

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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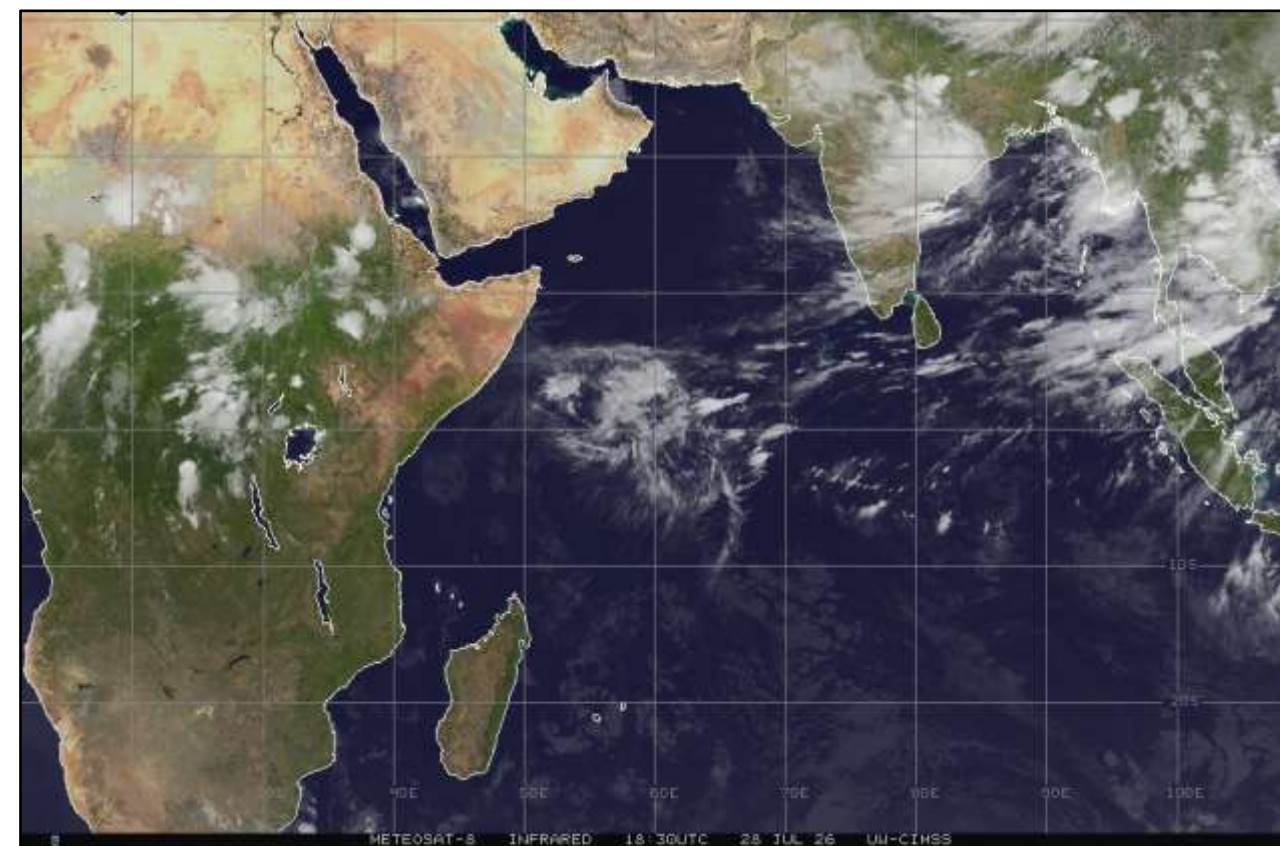
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WEATHER FORECAST



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: 2026.07.28/1400UTC to 2026.07.29/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.07.28

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 15, 20, 25, 40, 45, 70, 75.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 30, 35, 50, 65, 80.

