

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

Information Fusion Center-Colombo



Information Fusion Center
Colombo
Sri Lanka

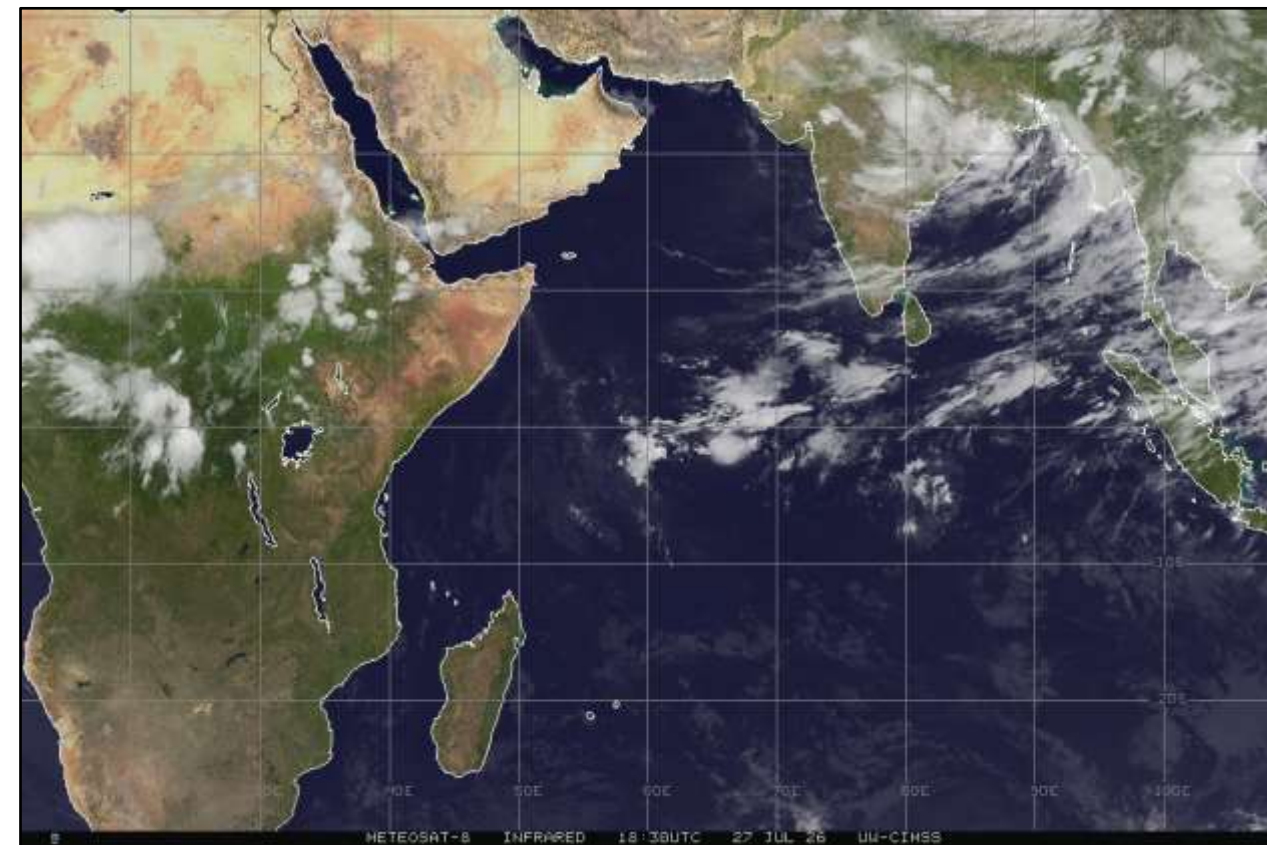
Date 2026.07.28

IFC -Colombo

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: 2026.07.28/0600UTC to 2026.07.28/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.28

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

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

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 25, 30, 35, 50, 75, 80

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 76E: SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 00

East of 76E: SW'ly/(10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10; gusting up to 25 kts in section 15.

