

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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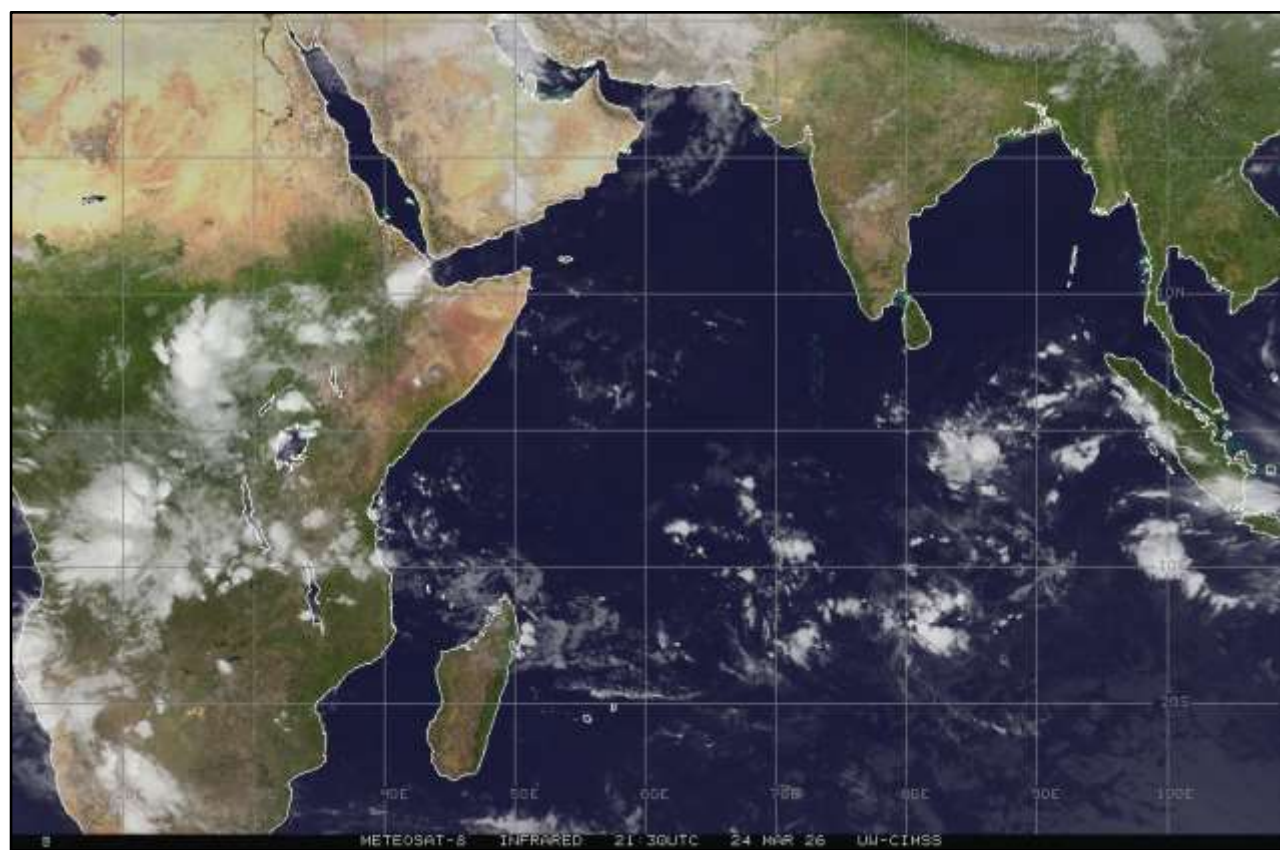
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Date 2026.03.26

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: 2026.03.26/0600UTC to 2026.03.26/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.26

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.

