

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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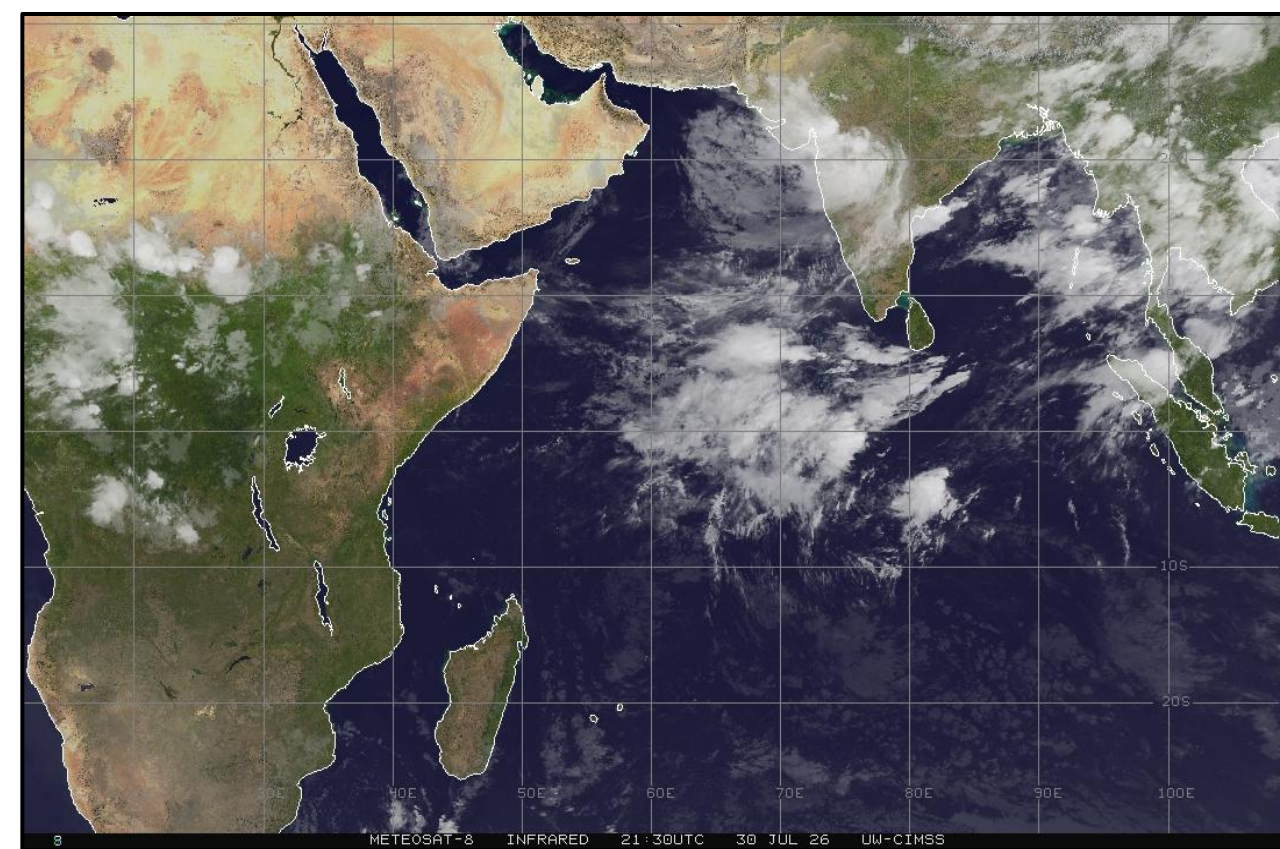
Date 2026.07.31

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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: 2026.07.31/0600UTC to 2026.07.31/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.31

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

Shear line is approximately along : 03S 60E, 02S 70E, EQ 80E, 03N 90E, 06N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 25, 40, 45.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 50, 55, 70.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

00-20 of 78E: SW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 05,25; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section East of 78E: SW'ly /(15-20) kts;gusting up to (30-35) kts in section 10; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 30.

