

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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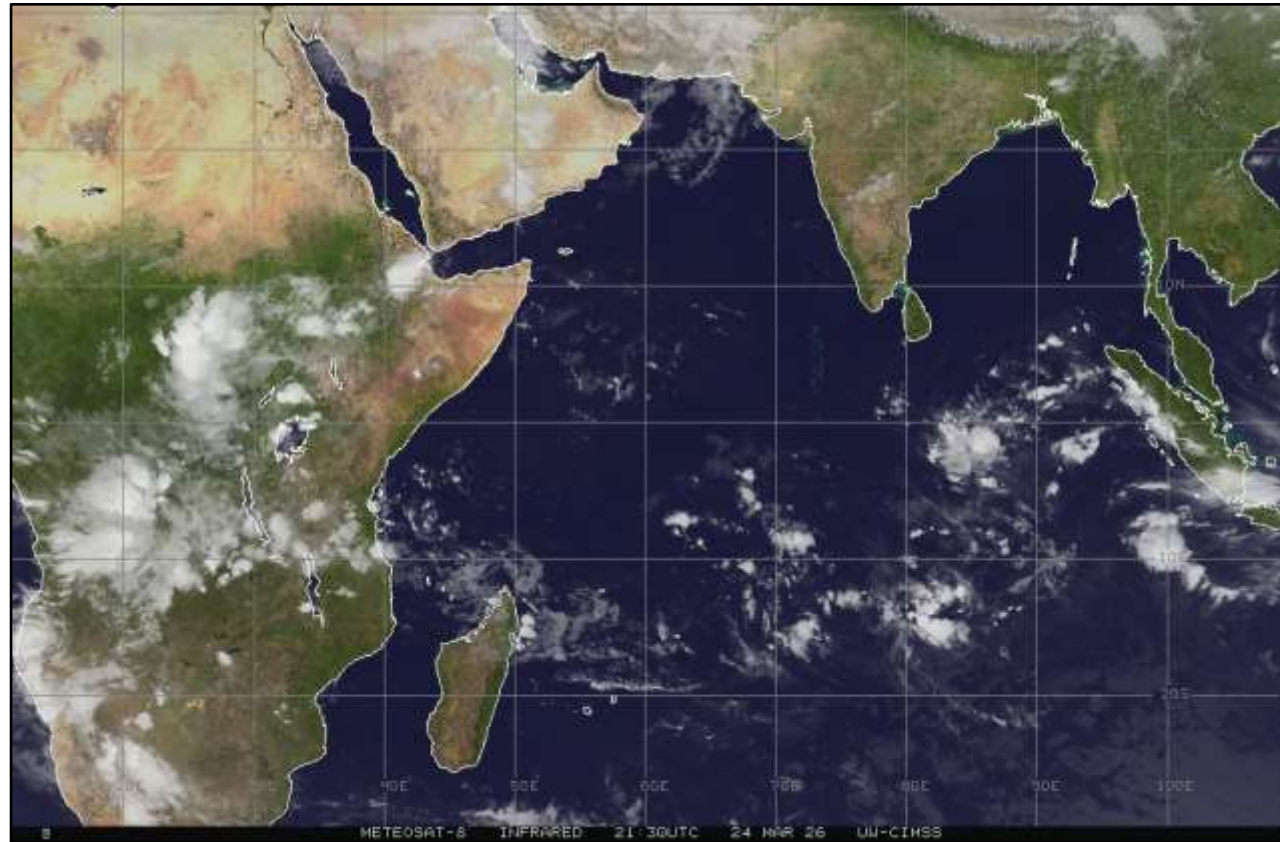
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Date 2026.03.25

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: 2026.03.25/0600UTC to 2026.03.25/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.25

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

Shear line is approximately along : 05S 60E, 03S 70E, 01S 80E, 03N 90E, 05N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 08S 60E, 11S 70E, 12S 80E, 10S 90E, 07S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 30, 35, 50, 55, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 15, 20, 25, 45, 60

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 40

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 80E: NE'ly to E'ly / (05-15)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05

East of 80E: NE'ly / (10-15)kts; gusting up to 20 kts in sections 10

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 80E: NW'ly or Variable/ (05-15)kts

East of 80E: E'ly to SW'ly / (05-15)kts

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 85

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 85

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05

Moderate in sections : 10, 75, 80

Slight to Moderate in sections : 00, 15, 20, 25, 30,

Slight elsewhere.

