

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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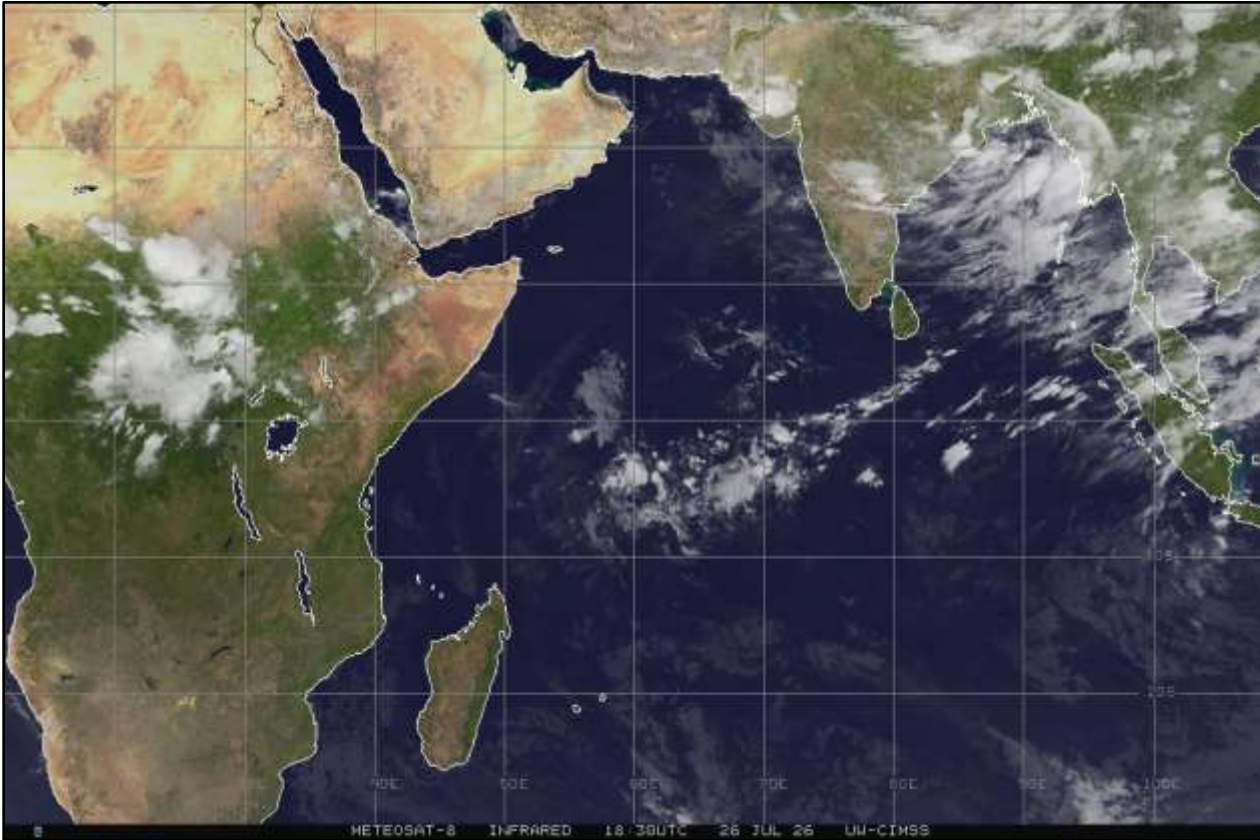
Date 2026.07.27

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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: 2026.07.27/0600UTC to 2026.07.27/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.27

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

Shear line is approximately along : 01N 60E, 02N 70E, 03S 80E, 07N 90E, 02N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 60, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 77E: SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 00

East of 77E: SW'ly/(15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10; gusting up to 25 kts in section 15, 30.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 40, 60, 65, 70, 80, 75, 85

Seas:

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

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 15, 70, 75, 85

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 00, 30, 40, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