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 00, 05, 10, 25

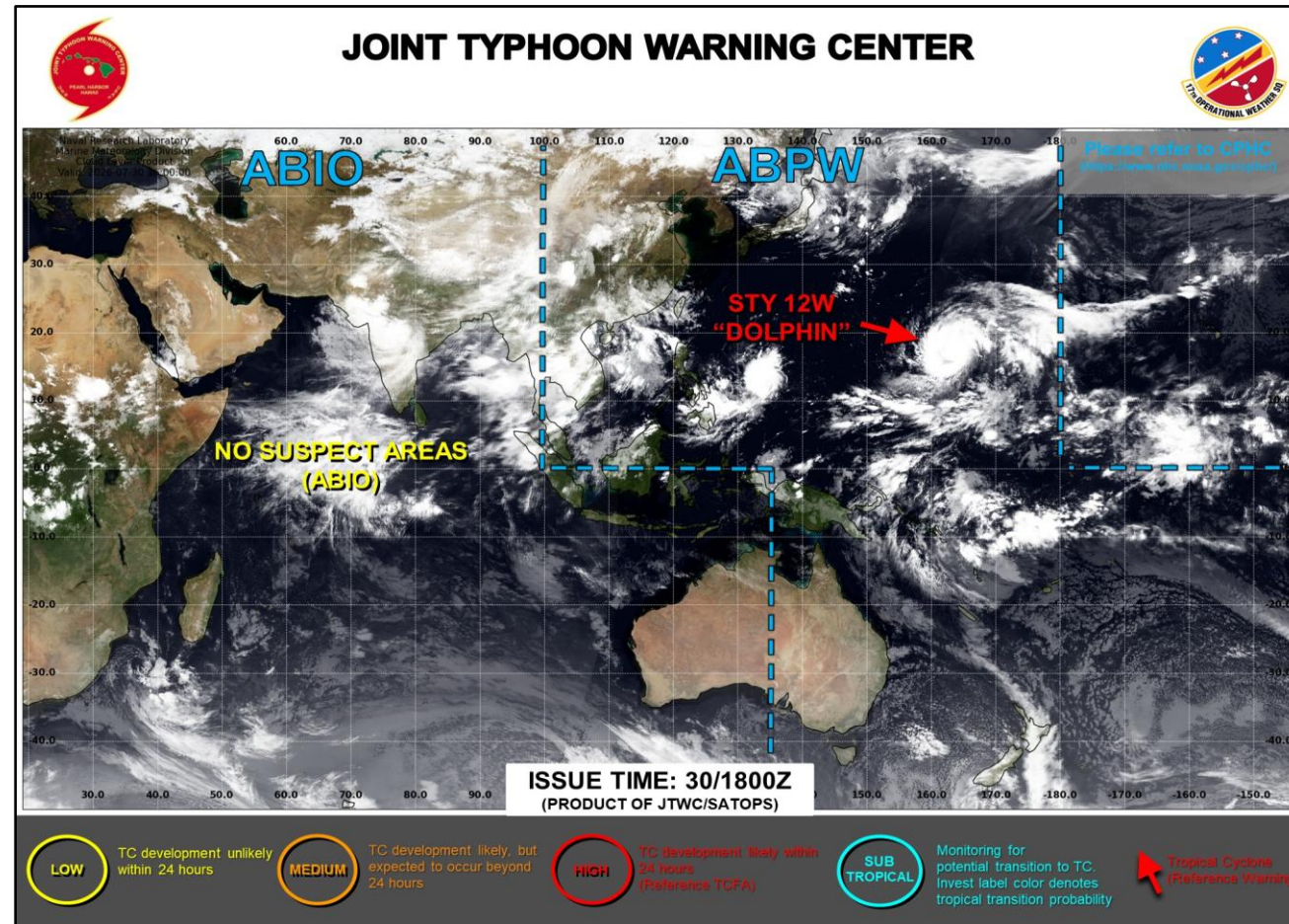
Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 20, 30, 40, 45, 65, 70, 85