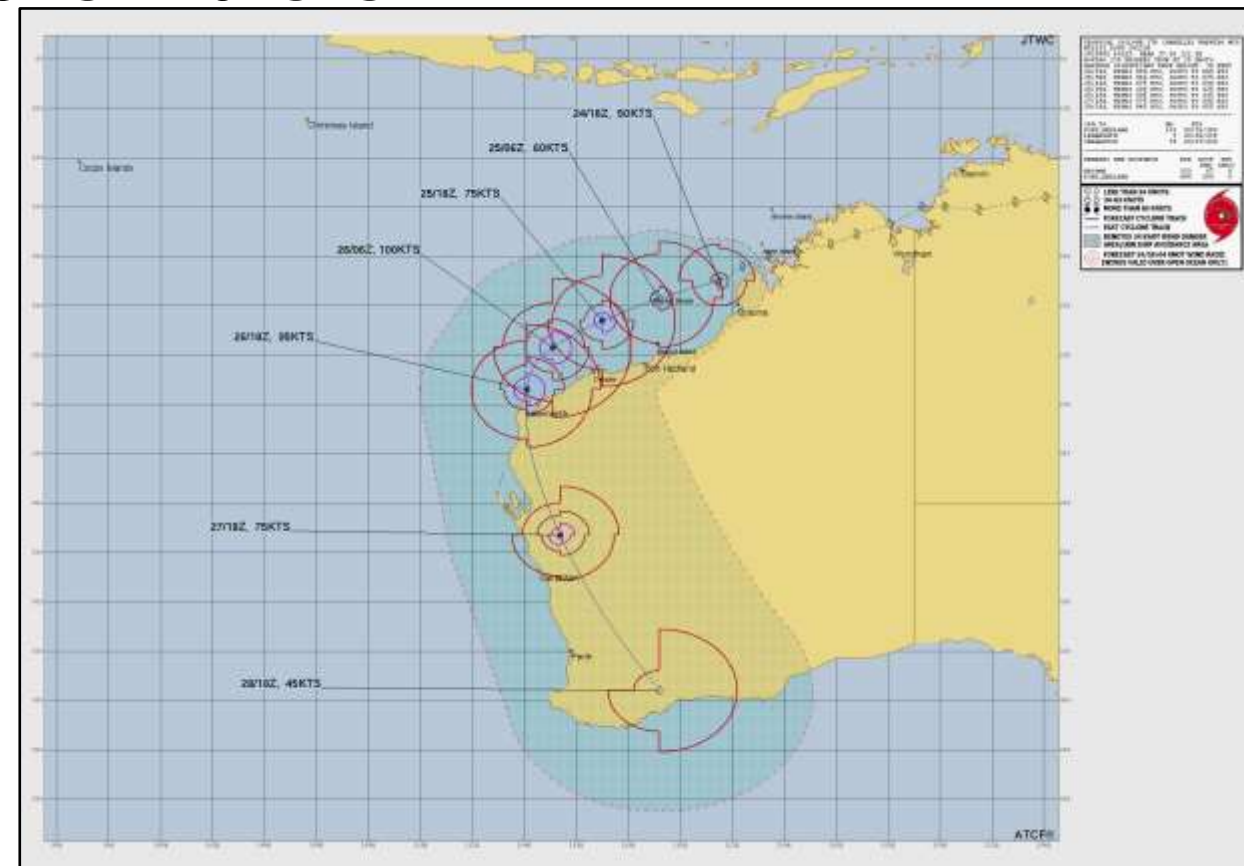
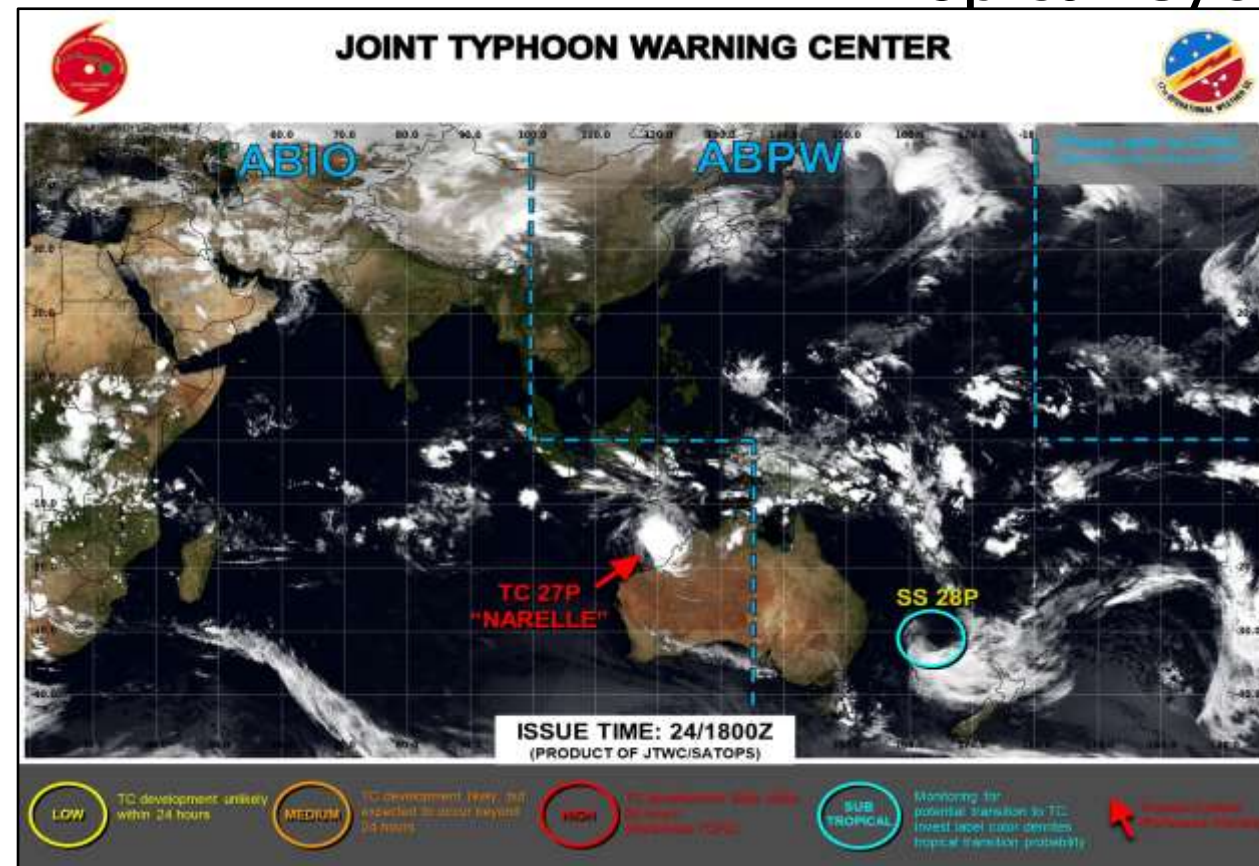
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

