

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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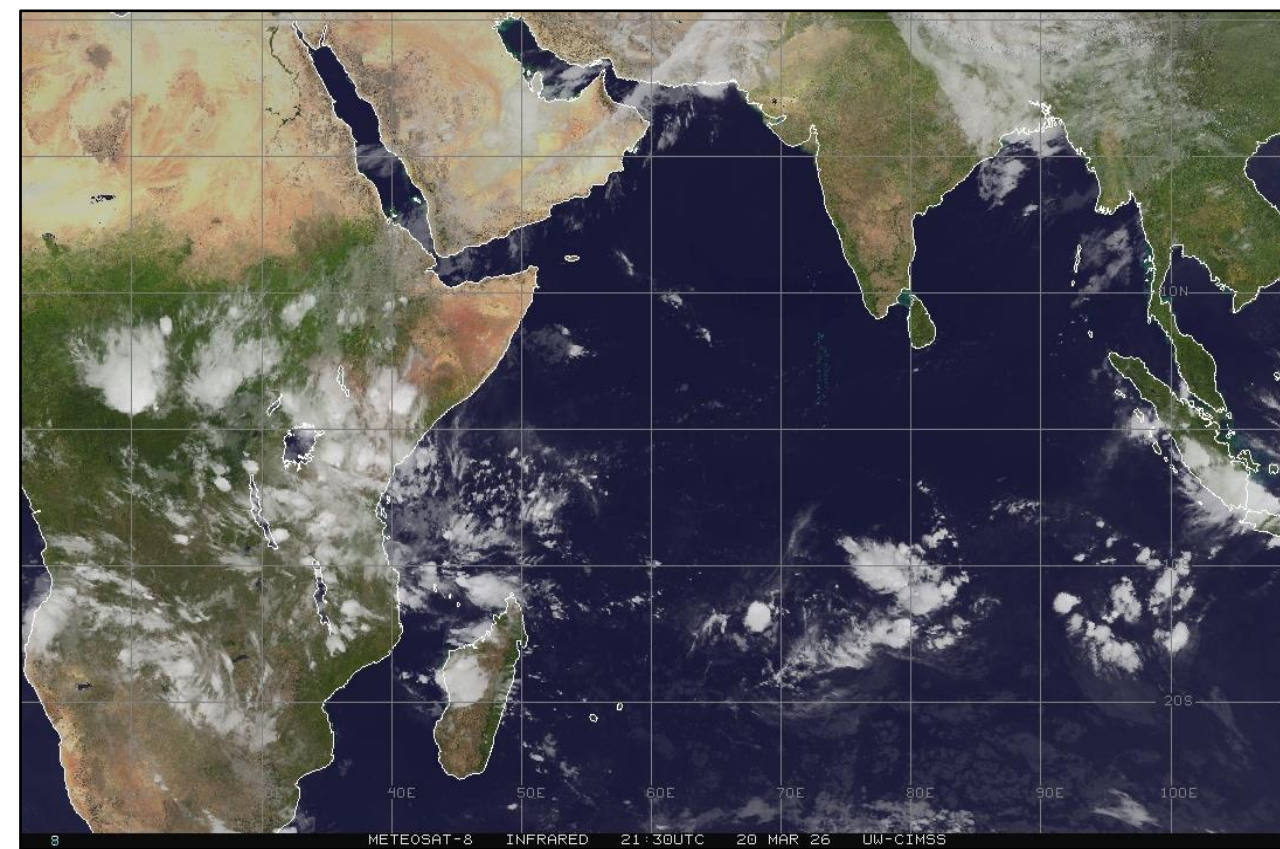
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Date 2026.03.21

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: 2026.03.21/0600UTC to 2026.03.21/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.21

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

Shear line is NOT VISIBLE

ITCZ is NOT VISIBLE

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 40, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 25, 60, 65, 70

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 10, 15, 30, 45, 50

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of 05S:

West of 80E: E'ly to NE'ly / (10-15)kts

East of 80E: VRB / (05-15)kts

In-between 05S and 11S:

VRB / (05-15)kts.