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

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

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 15, 75, 80

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in Sections : 40, 60, 65, 70, 85

Moderate in Sections : 30, 45

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

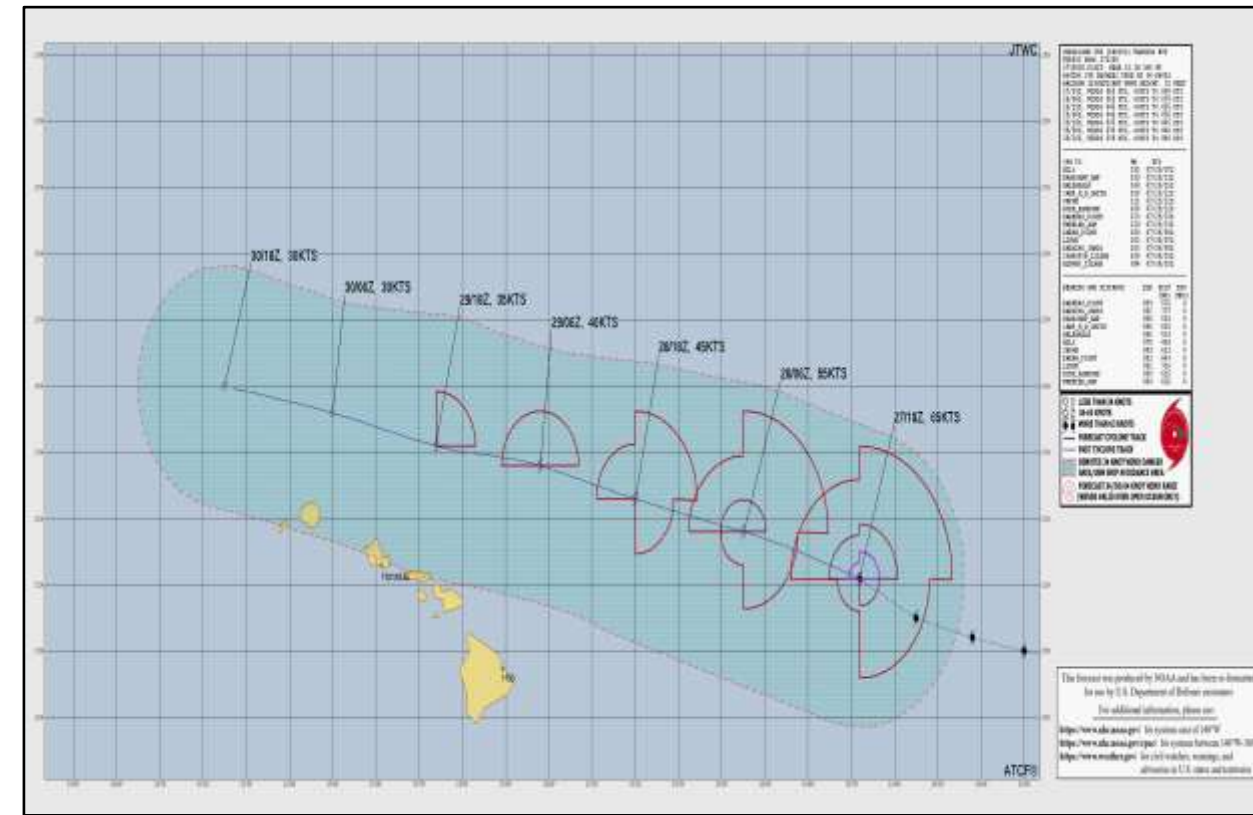
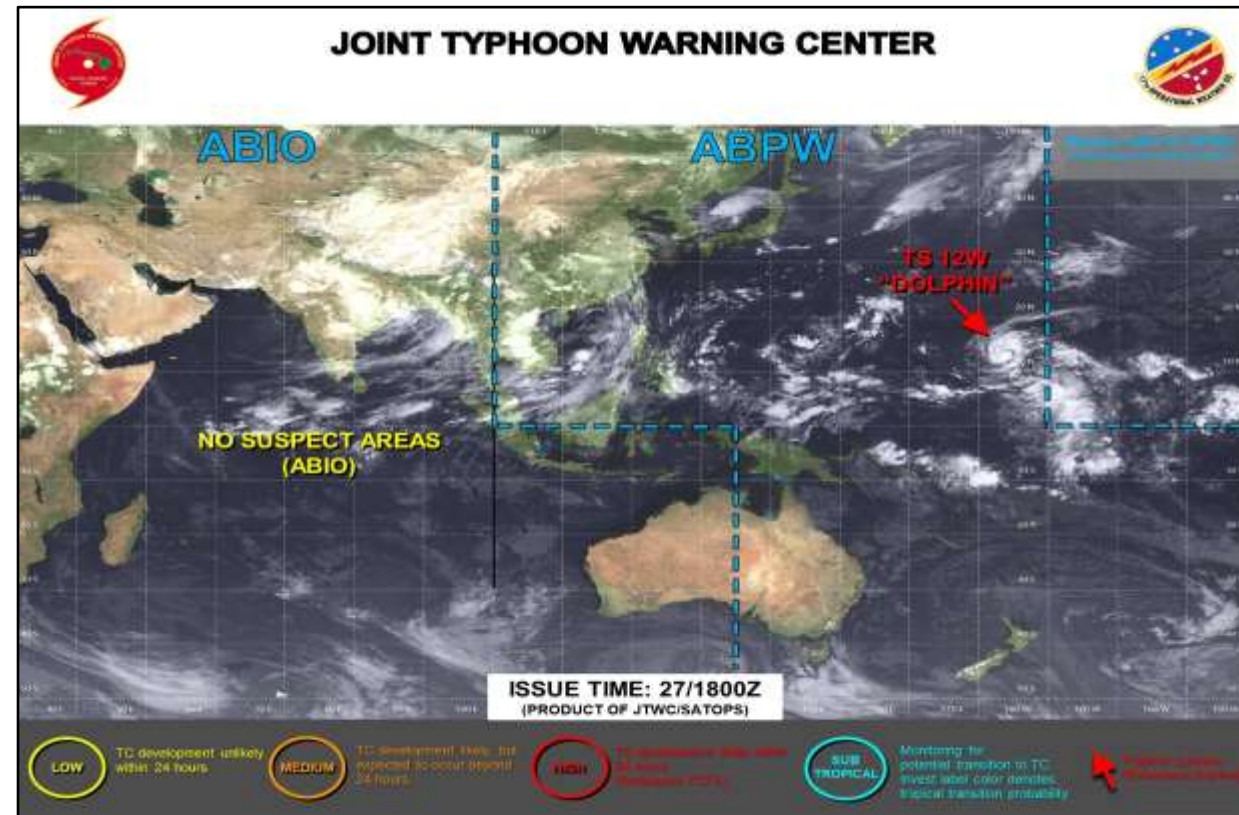
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

