

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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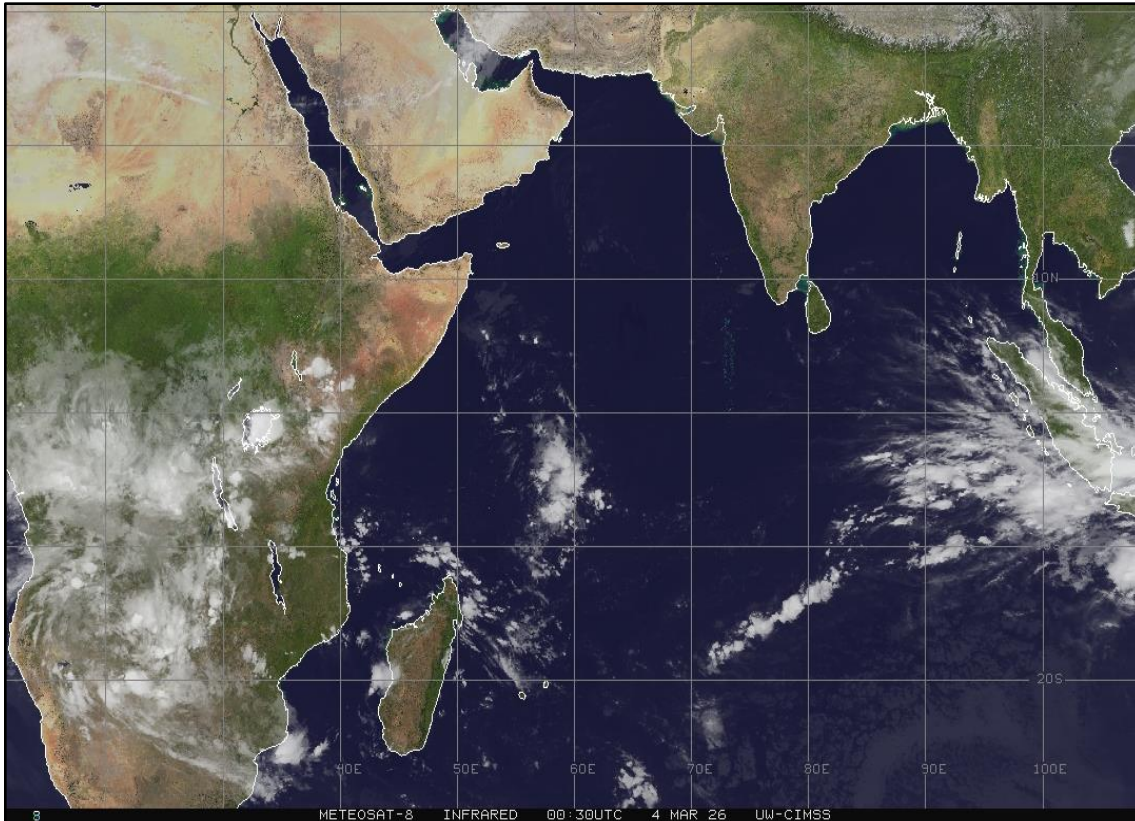
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Date 2026.03.04

WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for next 24 hrs



FF-07

FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.03.04/0600UTC to 2026.03.04/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.04

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

Shear line is approximately along : 08S 60E, 05S 70E, 02N 80E, 08N 90E, 09N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 10S 60E, 08S 70E, 06S 80E, 06S 90E, 07S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 50, 55, 60, 65, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 75E: NE'ly to E'ly / (10-15)kts

East of 75E: Variable / (05-15)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 72E: Variable/ (05-15)kts