• 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	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	05

MARITIME INCIDENTS



24 Mar/ Navy Rescues Seven After Boat Collision in Bayelsa /Nigeria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.24	Nigeria	Bayelsa State.	Collisions	Patrol boat and Wooden boat	The Nigerian Navy has launched a search-and-rescue operation following a collision between a Tantita patrol boat and a wooden market boat along the Ogboinbiri waterways in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

The Nigerian Navy has initiated a search-and-rescue operation after a collision between a Tantita patrol boat and a wooden market boat in Bayelsa State. Naval personnel from NNS Soroh responded to a distress call successfully rescuing seven individuals who were promptly taken to a medical facility. The Navy is intensifying efforts to find other missing passengers and emphasised its commitment to safeguarding lives in Nigeria's maritime domain aligning with directives from Vice Admiral Idi Abbas the Chief of the Naval Staff.



Source -> <https://www.tvnews.tv/navy-rescues-seven-after-boat-collision-in-bayelsa/>

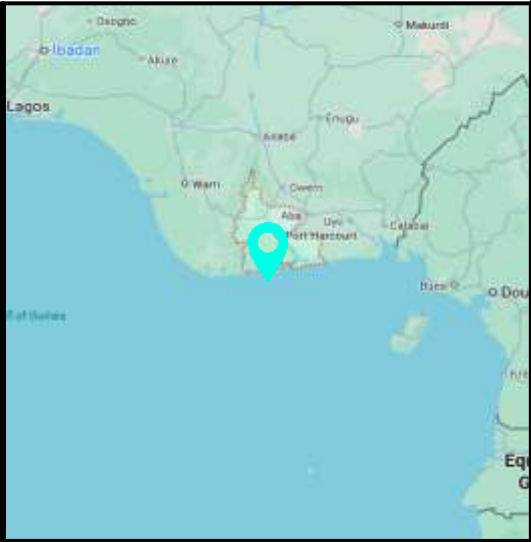
SMUGGALING



23 Mar/ Navy Nabs Eight Oil Thieves in Rivers, Seizes 44,000 Litres of Diesel/Nigeria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.23	Nigeria	Rivers State	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	A subsequent search led to the discovery of 423 sacks of suspected illegally refined AGO, each containing 106 litres, bringing the total haul to approximately 44,000 litres.