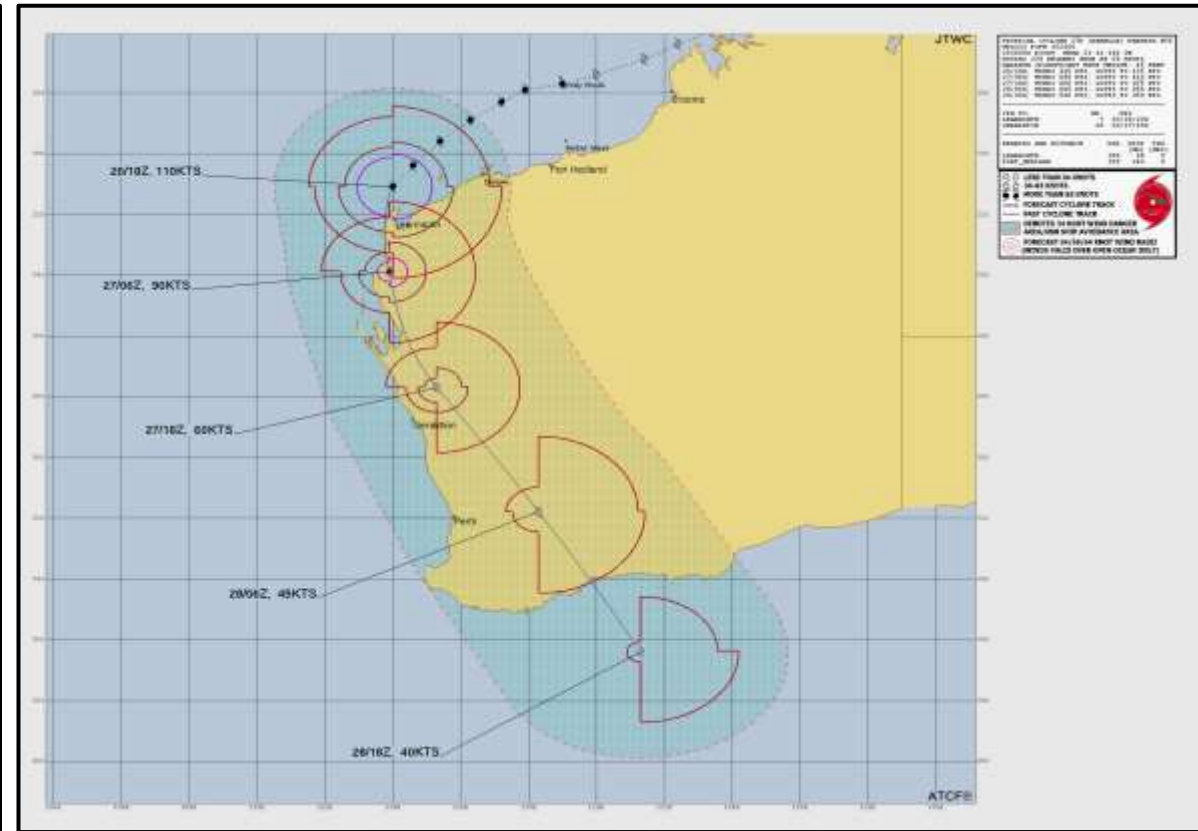
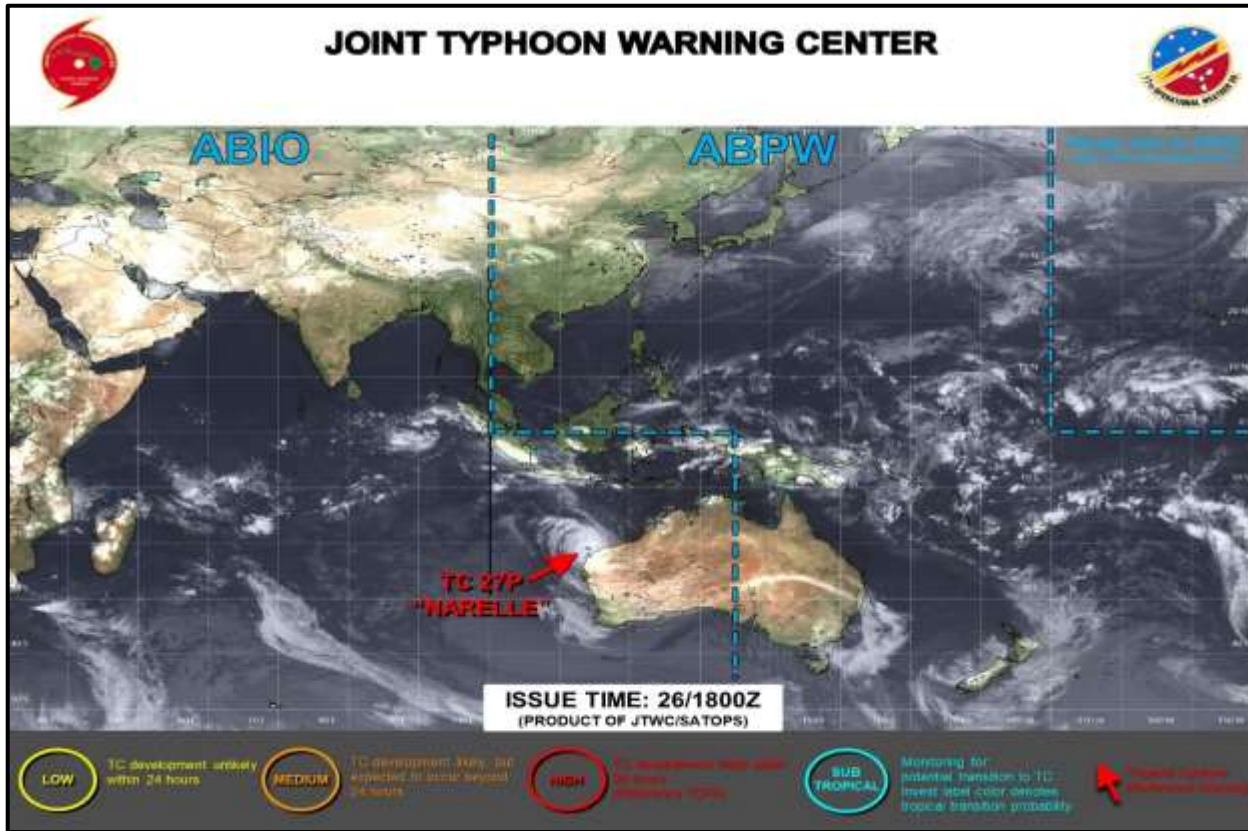
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