Moderate in section : 15, 60, 75, 80

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

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

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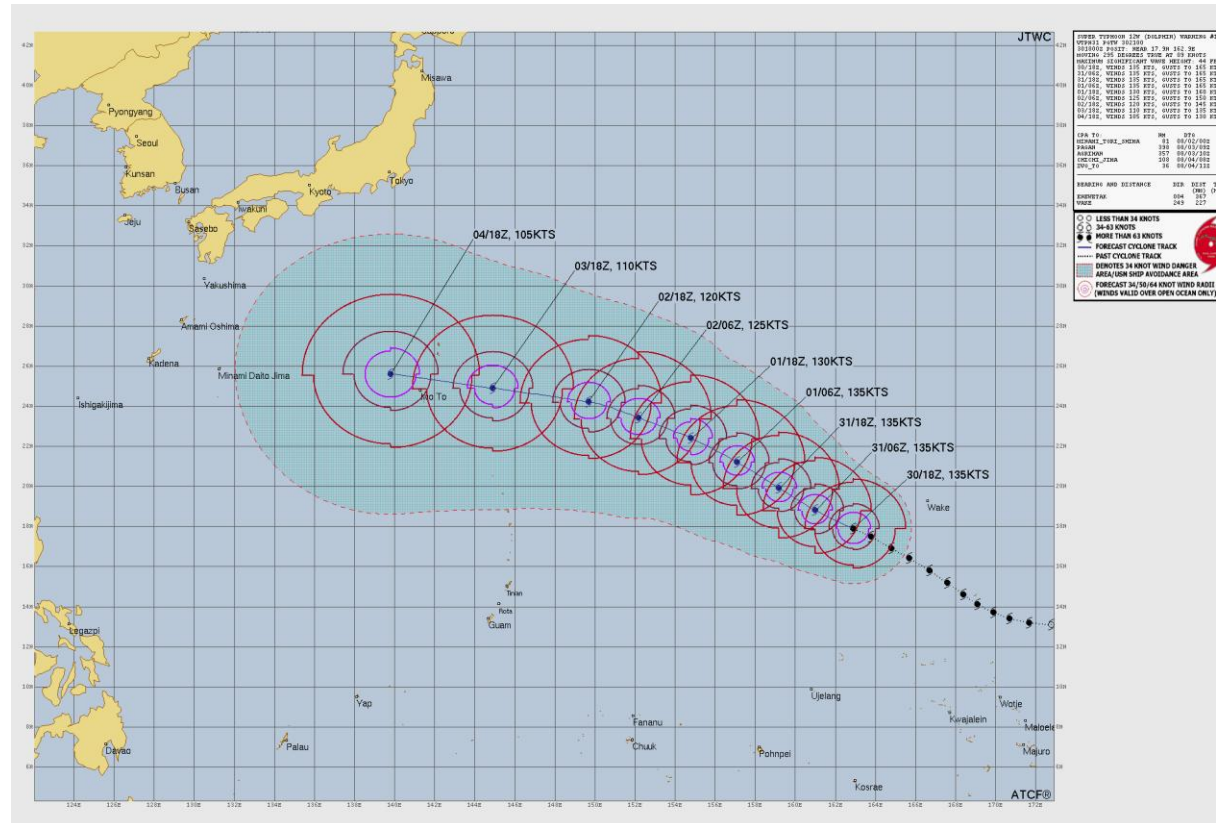


Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "DOLPHIN"

