

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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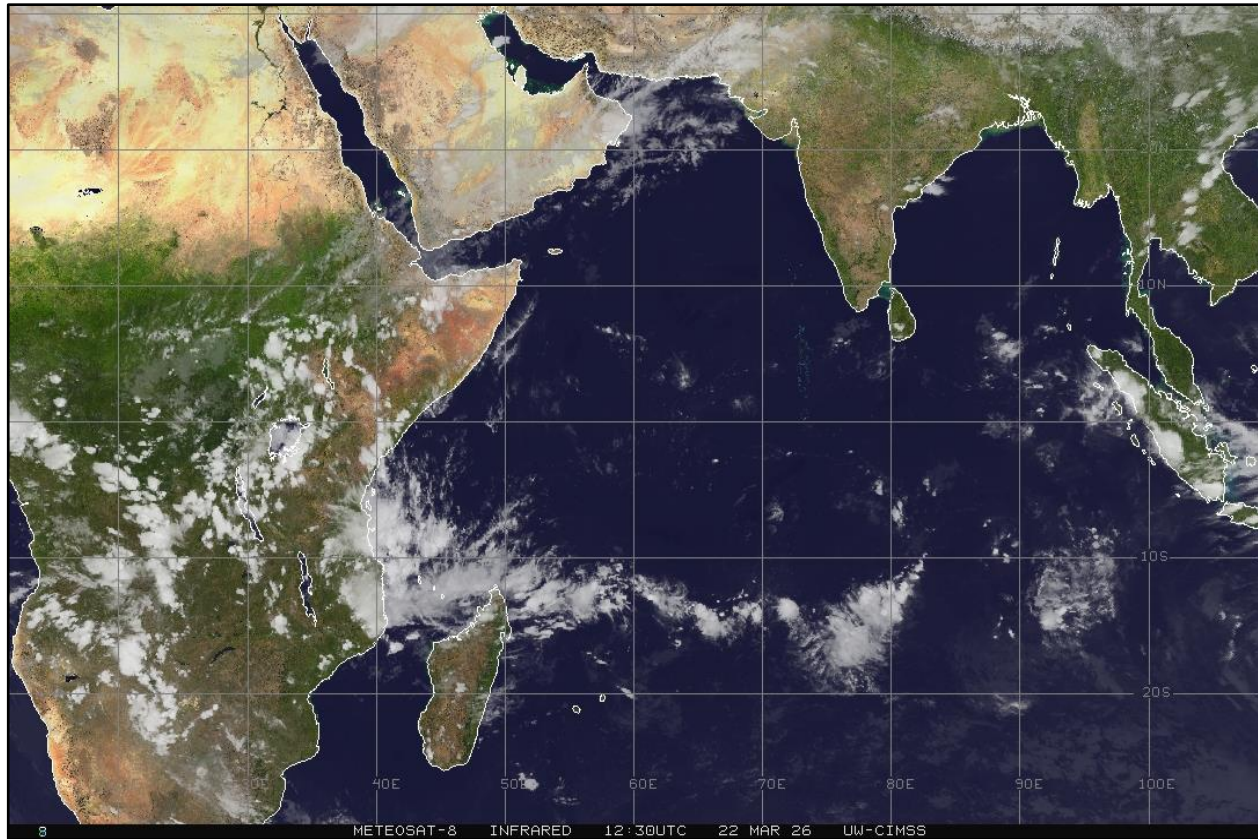
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Date 2026.03.22

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: 2026.03.22/0600UTC to 2026.03.22/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.22

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.