• 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>



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
Total Incidents	03

MARITIME INCIDENTS



23 Mar/Explosion and Fire Strike Valero's Large Refinery in Port Arthur/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.23	USA	Arthur Port	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	An explosion and fire occurred at Valero's refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, on 23 March 26, prompting local authorities to issue a shelter-in-place advisory for nearby residents. There were no reported casualties.

The incident involved a loud explosion at Valero's Port Arthur refinery between 1700 hrs and 1830 hrs local time, resulting in strong vibrations that shook buildings. Emergency services, including the fire and sheriff's departments, responded with multiple fire engines and a hazmat team. A shelter-in-place advisory was issued for nearby residents, instructing them to stay indoors. Traffic disruptions were reported as drivers were advised to avoid routes close to the facility. The explosion is believed to be linked to a heater unit but remains under investigation. The refinery, one of the largest in the U.S. with a capacity of 435,000 barrels per day, could impact oil supply due to ongoing tensions in the Middle East.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12788/explosion-and-fire-strike-valeros-large-refinery-in-port-art>

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24 Mar/Deputies Rescue 11 People from Flipped Pontoon Boat in Fort Myers Beach/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.23	USA	Myers Beach.	Capsizing /Sinking	Boat	The Lee County Sheriff's Office is handling the investigation into the flipped boat. The boat remains in the water and is visible from the Gateway Villas.

Tourists at the Gateway Villas noticed law enforcement boats circling, initially believing it to be routine patrol. On Tuesday (24), the US Coast Guard and deputies responded to a flipped pontoon boat carrying 11 individuals aged 60-70. The sheriff's office reported that large waves and high winds caused the accident, resulting in two individuals being hospitalized with minor injuries.



Source -: https://www.winknews.com/news/lee/deputies-rescue-11-people-from-flipped-pontoon-boat-in-fort-myers-beach-2-injuries-reported/article_f6c76480-79f5-44bd-b200-7da21ac95025.html

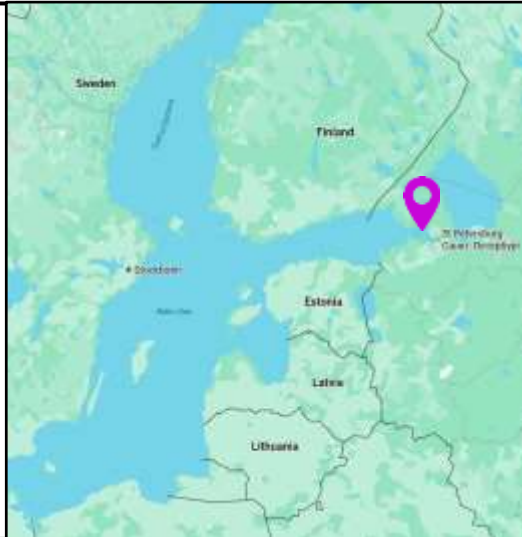


OTHERS

22 Mar/ Russia's Primorsk Port Targeted by Drones, Exports Suspended/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.23	Russia	Primorsk Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name - PRIMORSK	Ukraine's military confirmed the strike on an oil terminal at Primorsk, as part of its ongoing attacks on Russia's ports, oil terminals, and infrastructure to weaken the Russian war economy..

Alexander Drozdenko, governor of Leningrad, confirmed that fuel storage tanks in Primorsk were set on fire during recent attacks, with 35 drones shot down in the Leningrad region. Russia's defence ministry reported a total of 249 drones intercepted nationwide. The Port of Ust-Luga was also targeted, but damage details remain unclear. Following the attacks, oil export activities were halted at Port Primorsk on 23 March, while loading resumed at Ust-Luga after the drone alert was lifted.



Source -> <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12789/russias-primorsk-port-targeted-by-drones-exports-suspended>



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