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/(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, 65, 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

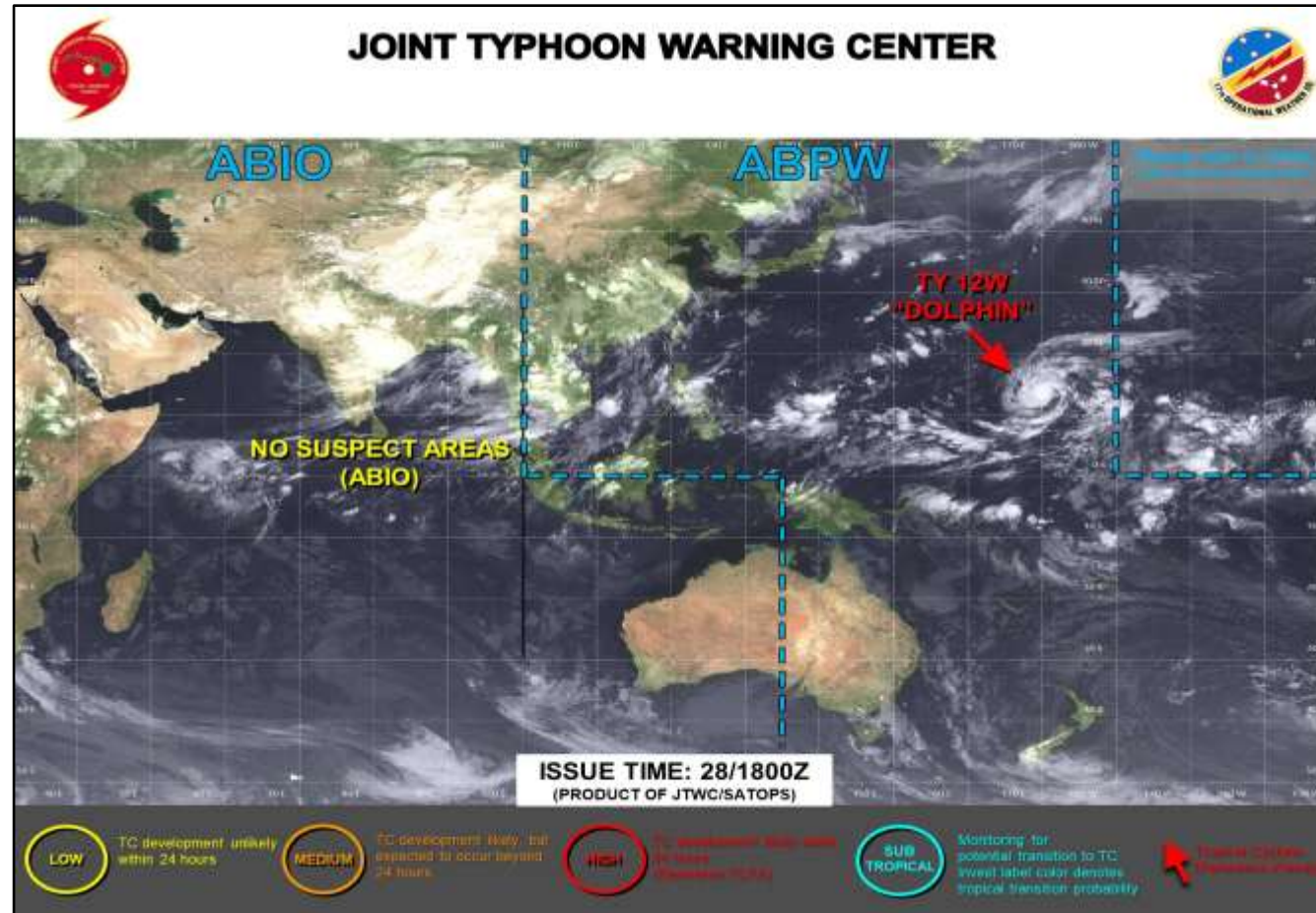
Moderate in Sections : 30, 45

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



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



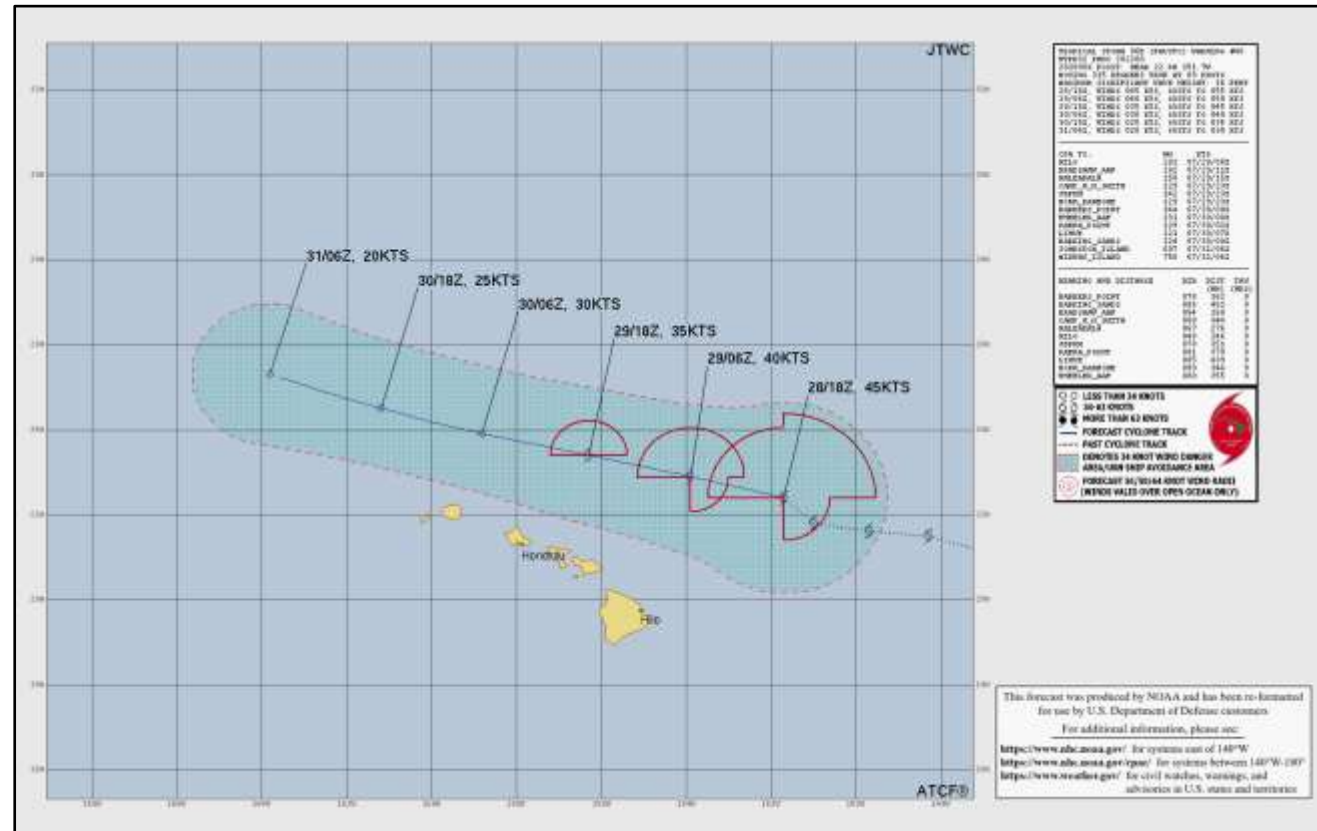
TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"





CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "FAUSTO"



Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

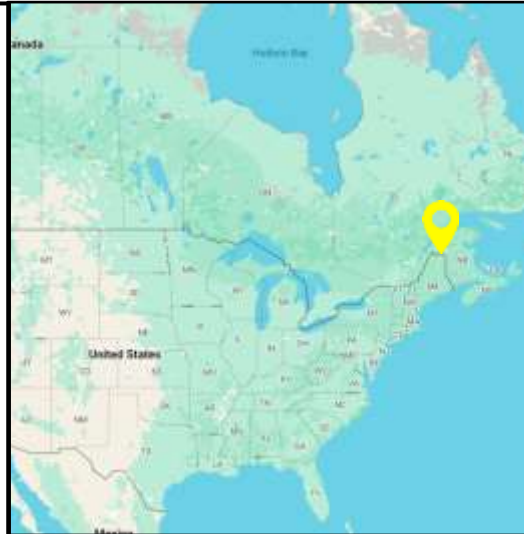
MARITIME INCIDENTS



26 Jul/ Crew Rescued After Tugboat Sinks/ United States

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.26	United States	St. Lawrence River	Grounding/Stranding	Name - ONEGO OTRA Type - Cargo IMO - 9535606	The vessel was refloated and escorted by two tugs to Sorel via the St. Lawrence channel. The Canadian Coast Guard confirmed no pollution and no crew injuries.