- 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	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	03
Total Incidents	06

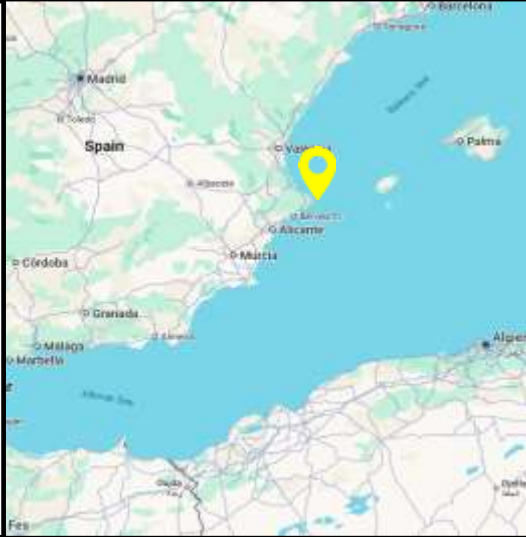


MARITIME INCIDENTS

25 Jul/ Six Saved After Boat Sinks off Javea in Dramatic Summer Sea Rescue/ Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.25	Spain	Cala del Portitxol	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Motorboat	Everyone on board was safely rescued and brought to shore without injury, thanks to the quick response of a nearby vessel and Spain's Maritime Rescue service.

A summer day on the Mediterranean turned dangerous for six people on 25 Jul 26 when their motorboat began sinking off Javea. The incident near Cala del Portitxol, a popular cove, led to a swift rescue operation by Maritime Rescue and nearby boaters after the vessel suffered a serious leak, putting the occupants at risk.



Source -: <https://euroweeklynews.com/2026/07/26/six-saved-after-boat-sinks-off-javea-in-dramatic-summer-sea-rescue/>

SMUGGLING



26 Jul/ PCG, PNP Seize Over P32.5 Million Smuggled Cigarettes/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.26	Philippines	Davao del Sur	Contraband/ Goods smuggling	-	On 26 Jul 26, the PNP Maritime Group conducted a seaborne anti-smuggling operation in Barangay Bancalaan, Balabac town, Palawan, seizing P11.1 million worth of cigarettes and arresting five individuals.

