

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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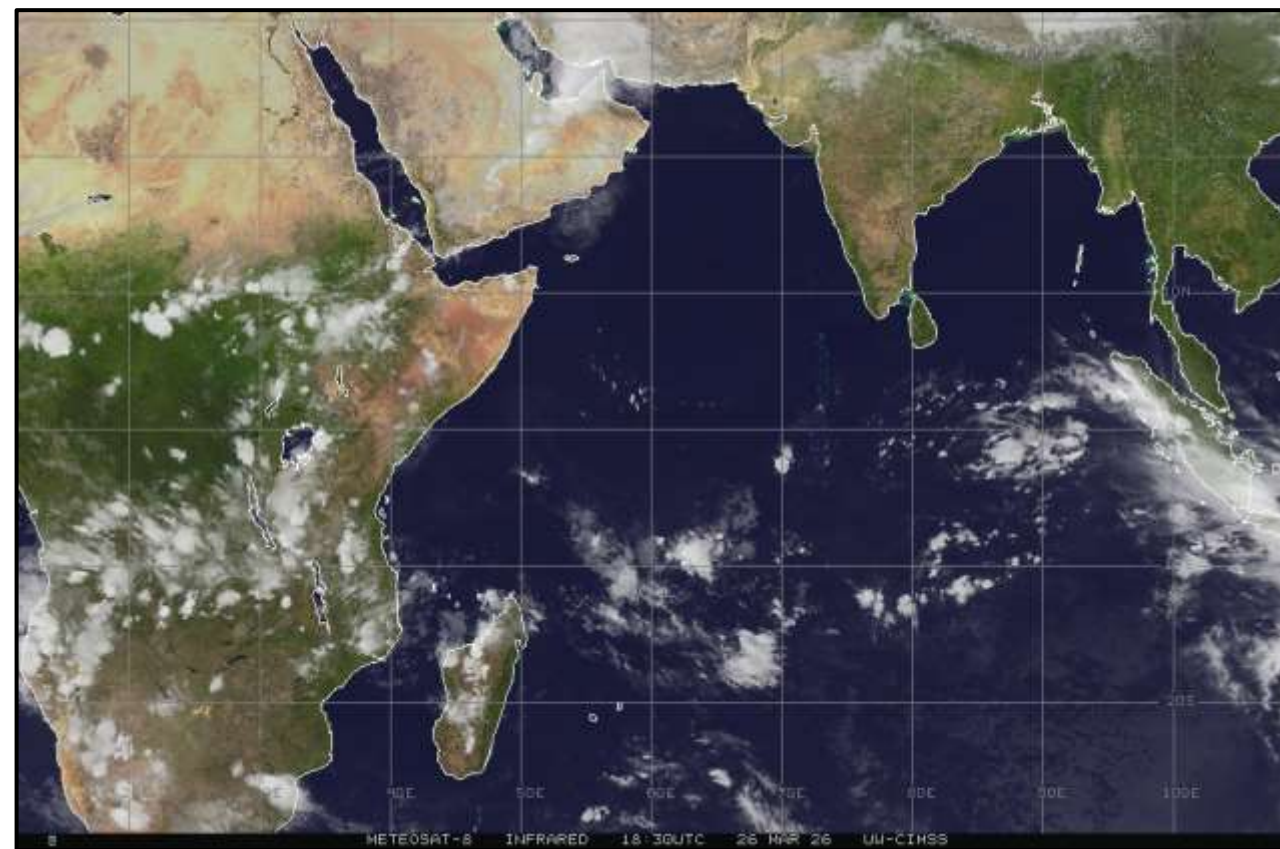
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Date 2026.03.27

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: 2026.03.27/0600UTC to 2026.03.27/1400UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.03.27

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

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

ITCZ is approximately along : 08S 60E, 10S 70E, 09S 80E, 07S 90E, 05S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 80 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 30 35 50 55 60 65 70 75

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere

Winds:

North of ITCZ

NE'ly or VRB E'ly / (05-15)kts; gusting up to 20 kts in section 05

In-between ITCZ and Shear line:

SW'ly to E'ly / (05-15)kts; gusting up to 20 kts in sections 50, 70

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts.