The cargo vessel ONEGO OTRA, grounded in the St. Lawrence River for about a month, was pulled free on 26 Jul 26 and is now undergoing hull inspections. The vessel had veered off course due to a rudder problem shortly after departing from Montreal on 20 Jun 26 running aground on 30 Jun. Initial attempts to free it failed, leading to the removal of 2,270 tons of cargo on 12 Jul 26 followed by another 2,400 tons on 26 Jul 26 which enabled a successful refloating effort.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13131/cargo-vessel-grounded-in-st-lawrence-river-successfully-refl>

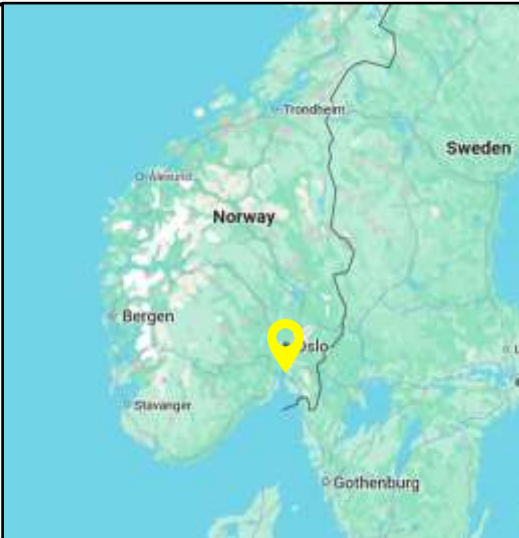
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28 Jul/ Explosion Causes Fire Aboard Chemical Tanker in Norway/ Norway

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.28	Norway	Oslofjord	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name - BERGSTRAUM Type - Tanker IMO - 9108740	The fire was extinguished by 1722 hrs and there were no reports of hazardous substance leakage or injuries among the crew..

An explosion on the chemical tanker Bergstraum near the Oslofjord in Norway caused a fire, but it was extinguished quickly, with no hazardous substance leakage or injuries reported. The incident, which occurred around 1545 hrs on 28 Jul 26 in an empty tank, involved 15 crew members and a cargo of Sulphuric acid. Following the explosion, a significant smoke plume was visible. The crew managed to control the situation, and a rescue vessel arrived approximately 30 minutes later, supported by police boats, a helicopter, and health services.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13130/explosion-causes-fire-aboard-chemical-tanker-in-norway>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



27 Jul/ Somali Pirates are Back, Fuelled by Iran War/ Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.27	Somalia	Somalia	Piracy	-	International naval patrols and armed guards have significantly reduced piracy by over 90%. However, a reduction in these patrols due to the US-Iran conflict has led to an increase in pirate attacks. The hijacked vessels MV Sward and MV Asana returned to Jifile, highlighting persistent unauthorized fishing in Somali waters.

Somali pirates have revived their operations, using a hijacked cargo ship, the MV SWORD, as a motherships to launch attacks off the Horn of Africa. Since seizing the MV SWORD on 26 April 26, the pirates captured two Iranian fishing boats on 16 July 26 and are holding six other vessels off the Puntland coast, demanding ransoms. This resurgence is linked to decreased naval patrols due to the Iran conflict. The use of motherships recalls tactics from the height of Somali piracy 15 years ago, which previously resulted in substantial ransom payments and costs to international trade. Local clan support complicates efforts to combat piracy, illustrated by a recent attack on a police station that resulted in casualties.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/video-us-forces-board-tanker-m-t-charminar-disables-another-in-the-gulf-of-oman/>