South of 11S:

SE'ly/ (10-20)kts

Seas:

Moderate in sections : 80, 85,

Slight to Moderate in sections : 00, 20, 25, 40, 45

Slight elsewhere.

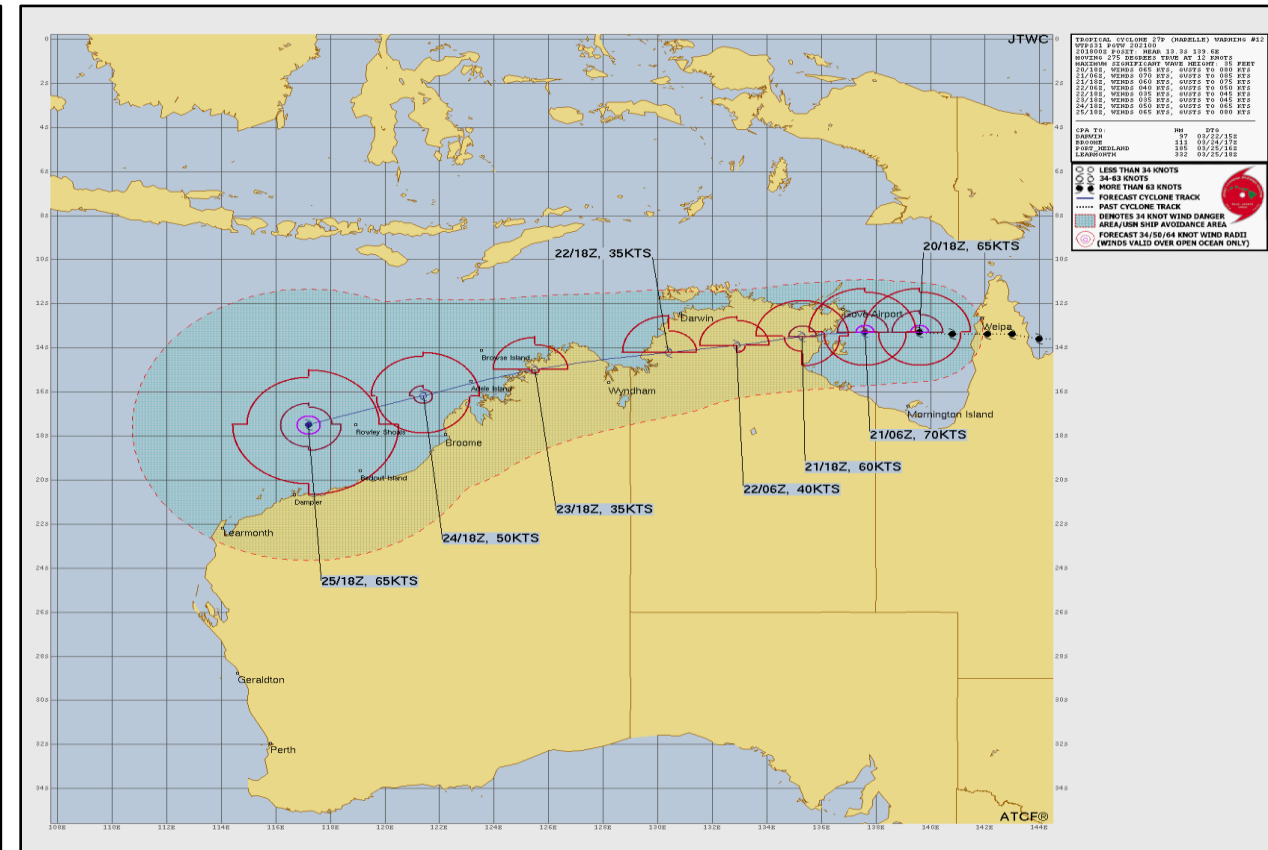
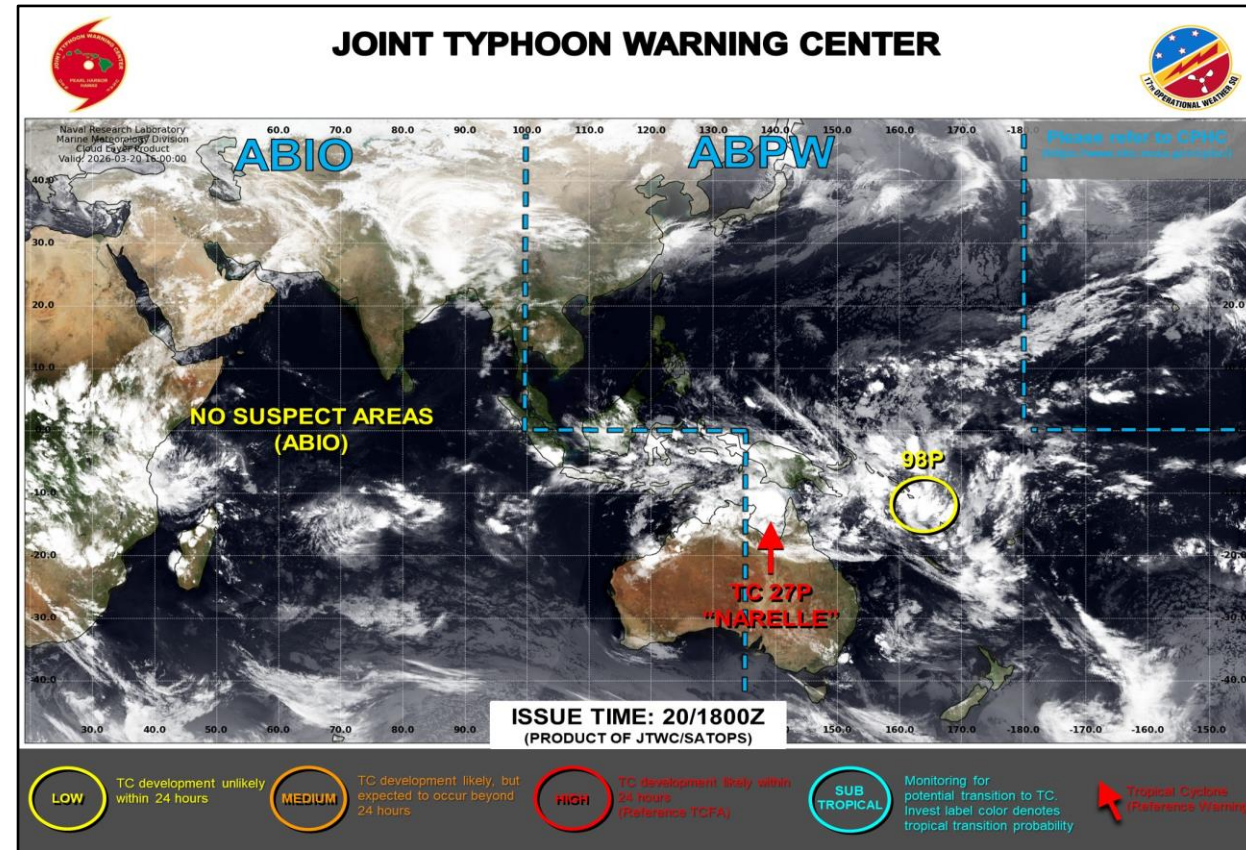
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