Moderate in Sections : 45, 55

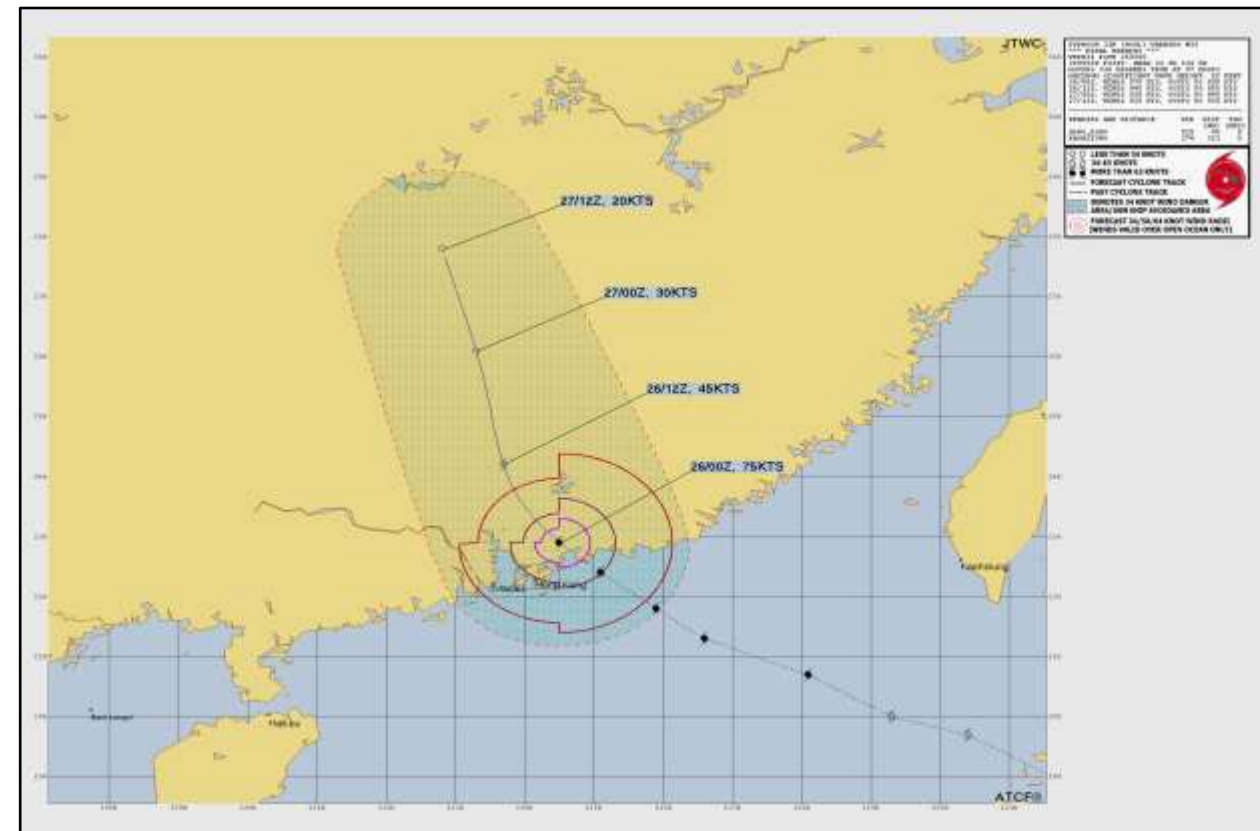
Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



TROPICAL CYCLONE "NOUL"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	08

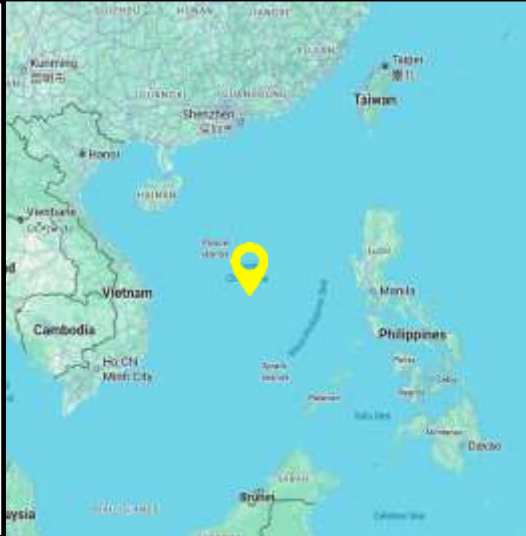
MARITIME INCIDENTS



25 Jul/Vietnamese Cargo Ship Sinks/China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.25	China	South China Sea	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name – Khoi Nguyen 18 Flag – Vietnam Type - Cargo	Authorities have rescued 39 individuals from Fiery Cross Reef, with ongoing search efforts for those still missing.

Chinese and Vietnamese rescue teams are urgently searching for 23 crew members following the sinking of a Vietnamese cargo ship in the South China Sea, as reported by Chinese state media.



Source -: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/vietnamese-cargo-ship-sinks-near-disputed-reef-search-on-for-23-crew-members/articleshow/132636814.cms>

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24 Jul/Cruise Ship With 200 Passengers Hits Danube Lock/Austria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.24	Austria	Near Vienna	Collisions	Passenger Ship	Emergency responders, including firefighters, police, and medical teams, engaged in rescue operations by land and water. They evacuated five individuals using a turntable ladder from the vessel, while a fireboat transported two others to shore.