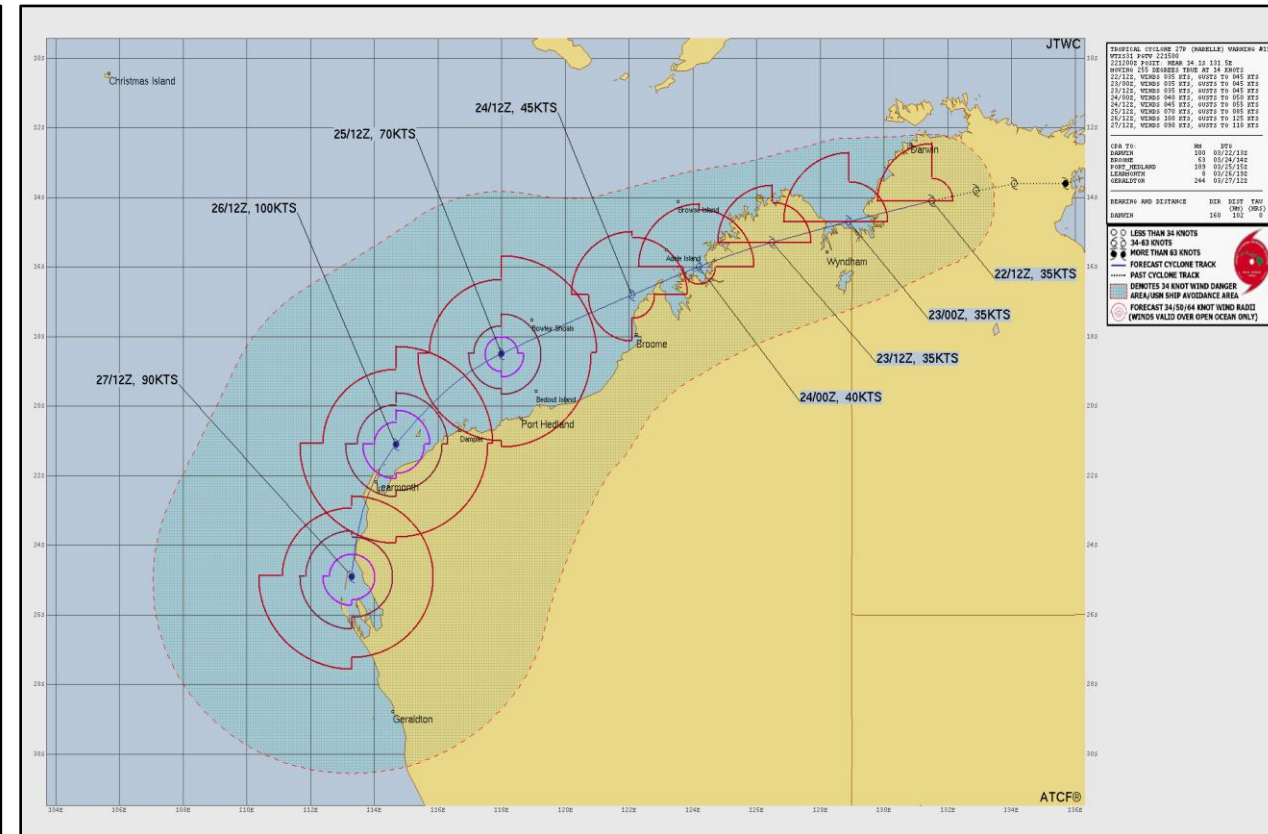
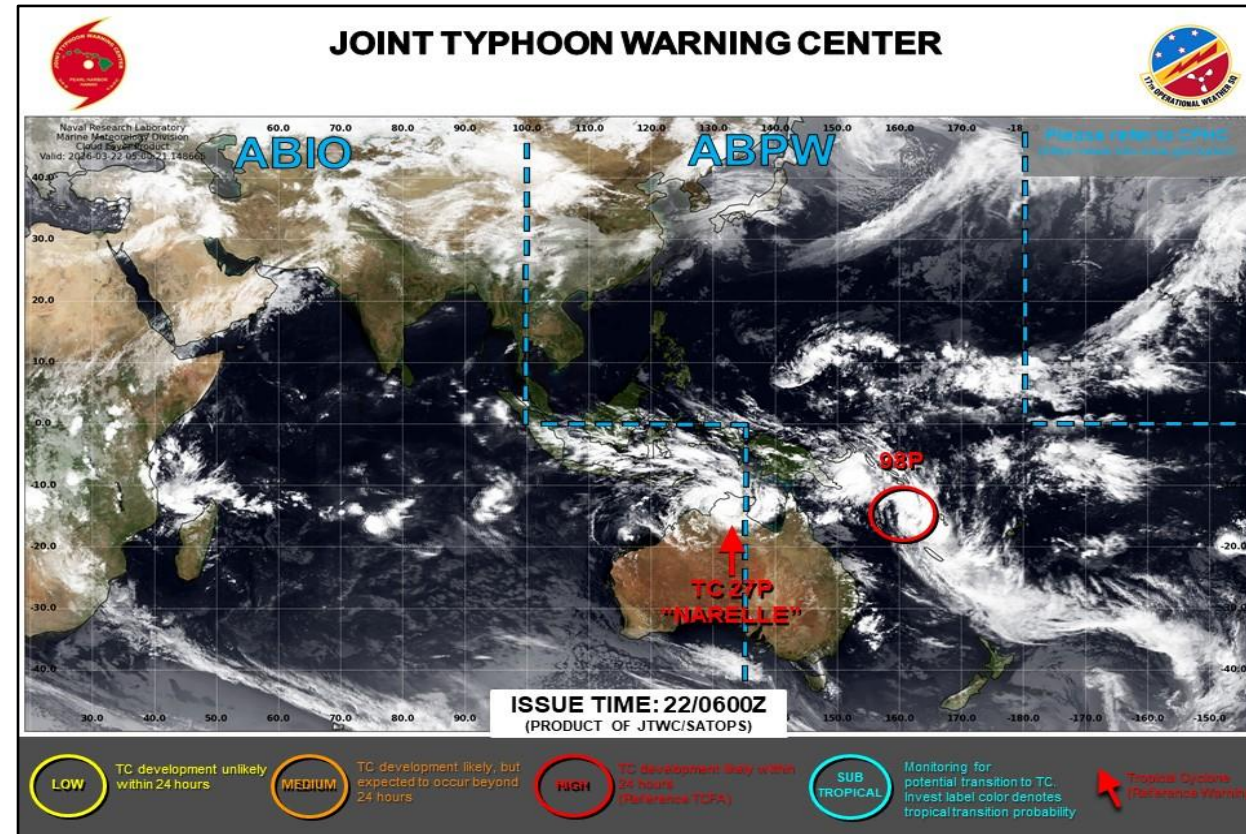
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