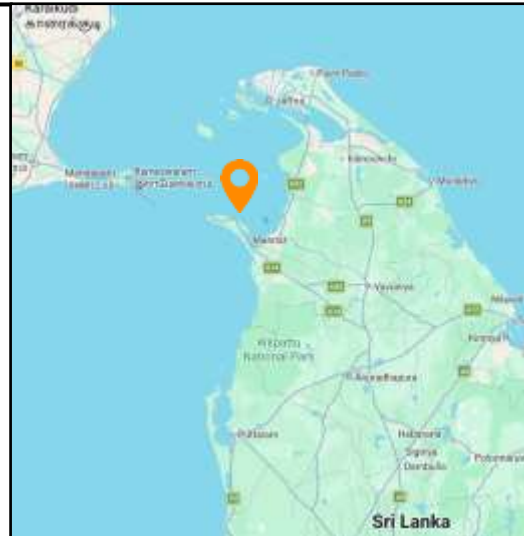
IUU FISHING



28 Jul/ Twelve (12) Suspects Apprehended for Smuggling of Over 14,000 Sea Cucumbers/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.28	Sri Lanka	Mannar	Fishing without license	Ultra-fast rigid inflatable boat	The 12 suspects, aged 24 to 46, from Mannar, were identified along with a seized stock of sea cucumbers, dinghies, and motorcycles, and were referred to the Assistant Directorate of Fisheries in Mannar for legal proceedings.

The Navy apprehended 12 suspects on 28 Jul 26, during a search operation at South Bar beach in Mannar. They seized over 14,000 sea cucumbers being smuggled, alongside 3 dinghies and 2 motorcycles. This operation was executed by SLNS Gajaba following credible information, where naval personnel inspected suspicious vessels and uncovered the consignment.



Source -: [https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/twelve-\(12\)-suspects-apprehended-for-smuggling-of-over-14,000-sea-cucumbers.html](https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/twelve-(12)-suspects-apprehended-for-smuggling-of-over-14,000-sea-cucumbers.html)

OTHER



29 Jul/ Explosions Reported at Egypt's Damietta Port, Security Officials Suspect Drone Attack/ Egypt

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.29	Egypt	Damietta Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	Egypt's Petroleum Ministry has denied reports of a drone strike, clarifying that a fire occurred on a regasification vessel and a storage vessel. They confirmed that there were no fatalities or injuries and that emergency teams are assessing the situation.

A drone strike has hit the US-owned gas storage tanker ENERGOS WINTER at Egypt's Damietta port, causing a fire that extended to another tanker, Gaslog Salem. The crew was evacuated, and the fire is under control. An investigation by Egyptian authorities is underway, but it has not yet been classified as an attack, and no group has claimed responsibility for the incident.



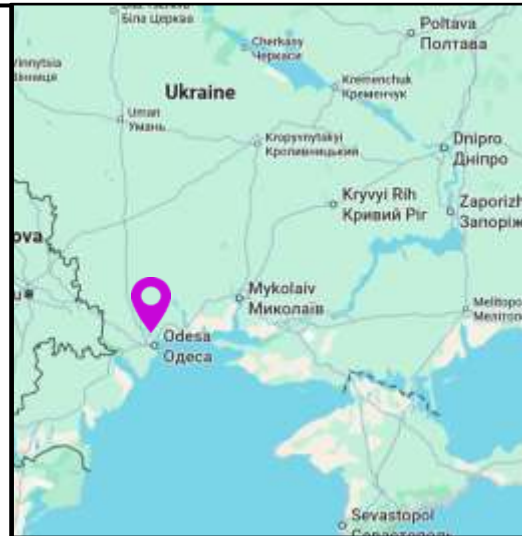
Source -: <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-904026>



28 Jul/Russia Strikes Liberian-Flagged Civilian Vessel for the Third Time Near Odesa/ Ukraine

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2026.07.28	Ukraine	Odesa Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	The USPA claimed that Russia presents a systematic threat to international shipping in the Black Sea, endangering global food security. The complete extent of the vessel's damage is still being assessed following the strike.

On 28 Jul 26, a Liberian-flagged civilian vessel anchored near Odesa Port was struck in a Russian attack, according to Ukrainian authorities. The ship was empty and had no crew on board at the time, and smoke was observed after the strike. The Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority (USPA) reported that this was the third attack on the same vessel, indicating a pattern in Russian strikes targeting civilian merchant ships rather than just port infrastructure. Odesa's Regional Military Administration head, Oleh Kiper, criticized Russia for violating international law and threatening maritime logistics in the Black Sea. The attack follows concerns raised by Ukraine's U.N. representative regarding Russia's campaign against Ukrainian grain exports and its impact on global food security. The extent of the damage remains under assessment.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/russia-strikes-liberian-flagged-civilian-vessel-for-the-third-time-near-odesa/>



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