East of 72E: W'ly to NW'ly / (10-20)kts

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 85

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 85

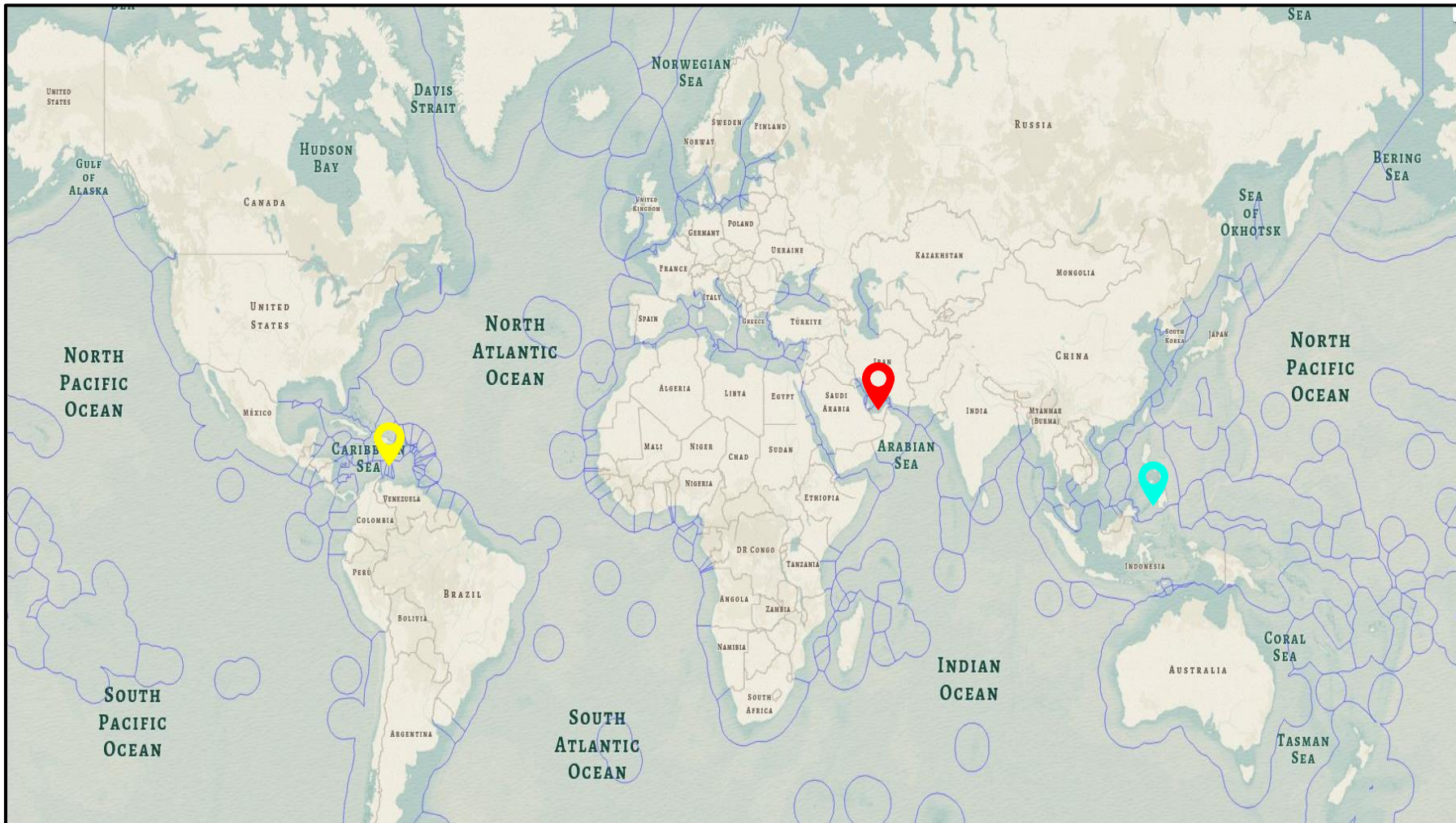
Moderate in sections : 35, 50, 55, 65, 70, 75, 80