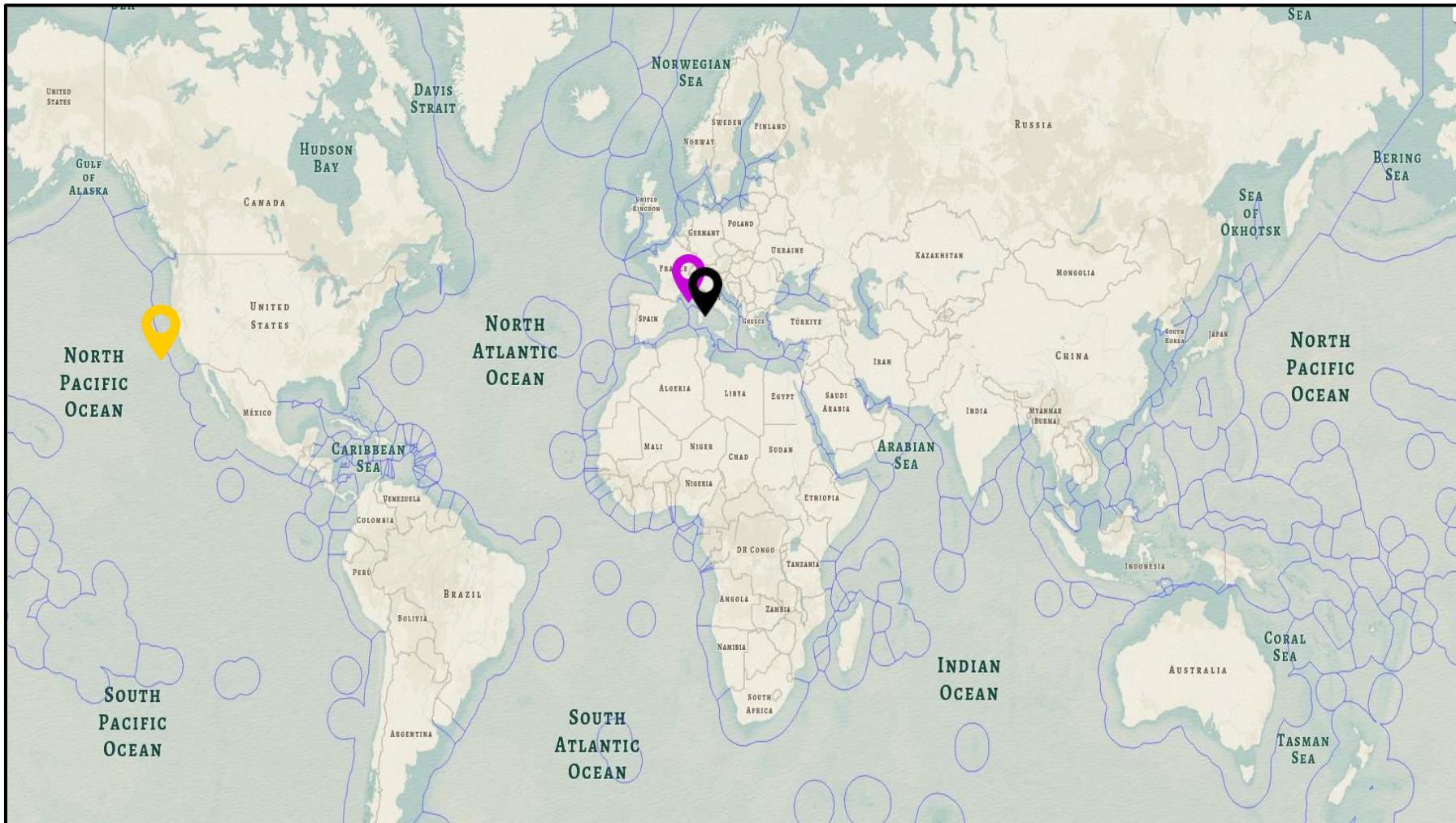
Tropical Cyclone "Narelle"