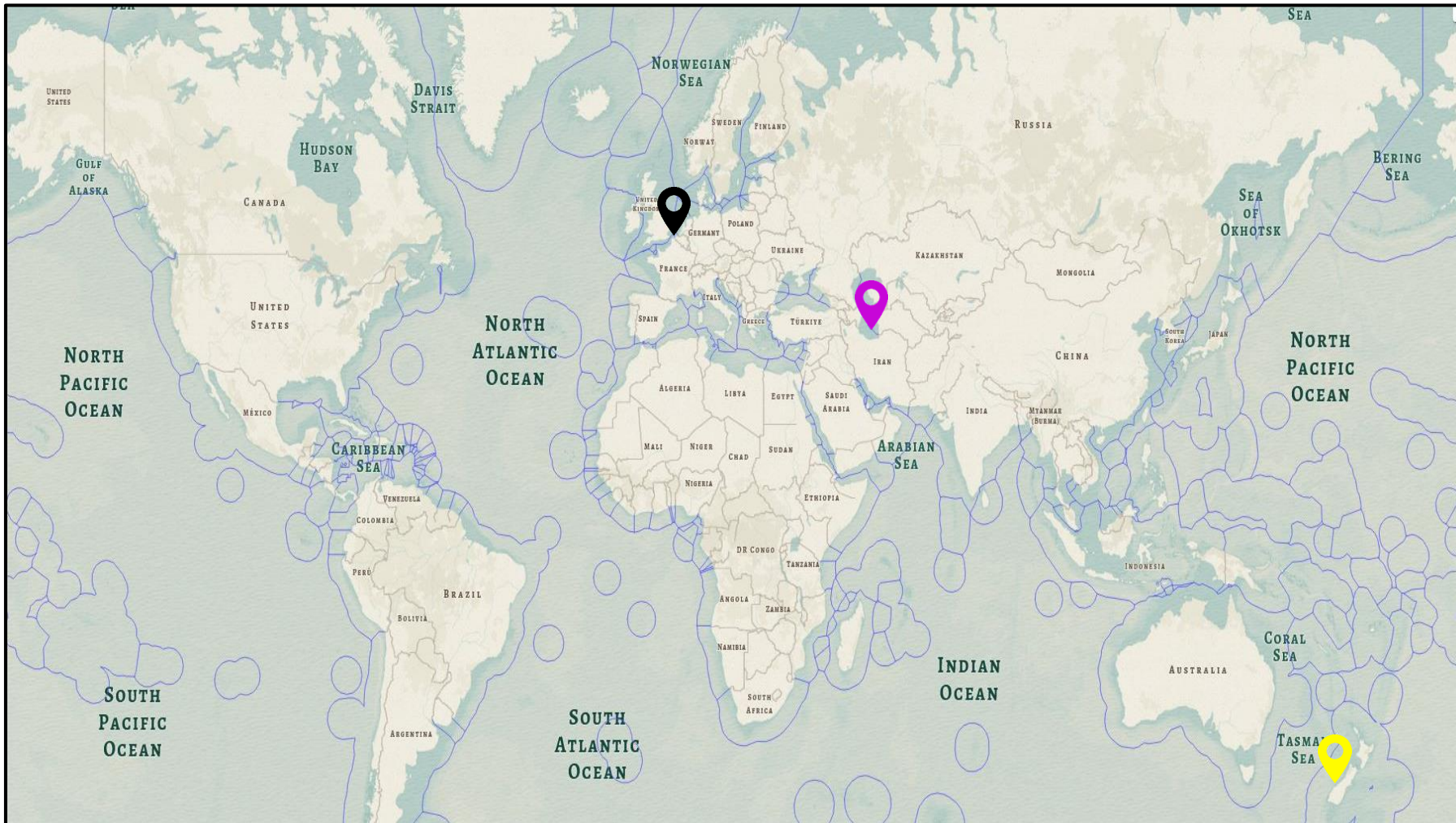
Tropical Cyclone "Narelle"