A river cruise ship, Anna Katharina, carrying around 200 passengers and crew, collided with a lock in Vienna on Friday, injuring 14 individuals and damaging the ship's bow. The incident occurred at the Freudenu power plant around 0430 hrs While the vessel did not take on water, six passengers were hospitalized with back, neck, and chest pain; the others sustained minor injuries, primarily bruises caused by the impact. Most of the injured were German nationals.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/cruise-ship-carrying-200-passengers-hits-danube-lock-near-vienna-injuring-14-people/>

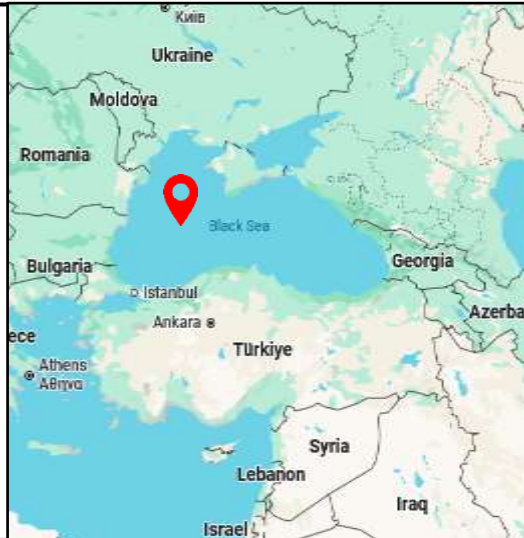
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



25 Jul/Black Sea Attack Claims Five Indian Seafarers/Ukraine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.18	Ukraine	Black Sea	Assault violations	Name – Omorfi Flag – Marshall islands Type - Cargo	The Chief Officer, Sagar Gupta, an Indian national, was the latest casualty, killed during an attack on the MV Omorfi, a Marshall Islands-flagged vessel, while it was transiting the Black Sea on July 18.

The recent deaths of five Indian merchant seafarers in separate attacks on commercial vessels in the Black Sea have raised serious concerns regarding the safety of civilian crews in conflict areas. These incidents, tied to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, underscore the heightened risks for merchant mariners in waters susceptible to missile and drone strikes. India, a major supplier of merchant seafarers, has condemned these attacks and urged for the protection of civilian crews and commercial shipping.



Source - : <https://catholicconnect.in/news/five-indian-seafarers-killed-in-black-sea-attacks-raise-alarm-over-merchant-mariners-safety>

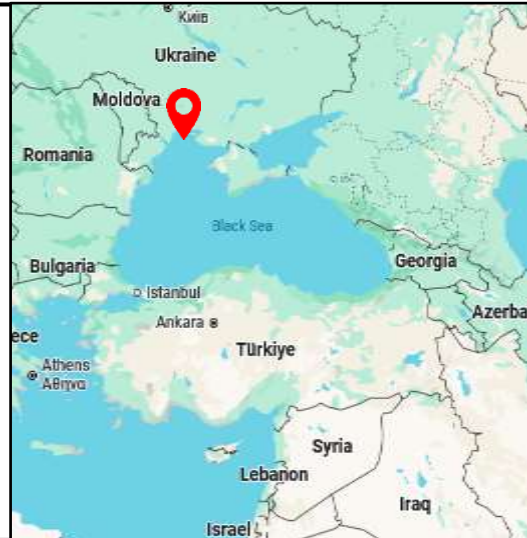
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25 Jul/Vessel Carrying Four Indians Struck in Black Sea/Ukraine

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2026.07.25	Ukraine	Odesa port	Assault violations	Name – AGN Ragnar Flag – Palau Type – Cargo	The Embassy of India in Ukraine is monitoring the incident involving MV AGN Ragnar, which was struck at the Port of Odesa on 25 July.

A merchant vessel with four Indian nationals was struck at Ukraine's Port of Odesa. Two crew members are confirmed safe, while the status of the other two is pending. The incident occurred on Saturday amidst ongoing attacks on this vital Black Sea port since the Russia-Ukraine conflict began in 2022. The Indian Embassy in Kyiv is closely monitoring the situation.



Source -: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/india/2026/Jul/26/vessel-carrying-four-indians-struck-at-ukraines-odesa-port-two-reported-safe>

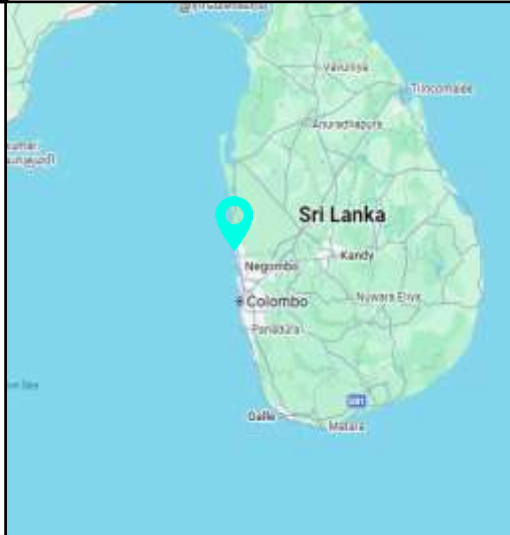
SMUGGLING



24 Jul/Smuggled Kendu Leaves Consignment Seized/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.24	Sri Lanka	Daluwa Beach	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The Kendu leaves and lorry seized were transferred to the Norochcholai Police for legal action.