The Nigerian Navy arrested eight suspected oil thieves and seized 44,000 litres of illegally refined Automotive Gas Oil (AGO) in Rivers State. The operation conducted by personnel from the Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS) Pathfinder in the Degema and Obologo areas followed credible intelligence about illicit refining activities. During a patrol on 22 Mar 26 the team stopped a boat escorted by armed individuals linked to illegal groups upon sighting the naval team the suspects fled.



Source -: <https://www.tvcnews.tv/navy-nabs-eight-oil-thieves-in-rivers-seizes-44000-litres-of-diesel/>

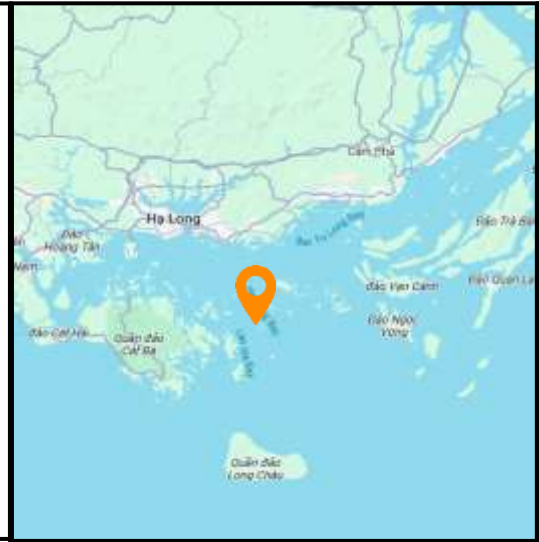
IUU FISHING



22 Mar/ Illegal Squid Fishing Boat with Passengers Stopped in Halong Bay/Nigeria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.22	Vietnam	Halong Bay	Illegal Methods	One Fishing Boat	Authorities have drawn up a report and impounded the vessel for further handling in line with regulations.

Authorities in Quang Ninh Province intercepted a fishing vessel QN-2351-TS on March 22 carrying nine individuals engaged in illegal squid fishing in Halong Bay. Discovered during a joint patrol at around 0800 pm near Con Cho Islet the vessel was operated by a 36-year-old man who was invited by the 35-year-old owner to manage the trip. The vessel entered the bay around 5 pm before detection with prior patrols also addressing other illegal fishing activities in the region.



Source - : <https://dtinews.dantri.com.vn/vietnam-today/illegal-squid-fishing-boat-with-passengers-stopped-in-halong-bay-20260324193507601.htm>

NARCOTIC



23 Mar/ \$12 Million Worth of Cocaine Found on Smuggling Boat off Puerto Rico, Police Say/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.23	USA	Puerto Rico	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	One Boat	At the end of last year, CBP said its officers seized almost 1,000 pounds of cocaine from a cargo trailer, also in San Juan.

On Monday Puerto Rican authorities seized cocaine valued at approximately \$12 million from a 26-foot boat near Río Grande detaining three suspects. This seizure is among the largest in recent years as the territory continues to act as a conduit for smuggling drugs into the USA and Europe. Recent months have seen multiple significant drug interceptions including a February 26 seizure of 214 pounds of cocaine worth about \$1.7 million from a cargo ship in San Juan.



Source -: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/police-find-12-million-cocaine-smuggling-boat-puerto-rico/>

IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



20 Mar/ Migrants Rescued After Small Boat Engine Failed /Belgium

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.20	Belgium	English Channel	Failed Broader crossing	One Boat	Government figures show 522 migrants arrived in nine boats across the Channel between 18 and 20 March.

Seventy-eight people have been rescued by the French coastguard after the engine of their small boat broke down as they attempted to cross the English Channel from Belgium. The French authorities dispatched a number of vessels on Friday after receiving reports of multiple boats carrying migrants. On Thursday 25 people were rescued having set off in small boats from France and Belgium.



Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cq59epqy8d4o>



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