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



SUMMERY (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	NIL
Other	01
Total Incidents	03

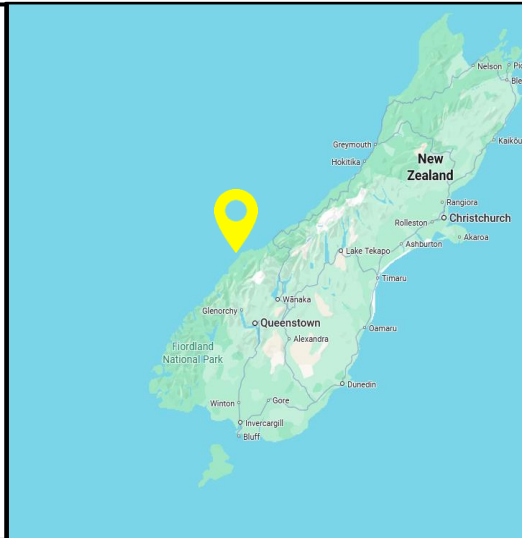
MARITIME INCIDENTS



18 Mar/ Fishing Boat Splintered into a Million Pieces'/ New Zealand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.18	New Zealand	Barn Bay	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Greymouth fishing vessel	Two helicopters confirmed that the crew was ashore and unharmed about an hour later.