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 70, 85

Moderate in sections : 05, 50, 80

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

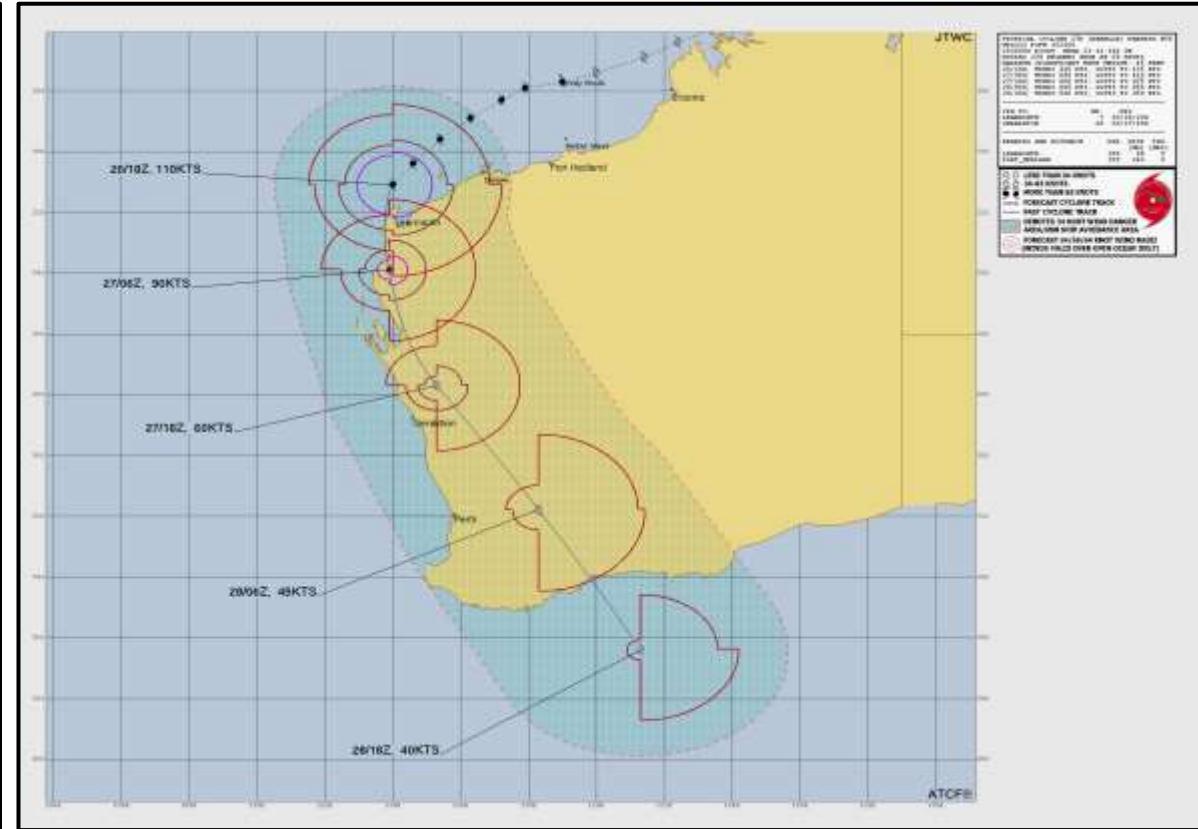
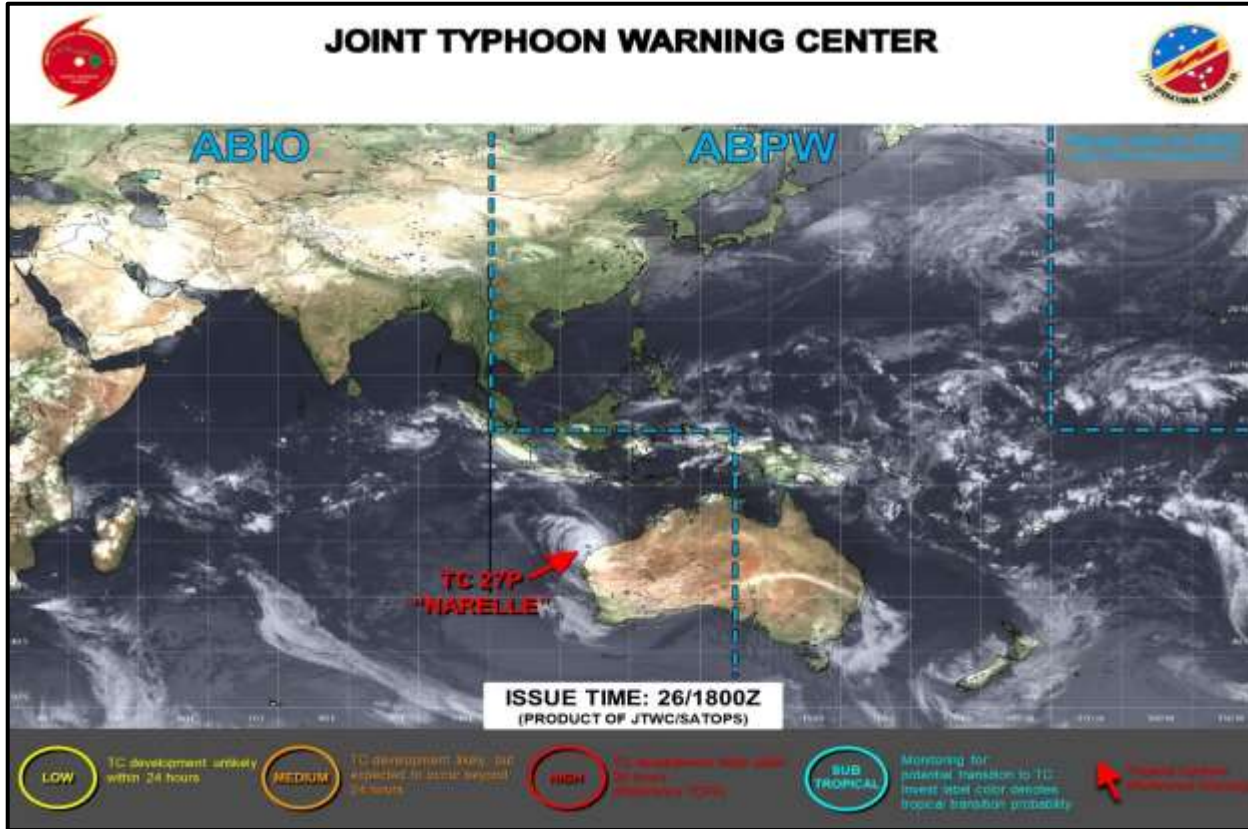
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone "Narelle"