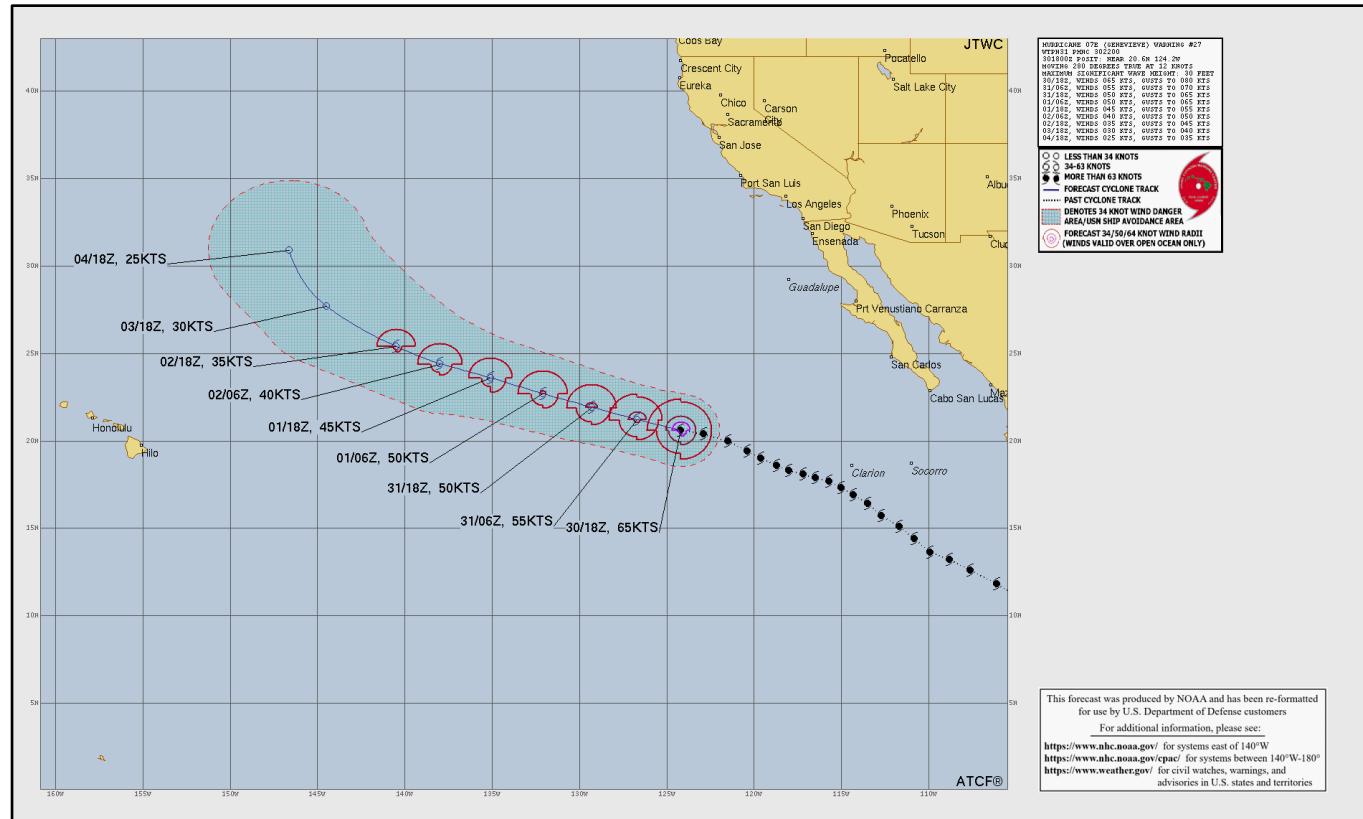


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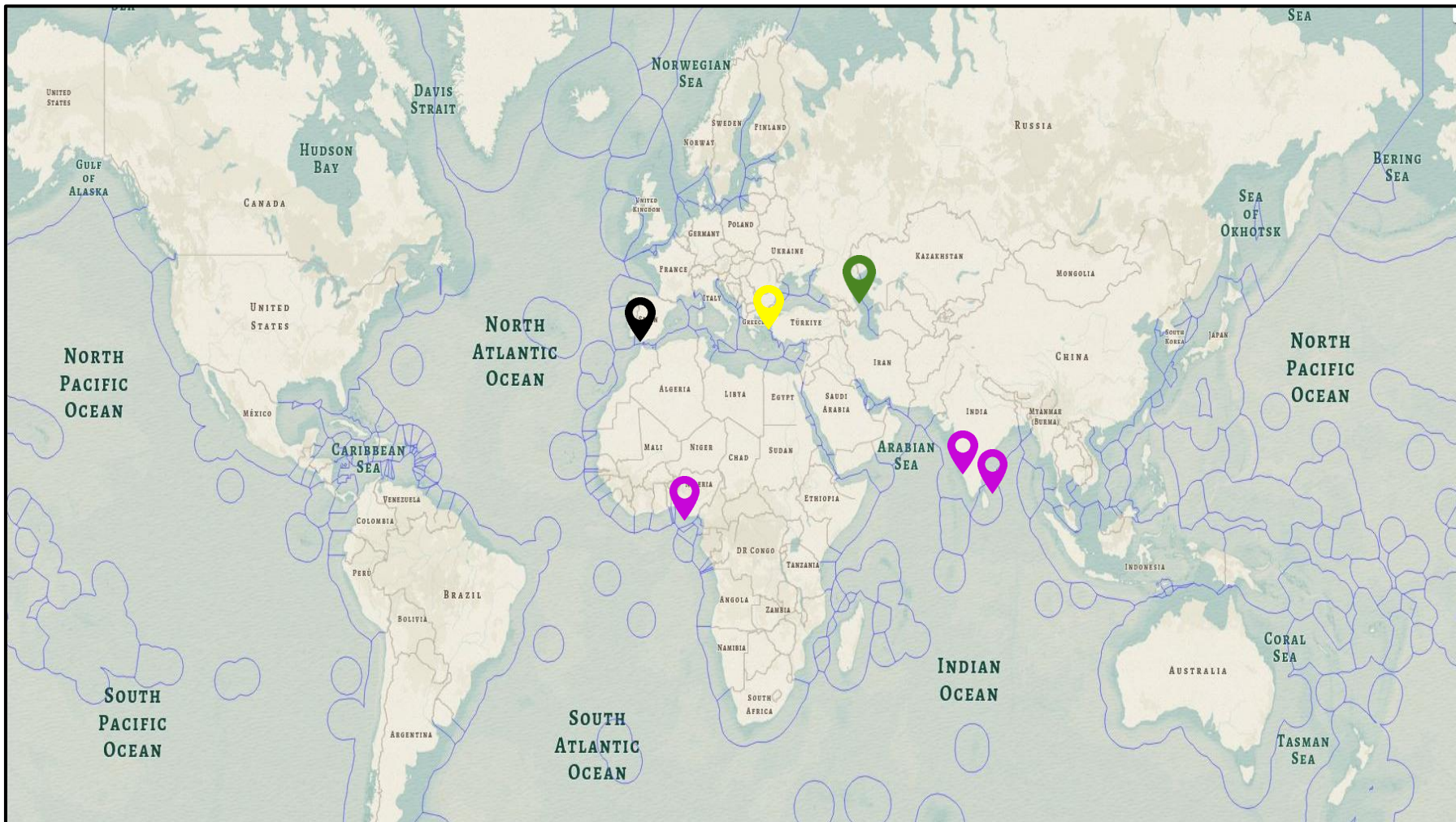


TROPICAL CYCLONE "FAUSTO"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	03
Total Incidents	06

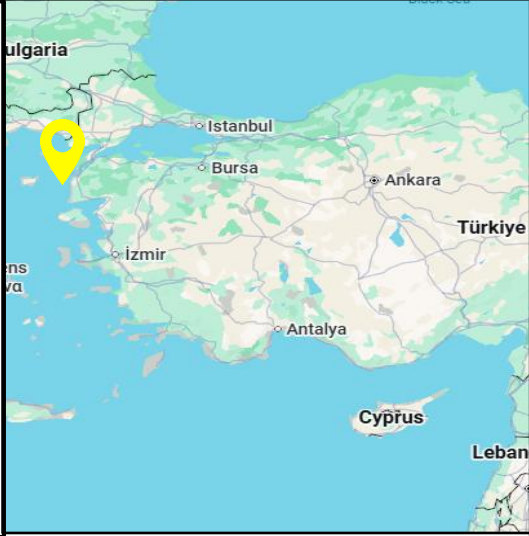
MARITIME INCIDENTS



27 Jul/Grounded Bulk Carrier Refloated in Canakkale Strait/ Turkey

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.29	Turkey	Çanakkale Strait	Grounding/Stranding	-	The bulk carrier Pilatus Marine was successfully refloated after running aground at Nara Dönüşü in the Çanakkale Strait, Türkiye, with no reported pollution or vessel damage.

The vessel, sailing in ballast from Syria to Russia, suffered a machinery failure and grounded on 29 Jul 26. Türkiye's General Directorate of Coastal Safety dispatched tugs Kurtarma 16, Kurtarma 19, and emergency response boat Kiyem 1 to assist, with operations coordinated by the Çanakkale Ship Traffic Services Centre..