• 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	01
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
Total Incidents	03

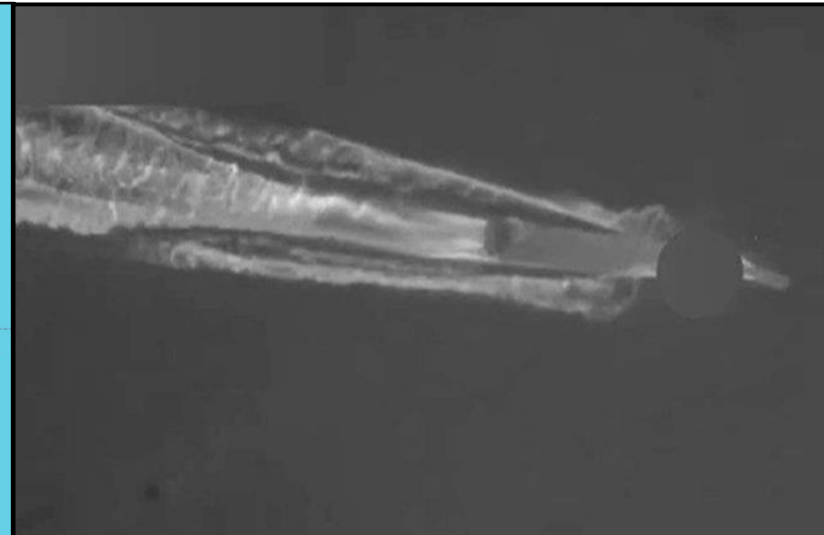
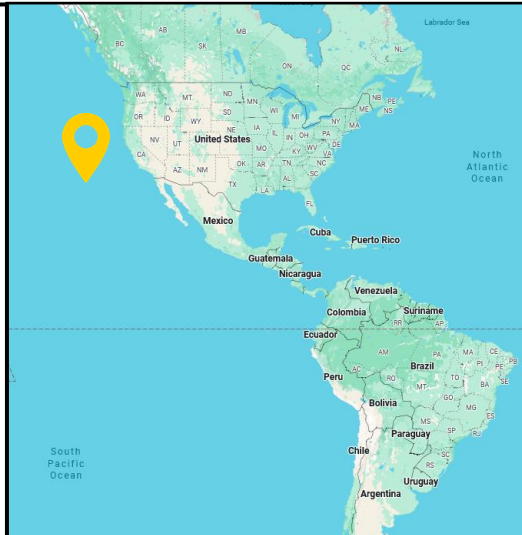
NARCOTIC



19 Mar/ One Survivor of Latest U.S. Strike on Suspected Drug Smuggling Boat/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.19	USA	Eastern Pacific	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	Boat	The U.S. Coast Guard reported the recovery of two bodies and one survivor, who, along with the bodies, was transferred to the Costa Rican Coast Guard.