Crew members from the Greymouth fishing vessel Mako were rescued unharmed after the vessel ran aground on rocks south of Barn Bay, approximately 70km from Haast. The wooden boat was severely damaged, described as being splintered into "a million pieces." An emergency distress signal was received by Maritime NZ's Rescue Co-ordination Centre around 0800 am on 18 Mar 26.



Source -: <https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/west-coast/fishing-boat-%E2%80%98splintered-million-pieces%E2%80%99>

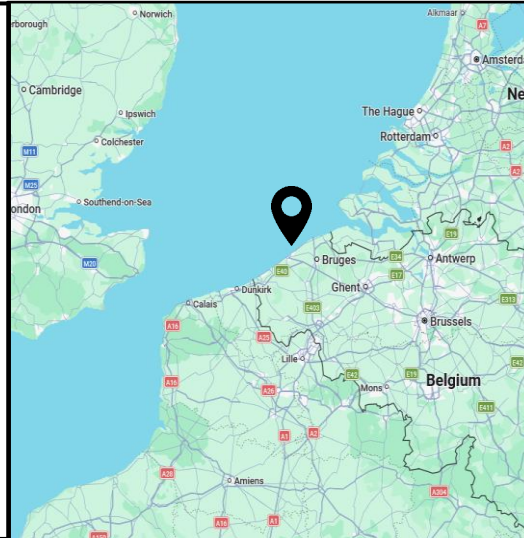
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



18 Mar/ Nineteen Migrants rescued off the Belgian Coast after distress call issued/ Belgium

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03. 18	Belgium	Coast of De Haan	Illegal migrants boats capsizing	Inflatable boat	All migrants were rescued and provided survival blankets for warmth after spending six to seven hours at sea. No one required hospitalization.

19 migrants were rescued off De Haan's coast after their inflatable boat experienced a motor failure and hull leak. A distress call was received around 03:30, indicating that a small boat carrying about twenty individuals was in trouble at sea. Two helicopters confirmed that the crew was ashore and unharmed about an hour later.



Source -: <https://www.brusselstimes.com/2031314/nineteen-migrants-rescued-off-the-belgian-coast-after-distress-call-issued>

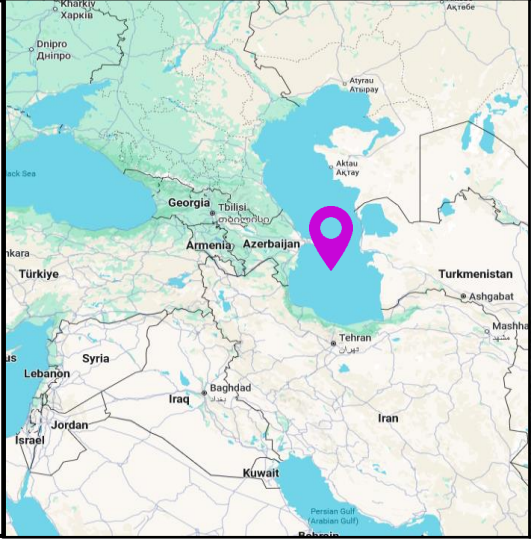


OTHER

18 Mar/ "Walla" Reveals Extensive Intelligence Breach and Targeting of Iranian Ships/ Israel

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.18	Israel	Caspian Sea	Naval Activities	Iranian Navy Ships	Estimates indicate that Iran is utilizing the Caspian Sea as a route to bypass U.S. sanctions, facilitating the transport of oil, drones, and military equipment.

On Wednesday evening, the Hebrew site "Walla" disclosed details about an Israeli attack on Iranian ships in the Caspian Sea, a location atypical for Israeli military engagement. The report noted that the targeted vessels were part of the Iranian Navy and involved in operations suspected of smuggling materials along this maritime route.



Source -: <https://www.tesaaworld.com/en/news/israeli-attack-in-the-caspian-sea-walla-reveals-extensive-intelligence-breach-and-targeting-of-iranian-ships>



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