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13135/bulk-carrier-refloated-after-grounding-in-canakkale-strait>

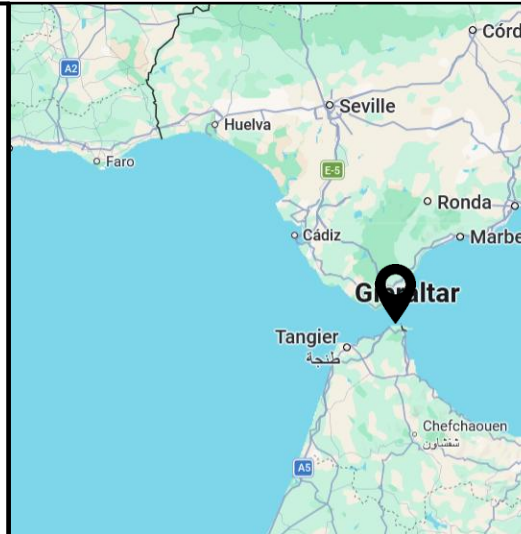
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



27 Jul/Morocco Migrants Entered To Spanish Territory Of Ceuta/ Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.29	Spain	Ceuta	Illegal broader crossing	-	The situation at the Spain-Morocco frontier escalated due to a spike in migrants attempting to reach Ceuta by swimming. Local authorities attribute this increase to a recent Spanish Supreme Court ruling, which prevents the immediate return of migrants arriving by sea without due process; this ruling does not affect those entering Spain by land.

At least 18 migrants have died in Ceuta Spain amid a surge from Morocco where clashes occurred as thousands breached the border. The humanitarian crisis has led to many, including unaccompanied children, living in parks and streets. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez plans to visit Ceuta, while France aims to enhance border checks. Chaos in Bni Nsar, Morocco, has seen migrants facing police conflicts. This surge reflects a broader trend of migrants fleeing violence and economic instability in their home countries.



Source -: <https://www.npr.org/2026/07/31/g-s1-136507/morocco-spain-migration>

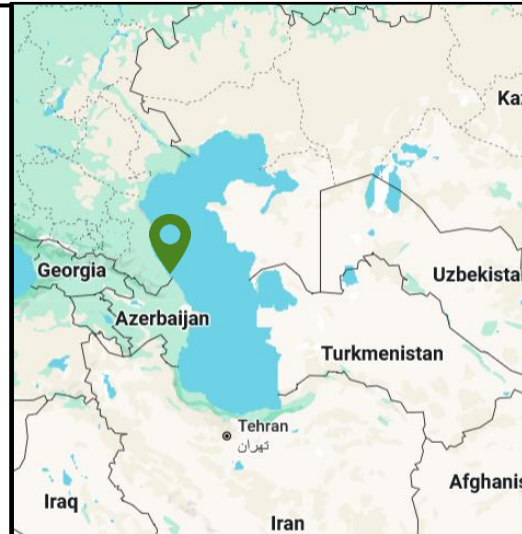
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



30 Jul/Two Large Oil Spills Detected off The Coast of Makhachkala/ Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.30	Russia	Coast of Makhachkala	Oil spills	-	The Caspian Sea is a key oil and gas production area, with shipping routes traversing its waters and significant oil terminals along Russia's coast, including Daghestan. Environmental groups frequently identify oil pollution through satellite monitoring, but pinpointing the source of spills usually requires additional investigation..

According to satellite analysis, two oil spills cover approximately 0.25 and 0.41 km², collectively comparable to over 90 football pitches. One slick likely originates from an oil harbour, while the second may be linked to a vessel spill near the Makhachkala–Garabogaz route. As of now neither Russian environmental authorities nor the Daghestan government have initiated an investigation. On 25 Jul 26, Iran accused Ukraine of attacking a merchant vessel in the Caspian Sea, amidst drone strikes on oil platforms, but no environmental impacts were reported.



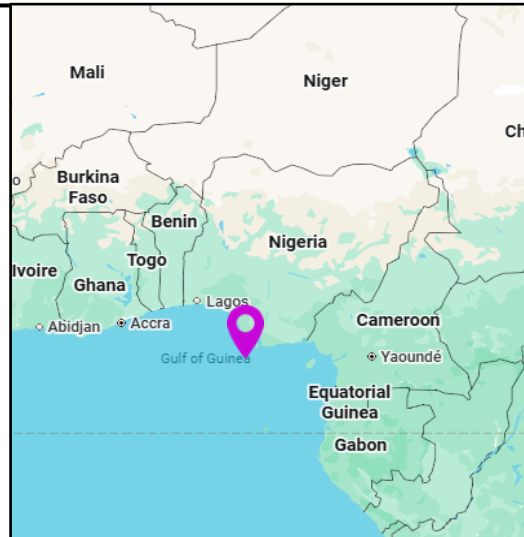
Source -: <https://oc-media.org/two-large-oil-spills-detected-off-the-coast-of-makhachkala/>