U.S. Southern Command confirmed a strike on a suspected drug smuggling boat in the Eastern Pacific on 19 March 26 believing three individuals survived. The strike followed a statement by Marine General Francis Donovan about shifting tactics in combating narco-trafficking. Intelligence indicated the vessel was operating on known trafficking routes. While a video of the strike was shared on social media, SouthComm provided limited details, noting that the Coast Guard was alerted to conduct search and rescue efforts for the survivors.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-three-survive-latest-u-s-strike-on-suspected-drug-smuggling-boat>

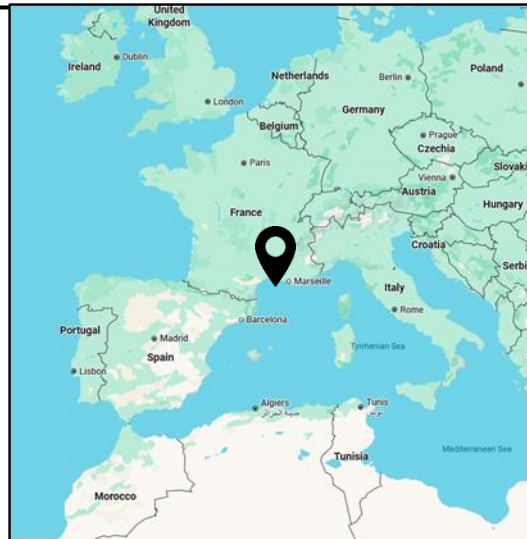
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



17 Mar/Almost 80 Migrants Rescued Attempting Channel Crossing in Small Boat/ France

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.17	France	Belgium	Illegal broader crossing	Boat	Martin Hewitt, head of the UK's Border Security Command, will step down at the end of March after 18 months, amid ongoing concerns about small boats crossing the Channel.

The French coastguard rescued 78 individuals whose boat experienced engine failure while attempting to cross the Channel from Belgium. Multiple vessels were dispatched after reports of migrant boats departing. This rescue follows another incident on Thursday, where 25 people were saved from small boats launching from France and Belgium.



Source -: <https://ca.news.yahoo.com/almost-80-migrants-rescued-attempting-094051944.html>

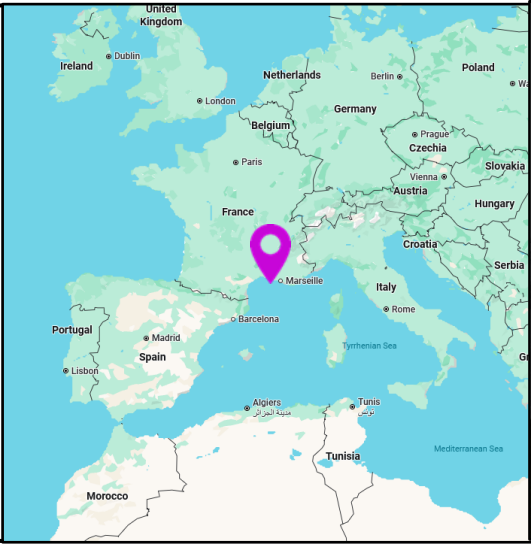
OTHER



20 Mar/ French Forces Board Russian Shadow Fleet Tanker/ France

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.20	France	France	Naval Activities	Name:DEYNA Type: Tanker IMO: 9299903	The prosecutor in the port of Marseille has referred the case, leading to the vessel being escorted to an anchorage point for further investigations.

The French Navy, in collaboration with allies including the UK, intercepted the 2005-built crude oil tanker DEYNA in the Western Mediterranean. Flagged under Mozambique, the tanker had just departed from Murmansk, Russia. French authorities conducted the operation to confirm the vessel's nationality, supported by documents discovered onboard. President Emmanuel Macron labeled the DEYNA as part of a shadow fleet, and the case is now with a prosecutor in Marseille.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12783/french-forces-board-russian-shadow-fleet-tanker>



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