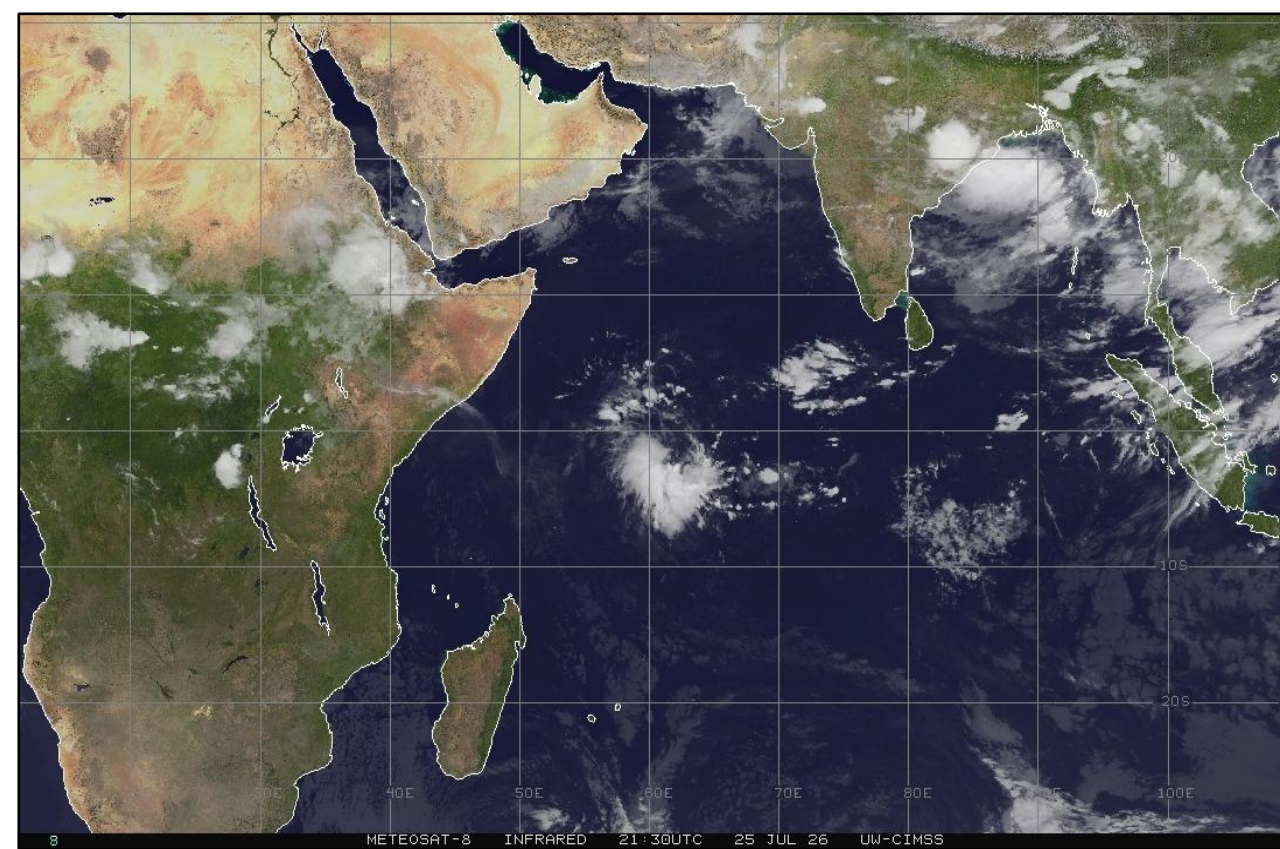
Date 2026.07.26

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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: 2026.07.26/0600UTC to 2026.07.26/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.26

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 25, 35, 40, 45, 50

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 15, 20, 30, 55, 60, 70, 75

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 (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