28 Jul/ Nigerian Navy Detains Chinese-Owned Tanker Over Oil Theft/ Nigeria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.29	Nigeria	Nigerian sea area	Naval Activities	-	The Nigerian Navy has arrested a Chinese-owned tanker and its crew in an effort to combat oil theft, alleging that the vessel illegally loaded crude oil without proper documentation or authorization.

The command operations officer, Commodore AA Umar, reported that the tanker Filia had been surveilled by the Nigerian Navy for over seven days near an offshore terminal, suspecting it of waiting to illegally access crude oil facilities. The vessel, built in 1993, has been owned by a Hong Kong company since March 2026 and is currently registered in São Tomé and Príncipe after previously operating under the Chinese flag for two decades.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/nigerian-navy-detains-chinese-owned-tanker-accused-of-stealing-oil>

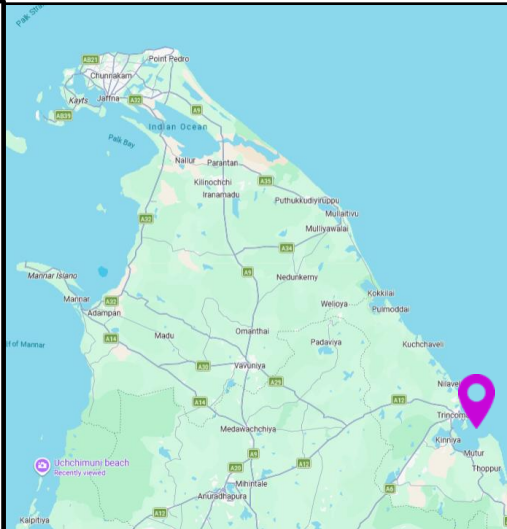
OTHER



31 Jul/CARAT – 2026 Concludes on Successful Note in Trincomalee /Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.31	Sri Lanka	Trincomalee	Foreign affairs	-	The exercise facilitated the exchange of operational insights and skills among participants, enhancing interoperability between the forces. The closing ceremony was attended by representatives from the Sri Lanka Navy, Sri Lanka Air Force, United States Navy, and United States Coast Guard.

The Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2026 (CARAT-26) exercise, a collaboration between the United States Navy and Sri Lanka Navy, successfully concluded on 31 July 26, in Trincomalee. The closing ceremony was held at the Sri Lanka Navy Marine Headquarters, attended by key officials including Commodore Dhanesh Pathberiya and Lieutenant Colonel Matthew House from the U.S. Embassy. CARAT-26 involved joint operations with the Sri Lanka Navy, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Sri Lanka Air Force, focusing on maritime security, humanitarian assistance, disaster response, and bolstering safety in the Indian Ocean.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/july/carat-%E2%80%93-2026-concludes-on-successful-note-in-trincomalee.html>



29 Jul/Indian Navy Launches Seventh ASW SWC at Cochin Shipyard/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.29	India	India	Foreign affairs	Name- Machilipatnam	In November last year, the Indian Navy commissioned INS Mahe, the inaugural vessel of the Mahe-class ASW SWC. This class is designed for coastal defense and will integrate effectively with larger surface vessels, submarines, and aviation assets.

The vessel, named Machilipatnam, was launched on 29 Jul 26, in a ceremony attended by Vice Admiral Atul Anand and senior officials from the Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard Limited. It honors Machilipatnam's maritime heritage and is designed for coastal operations, including underwater surveillance and anti-submarine warfare. This launch is part of the Indian Navy's program for ASW shallow water craft, comprising eight indigenous vessels reflecting over 80% domestic content, aligning with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The ASW SWCs will enhance the Navy's capability to detect submarine threats and protect maritime interests in the Indian Ocean Region.



Source -: <https://www.navaltoday.com/2026/07/31/indian-navy-launches-seventh-asw-swc-at-cochin-shipyard>



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