The Sri Lanka Navy, alongside the Police, seized over 800kg of smuggled Kendu leaves and a lorry at Daluwa Beach in Puttalam on 24 Jul 26. This operation involved naval personnel from SLNS Thambapanni and the Norochcholai Police, who discovered the contraband concealed in 20 sacks inside a suspicious lorry, which was being prepared for transportation.



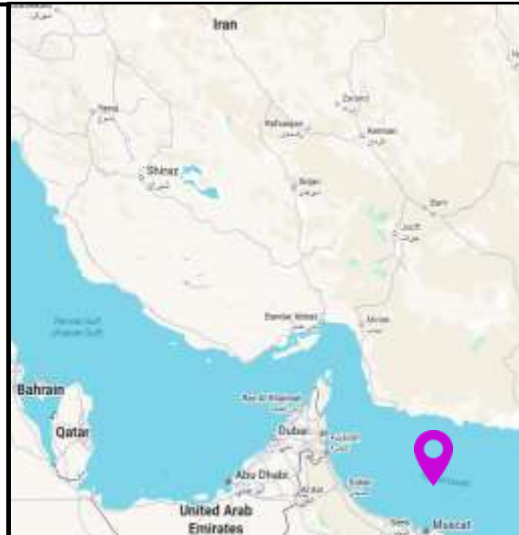
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/smuggled-consignment-of-kendu-leaves-seized-in-puttalam.html>



24 Jul/US Forces Disable Ships Heading for Strait of Hormuz/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.24	Oman	Gulf of Oman	Naval Activities	Name - Lavine Type -LPG tanker Flag -Mozambique	One vessel, the M/T Lavine, was intercepted in the Gulf of Oman.

As the conflict between the US and Iran escalates, US military forces have disabled two tankers in the Strait of Hormuz. According to the United States Central Command (CENTCOM), the US naval blockade against Iran remains effective, having redirected 12 commercial vessels, disabled 2 for non-compliance, and boarded 2 to ensure adherence as of 25 Jul



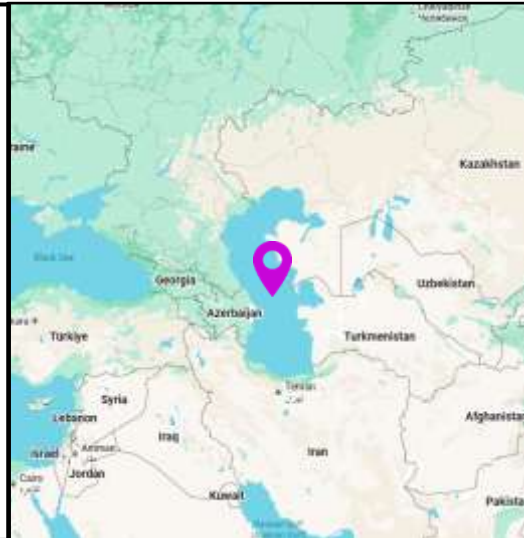
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2026.07.25	Ukraine	Caspian Sea	Naval Activities	-	The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) announced detailed targets via Telegram, revealing that long-range drones struck the Filanovsky field oil platform operated by Lukoil, the cargo ship Port Olya 2, the dry cargo ship Begey, and a Project 12418 Molniya-class missile boat on the night of July 25.

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has accused Ukraine of attacking an Iranian commercial vessel in the Caspian Sea, resulting in one sailor's death and another's injury. Tehran summoned Ukraine's diplomat to protest, labeling the incident as a violation of the UN Charter and an act of aggression that could escalate the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Iran reiterated its claim of non-intervention in the conflict and warned it would take measures to safeguard its national security and interests.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/iran-ukraine-caspian-sea-ship-attack/>



25 Jul/Nine Indian Women Make Tri-Services History/India

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2026.07.25	India	-	Foreign affairs	-	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the crew via video link during the flag-in ceremony of the expedition, which was attended by Southern Army Commander Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar.

Nine women officers from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force completed the world's first all-women tri-services global circumnavigation, returning to Mumbai after a 314-day expedition. The journey, known as Samudra Pradakshina, covered 25,500 nautical miles across four oceans and rounded the three Great Capes. Key participants included Sqn Ldr Shradha P. Raju, Wg Cdr Vibha Singh, and others from the respective branches.



Source - : <https://www.marineinsight.com/9-indian-women-complete-worlds-first-tri-services-circumnavigation/>



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