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

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 75, 85

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 15, 40, 70

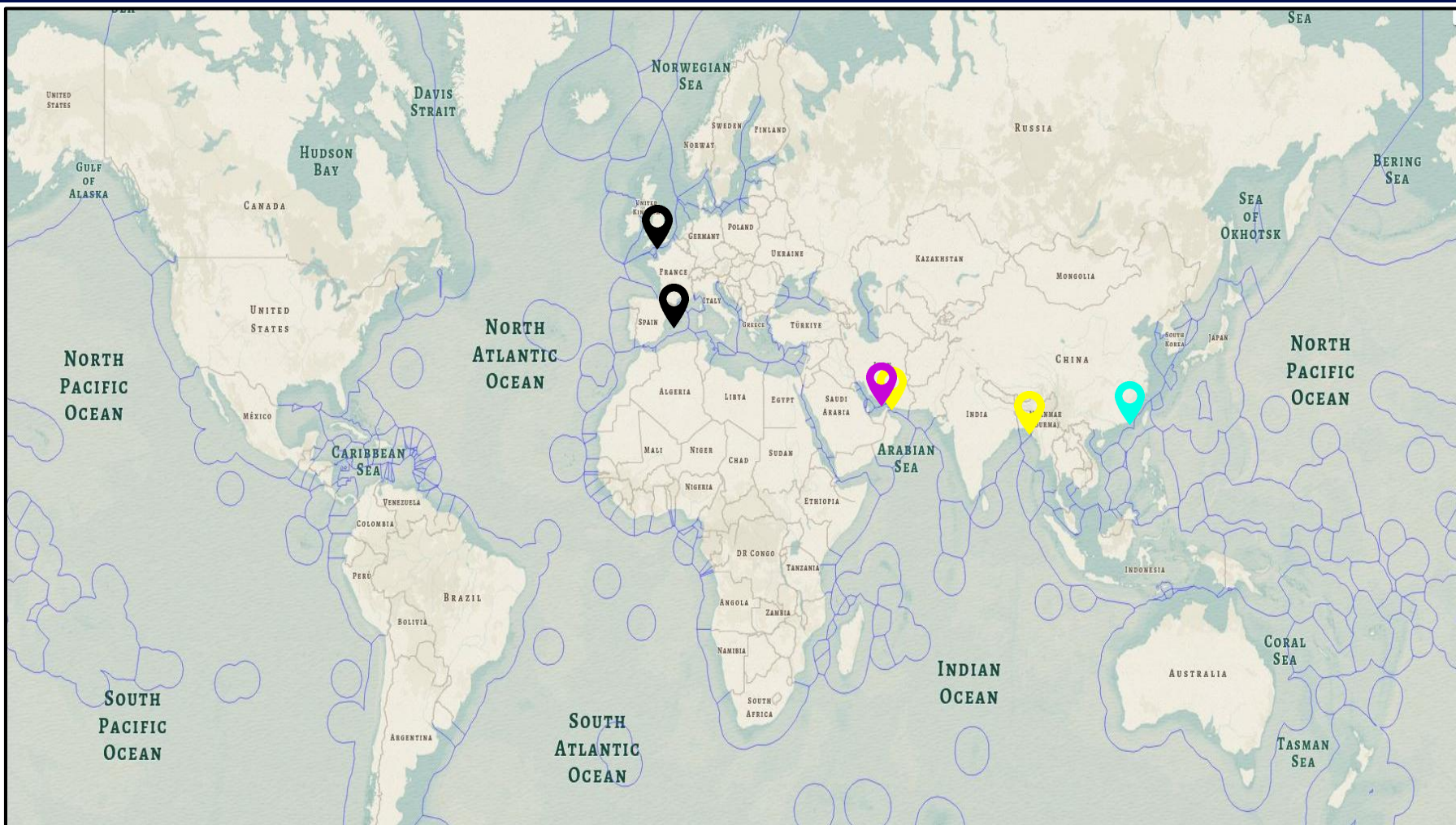
Moderate in Sections : 30, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 80

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>

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

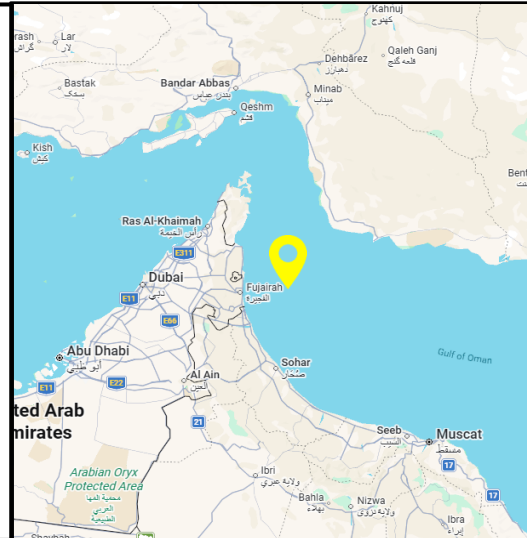
MARITIME INCIDENTS



25 Jul/ Maritime Incident Reported in Gulf/ Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.25	Oman	East Of The Port Of Fujairah	Maritime Incidents	-	The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported an incident involving a tanker and military forces in the Gulf of Oman.

In an advisory on X (formerly Twitter), authorities confirmed awareness of an ongoing investigation into an incident occurring in the Gulf of Oman, east of Fujairah, as detailed in a map released by the UKMTO.