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) intercepted a smuggling attempt of P7.38 million worth of cigarettes in Davao del Sur, arresting three crewmen and seizing 82 master cases from the vessel MBCA Camilla. Additionally, the Philippine National Police (PNP) reported further seizures of smuggled cigarettes totalling P14.08 million in Zamboanga City and P11.1 million in Palawan.



Source -: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2026/07/28/2545161/pcg-pnp-seize-over-p325-million-smuggled-cigarettes>

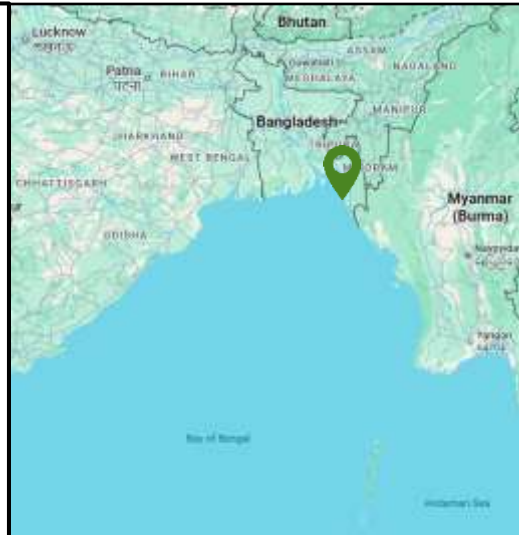
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



27 Jul/ Shipbreakers Push Back Against Stricter Environmental Standards/ Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.27	Bangladesh	South Asian beaches	Shipwreck Debris	-	Since 2009, 8,221 ships have been scrapped on South Asian beaches, resulting in 480 worker fatalities and 520 injuries. Additionally, severe pollution has led to a decline in fish stocks, adversely affecting local fishers.

Ships at the end of their lives predominantly end up on the beaches of Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan, where about 85% are dismantled and recycled. This shipbreaking industry relies heavily on low-cost manual labour but faces criticism for poor worker safety and severe environmental pollution. The hazardous nature of shipbreaking led to its closure in industrialised nations during the 1960s, prompting a shift to less-industrialised countries, particularly in South Asia.



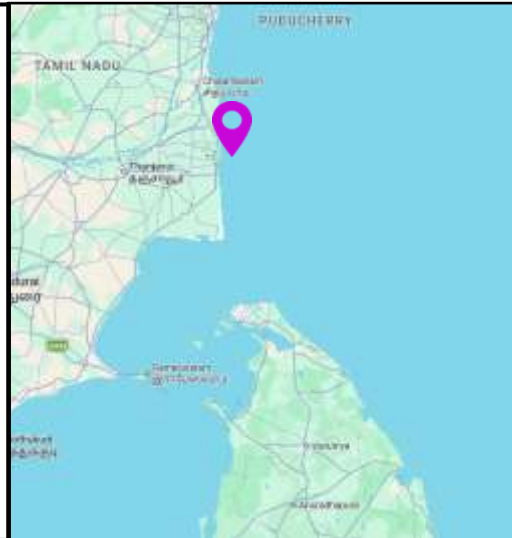
Source -: <https://news.mongabay.com/2026/07/bangladesh-shipbreakers-push-back-against-stricter-environmental-standards/>



27 Jul/ India-Denmark Underwater Archaeology Project to Trace Oresund Wreck/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.27	India	Off the Coast Near Karaikal	Foreign affairs	Name- Oresund Type - Passenger Cargo Ship Flag - Denmark	Its wreck near Karaikal provides valuable information about the early maritime connections between Denmark and India, reflecting the broader narrative of seafaring and trade in the Indian Ocean during the early seventeenth century.

The Archaeological Survey of India and the National Museum of Denmark's Njord – Centre for Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to initiate a joint underwater archaeological project aimed at locating and documenting the remains of the Oresund, a historic Danish ship that wrecked near Karaikal, Puducherry, in 1619 CE. The Oresund is noted for being the first Danish ship recorded to have arrived in India.