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS



26 Mar/Fisherman Missing after Boat Capsizes/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.26	India	Kapu coast in Udupi.	Capsizing /Sinking	Fishing Vessel	The local boat overturned due to an impact, resulting in two fishermen being thrown into the sea. One has been rescued, while search operations continue for the missing fisherman.

A local fisherman is missing after his boat capsized due to a collision with a boat from Tamil Nadu, which was reportedly involved in illegal fishing off the Kapu coast in Udupi. Local fishermen had approached the Tamil Nadu crew to address the illegal fishing, leading to a confrontation at sea where the latter allegedly rammed their boat.



Source - : <https://www.mangaloretoday.com/main/Udupi-Fisherman-missing-after-boat-capsizes-in-alleged-Tamil-Nadu-vessel-collision.html>

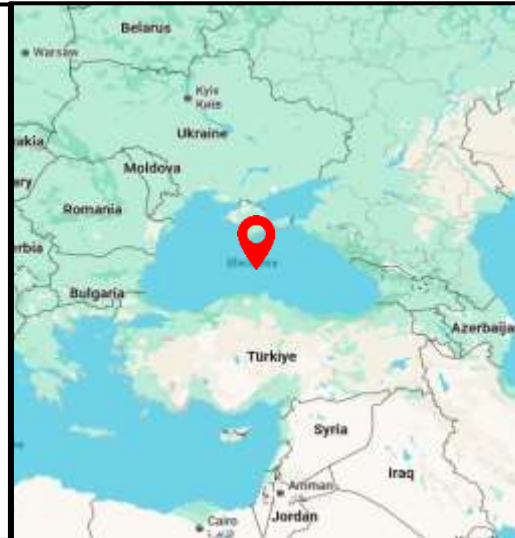
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



26 Mar/A Tanker Loaded with Russian Oil was Struck by a Brone Boat/Turkey

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2026.03.26	Turkey	Black Sea	Assault violations	Name – Altura Type – Tanker Flag - Sierra Leone	The oil tanker 'Altura' was struck by a drone approximately 15 nautical miles off Istanbul's Bosphorus strait, but all 27 crew members are safe.

The broadcaster reported that an explosion occurred on the bridge of an oil tanker owned by Turkish firm Besiktas, leading to water entering the engine room. The tanker, which was carrying Russian crude oil, was struck by a drone boat in the Black Sea near Turkey's coast.



Source -: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/turkey-oil-tanker-russian-crude-hit-black-sea-crew-unharmmed-iran-war-2887300-2026-03-26>

NARCOTIC



25 Mar/Police Intercepted Cocaine Worth Approximately \$110 Million/United Kingdom

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.25	United Kingdom	London Gateway Port	Seizure of narcotics	-	Authorities are investigating an undisclosed vessel connected to drug cartels to determine the final destination of the consignment.

Authorities in the UK have intensified their efforts against drug trafficking by intercepting approximately one tonne of cocaine at the London Gateway port, with the seizure occurring on March 20. The cocaine, valued at \$107 million, was concealed in a container shipped from Panama, coinciding with record-high drug seizures in the country.



Source - : <https://maritime-executive.com/article/police-intercept-110m-cocaine-at-london-gateway-port>



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