Source -: <https://wanaen.com/maritime-incident-reported-in-gulf-of-oman/>

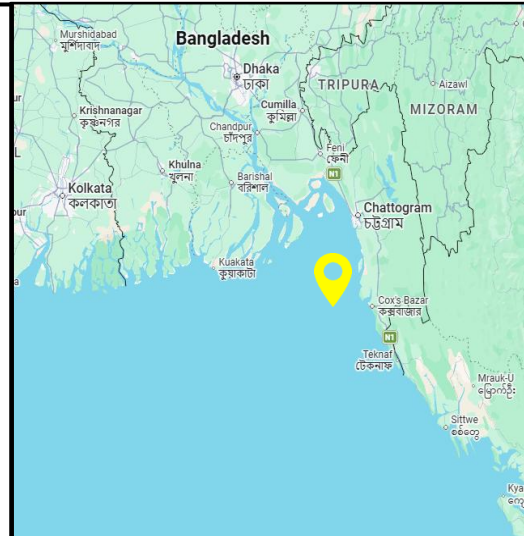
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23 Jul/ 2 Sri Lankan Fishermen Rescued Off Cox's Bazar After Drifting At Sea For 36 Days/ Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.23	Bangladesh	Off Cox's Bazar	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Fiberglass Fishing Boat	During their ordeal, the fishermen, as reported by Ziaur, survived by catching and consuming raw fish. In the face of significant shortages of food and fresh water, they were able to sustain themselves until their rescue.

Two Sri Lankan fishermen were rescued after drifting for 36 days in the Bay of Bengal by Bangladeshi fishermen from Moheshkhali upazila in Cox's Bazar. The rescue took place around 1000 hrs when the distressed men were found in a fiberglass fishing boat near Sonarchar. Led by skipper Ziaur Rahman, the Bangladeshi fishermen brought the men ashore, where they identified themselves as a father and son pair, recounting their ordeal after going missing during a fishing outing.



Source - : <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/news/2-sri-lankan-fishermen-rescued-coxs-bazar-after-drifting-sea-36-days-4232051>

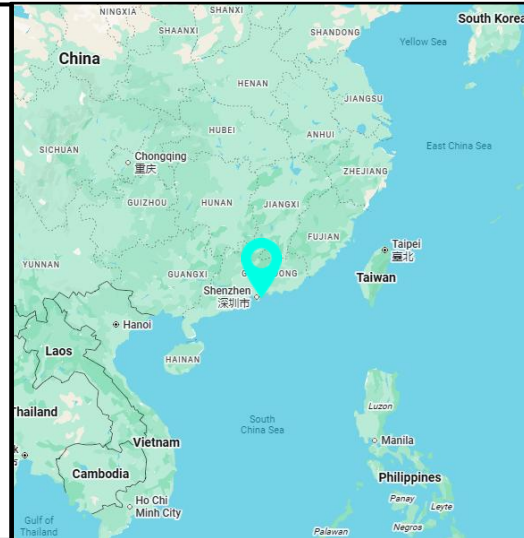
SMUGGLING



24 Jul/ Over \$35 Million In Smuggled Cigarettes Seized/ China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.24	China	Sai Kung waters	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Speed Boat	Officers intercepted a suspicious speedboat in eastern waters, leading to the seizure of 16 boxes of suspected illicit cigarettes. A 34-year-old man from the mainland was arrested at the scene.

Customs and Marine Police conducted several anti-smuggling operations in Sai Kung waters recently. On 24 Jul 26, they intercepted two speedboats involved in suspected cigarette smuggling, resulting in the seizure of approximately 3 million cigarettes valued at HK\$13.85 million (dutiable value: HK\$10.18 million). Authorities arrested a 34-year-old man from mainland China. during the operation. Though customs officers pursued the suspicious boats, which escaped into the waters east of Hong Kong, they managed to recover 292 boxes of smuggled cigarettes thrown overboard by the crew during the chase.



Source -: <https://hongkongbuzz.hk/2026/07/customs-and-marine-police-carry-out-three-anti-smuggling-operations-in-sai-kung-waters-over-past-week-over-35-million-in-smuggled-cigarettes-seized>

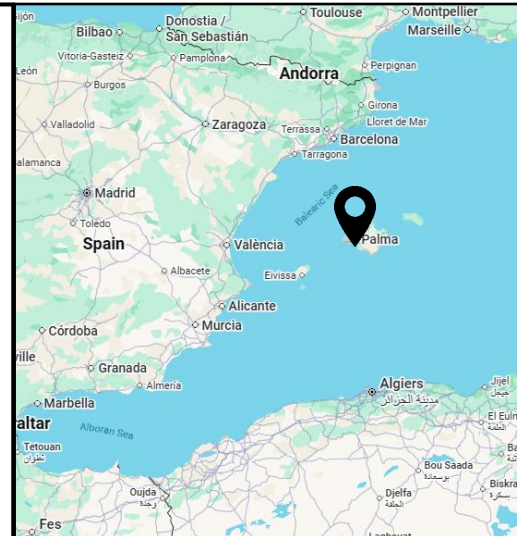
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



17 Jul/ Panic In Spain as 100 Illegal Migrants Arrive in 24 Hrs/ Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.17	Spain	Balearic Islands	Illegal broader crossing	Small Boats	Since the beginning of the year, at least 225 individuals have been documented as dead or missing while crossing the Western Mediterranean route, with more potential fatalities unrecorded due to the absence of an official departure register. Reports depend on finding boats and bodies or on witness accounts.