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

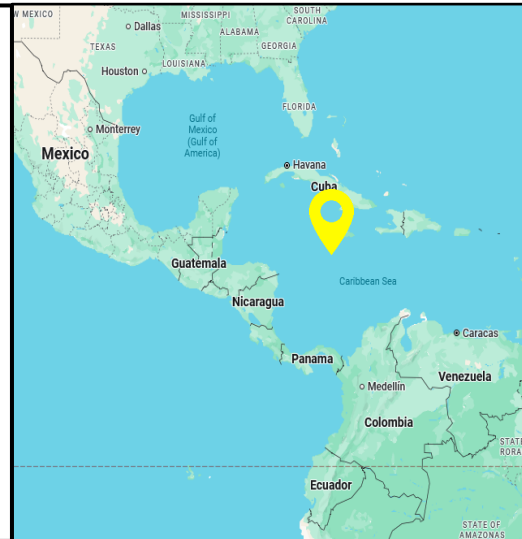
MARITIME INCIDENTS



02 Mar/ Two U.S. Navy ships Collide/ USA

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION | SUB CATEGORIES | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|
| 2026.03.02 | USA | Caribbean Sea | Collisions | Name-USS Truxtun (DDG-103) Name-USNS(T-AOE-6) Type- Military | A spokesperson for Southern Command confirmed that the injured personnel were sailors, and both ships continued their missions safely. |

The U.S. Navy announced a collision between the USS Truxtun (DDG-103) and the USNS Supply (T-AOE-6) during a replenishment-at-sea operation in the Caribbean Sea. Two personnel sustained minor injuries but are in stable condition, and both ships are operational and safe. An investigation into the incident is underway, as confirmed by U.S. Southern Command.



Source -> <https://knewz.com/two-american-navy-ships-collide-in-caribbean-sea/>

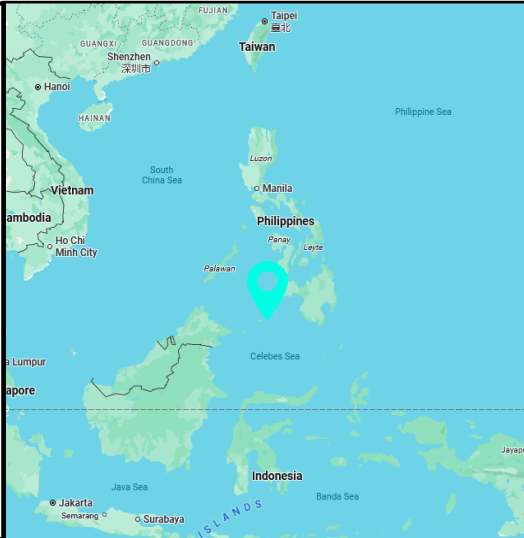
SMUGGLING



01 Mar/ Western Mindanao Naval Command intercepts P114-M cigarette haul/ Philippines

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|---------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2026.03.01 | Philippines | Western Mindanao's sea | Contraband Goods Smuggling | M/L Makhfeiyan and M/L M.K. Fiyan 1 | Each undetected shipment results in significant losses in excise tax revenue for state health, infrastructure, and community programs. |

Personnel from the Western Mindanao Naval Command intercepted two vessels, M/L Makhfeiyan and M/L M.K. Fiyan 1, for operating without navigational lights, violating international maritime safety rules. Onboard, authorities discovered approximately 2,000 master cases of undocumented cigarettes valued at PHP114 million. The vessels are currently being escorted to Naval Station Romulo Espaldon for investigation, with the origin and destination of the shipment still undetermined.



Source -> <https://newsline.ph/western-mindanao-naval-command-intercepts-p114-m-cigarette-haul-flags-maritime-security-gaps-in-maguindanao-norte/>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



02 Mar/U.S.Flagged Stena Tanker Hit by Iranian Missiles During Attack / Bahrain

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|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| 2026.03.02 | Bahrain | Northwest of Port Sultan | Assault | Name – Stena Imperative Flag – USA Type - Crude Oil Tanker | Reports suggest that a tanker may have been targeted due to its role in the U.S. fuel program, although analysts highlight the chaotic nature of the Iranian attacks, which appear more aimed at instilling fear than accurately targeting specific vessels. |

Iranian retaliatory strikes damaged the Stena Imperative, a tanker supplying fuel to the U.S. military, on 02 Mar 26. The crew was evacuated safely, but one dockworker was killed and two others sustained serious injuries.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/u-s-flagged-stena-tanker-hit-by-iranian-missiles-during-attack-on-Bahrain>



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