Source - : <https://www.hydro-international.com/content/news/india-denmark-underwater-archaeology-project-to-trace-oresund-wreck>

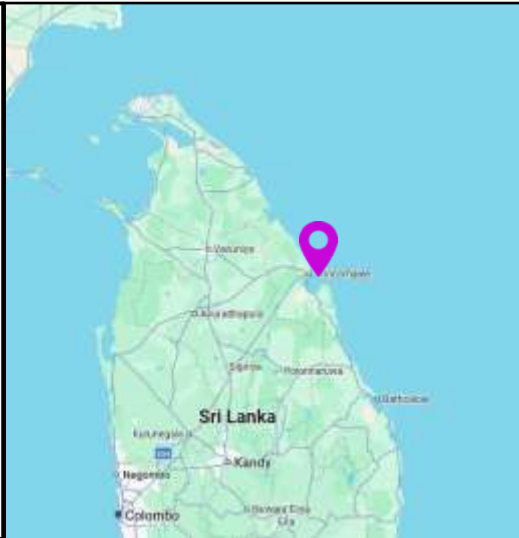
OTHER



27 Jul/ United States and Sri Lanka Launch CARAT 2026 to Strengthen Maritime Security and Regional Readiness/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.27	Sri Lanka	Trincomalee	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	On 26 Jul 26, the U.S. and Sri Lanka initiated the sixth round of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT), a bilateral maritime exercise aimed at enhancing naval collaboration for maritime security, humanitarian assistance, disaster response, and overall safety in the Indian Ocean.

CARAT Sri Lanka 2026, hosted by the Sri Lanka Navy from 27 to 31 Jul 26, involves U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Sri Lanka Air Force, and Sri Lanka Navy personnel engaging in shore- and sea-based training. This initiative enhances maritime cooperation and prepares forces for shared challenges. Since 2017, it has strengthened the U.S.-Sri Lanka defence partnership by fostering trust and operational coordination. Lt Col Matthew House emphasised the importance of this exercise in building interoperability and effective response capabilities, as demonstrated during last year's Cyclone Ditwah response.



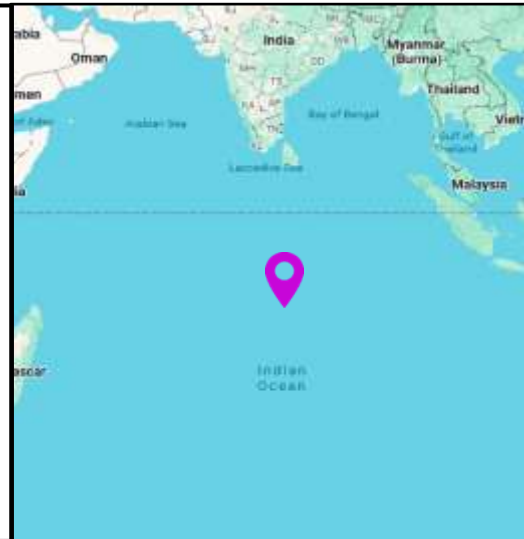
Source -: <https://lk.usembassy.gov/united-states-and-sri-lanka-launch-carat-2026-to-strengthen-maritime-security-and-regional-readiness/>



27 Jul/ New Research Shows How Vulnerable Australia Would be to Attacks on Shipping in the Indian Ocean/ Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.27	Australia	Indian Ocean	Naval Activities	-	Maritime trading routes in the Indian Ocean need comprehensive protection, as a single successful attack in the central region can disrupt trade extensively. This can lead to increased war-risk premiums from insurers, costly diversions, or a complete withdrawal of commercial traffic from the area.

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz during the US-Iran war emphasizes the importance of maritime trading routes for Australia, which relies on sea transport for 99% of its global trade. Ensuring the security of critical goods and exports like minerals, liquefied natural gas, and agricultural products necessitates safeguarding maritime routes across enormous distances, especially as China's naval presence in the Indian Ocean increases. Researchers from Stanford, La Trobe, and Australian National University recently ran simulations to assess the vulnerability of Australia's economic and strategic lifelines.



Source -: https://au.news.yahoo.com/research-shows-vulnerable-australia-attacks-200549510.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXZxdzLmdvb2dsZS5jb20v&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAANWRu



Information Fusion Center Colombo Sri Lanka

DISCLAIMER

The information in this report has been sourced from various internal and external parties, including international and local stakeholders, maritime agencies, and open sources. The report analyzes incidents to identify trends and discrepancies, aiming to improve the safety and security of mariners and seafarers. While efforts have been made to ensure data accuracy, users should exercise due diligence. Some incident locations may be approximate. IFC-Colombo requests stakeholders' cooperation in reporting incidents for more accurate analysis of maritime threats. The views expressed in this report do not reflect those of the Sri Lanka Navy or Government of Sri Lanka.

The Officer Incharge
Information Fusion Centre
Colombo 01,
Sri Lanka.
+94 11 719 4806
+94 74 120 4829
ifccolombo@navy.lk
ifc.cbo@gmail.com