Nearly 100 illegal migrants reached the Balearic Islands, Spain, in 24 hrs, part of over 3,200 arrivals this year in 170 boats. On 17 Jul 26, the Guardia Civil and other services intercepted 32 sub-Saharan, assisted six North Africans to shore, rescued another 30 sub-Saharan, and apprehended 27 Africans after midnight on 18 Jul 26.



Source -: <https://www.aol.co.uk/articles/panic-spain-100-illegal-migrants-204200000.html>

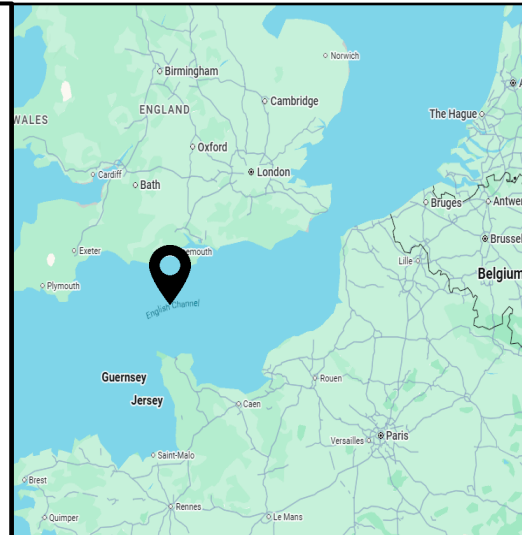
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23 Jul/ Mega dinghy' carrying record 165 migrants at once crossed Channel/ UK

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2026.07.23	UK	English Channel	Overcrowded vessels	Mega Dinghy	Refugee charity Care4Calais has reported that the crossing route is increasingly perilous due to the rising number of individuals per boat. The boat in question was estimated to be approximately 13 meters (42 feet) long, comparable to the length of a standard bus.

A record number of 165 migrants crossed the Channel to the UK in a single boat on 23 Jul 26, surpassing the previous record of 128 set in July. The Press Association reported that Border Security Command was seen towing the boat, referred to as a "mega dinghy," when it arrived in Dover on Thursday afternoon.



Source -: <https://www.aol.co.uk/articles/mega-dinghy-carrying-record-165-134635000.html>

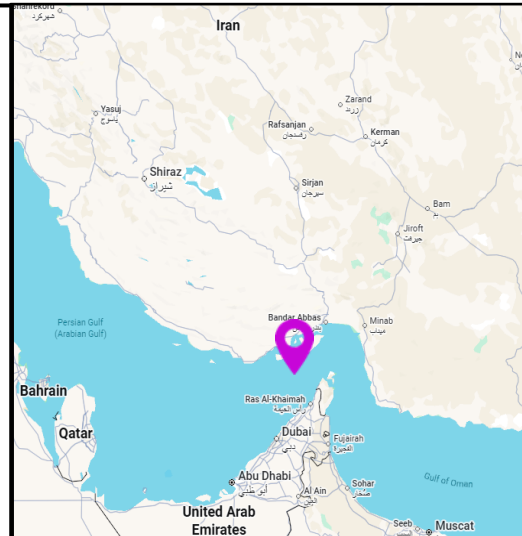
OTHER



24 Jul/ Indian Embassy Confirms All 28 Crew Members Safe After LPG Tanker Attack In Iranian Waters/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.24	India	Iranian Territorial Waters	Foreign affairs	Name-Disha Type -LPG tanker Flag -Mozambique	The embassy is closely monitoring the situation and staying in contact with relevant authorities. This incident occurs amid escalating US-Iran tensions, raising concerns about maritime security and commercial shipping routes.

The Embassy of India in Tehran confirmed that all 28 Indian crew members aboard the Mozambique-flagged LPG tanker DISHA are safe after the vessel was attacked in Iranian territorial waters. The embassy has been in contact with relevant authorities to ensure the safety of the Indian nationals on board.



Source -: <https://gulfnews.com/world/mena/indian-embassy-confirms-all-28-crew-members-safe-after-lpg-tanker-attack-in-iranian-waters-1.500619721>



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