

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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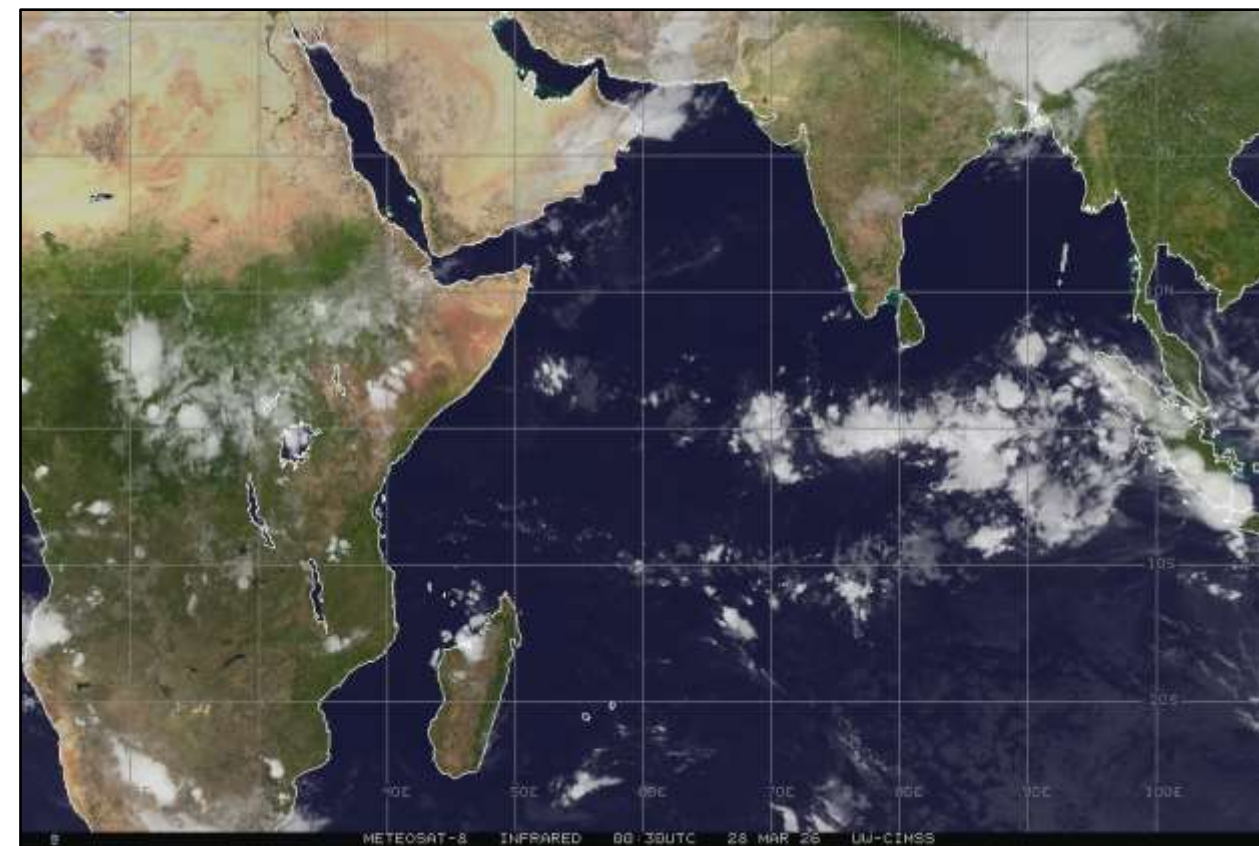
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Date 2026.03.28

# 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: 2026.03.28/0600UTC to 2026.03.28/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.28

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

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

Shear line is approximately along : 08S 60E, 10S 70E, 09S 80E, 08S 90E, 08S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 80

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 25, 30, 40, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere

Winds:

North of ITCZ

West of 80E : N'y to NW'y / (05-15)kts.

East of 80E : NE'y to NW'y / (05-15)kts.

In-between ITCZ and Shear line:

SW'y to W'y / (05-15)kts; gusting up to (20-25) kts in sections 50, 55

South of ITCZ:

SE'y / (10-20)kts.

Seas:

Fairly rough in sections : 50, 55

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 35

Moderate in sections : 70, 80, 85

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>



# SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

# MARITIME INCIDENTS



## 23 Mar/ Freighter-Bulk Carrier Collision in Mississippi River/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.23	USA	Mississippi River	Collisions	Name- African Buzzard Flag- Bahamas Name- Pac Dubhe Flag- Singapore	The Coast Guard reported no injuries to crew members or environmental impact from the collision and confirmed that the Mississippi River is open for inland traffic.

The collision occurred on Monday afternoon when a Singaporean-flagged freighter and a Bahamian-flagged bulk carrier collided off the shores of Hahnville, Louisiana. The freighter was traveling downstream while the bulk carrier was heading upstream. At approximately 1530 Hrs local time, the bulk carrier's anchor became embedded in the freighter's bow, resulting in both vessels becoming entangled, which subsequently caused the bulk carrier to drift out of the channel and run aground.



Source -: <https://www.theweek.in/news/maritime/2026/03/26/us-coast-guard-responds-after-freighter-bulk-carrier-collision-in-mississippi-river-all-you-need-to-know.amp.html>

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## 25 Mar/ Five Fishermen Missing off Dakhla After Ship Collision/ Morocco

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.25	Morocco	Coast Of Dakhla	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Trawler Miss Dakar 2	Naval and air units are engaged in the operation, and an investigation is underway to ascertain the details of the maritime accident.

Search operations are underway off the coast of Dakhla to find five missing fishermen after their trawler, Miss Dakar 2, collided with a commercial vessel. The incident happened 80 miles from Dakhla's port on Wednesday morning. While eight crew members were rescued, the search continues, with conflicting reports regarding the number of individuals present on board during the collision.



Source -> <https://en.yabiladi.com/articles/details/191047/five-fishermen-missing-dakhla-after.html>

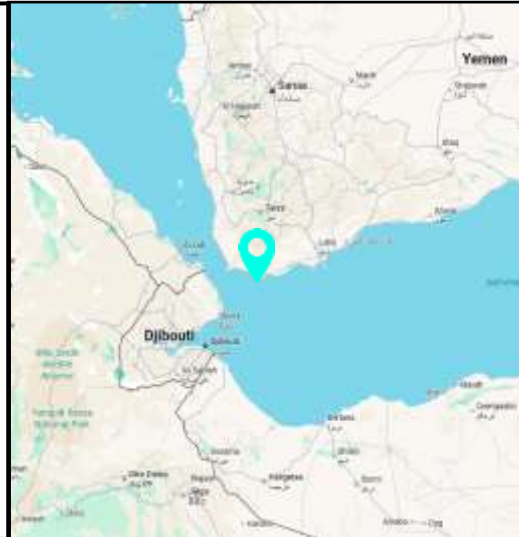
# SMUGGLING



## 25 Mar/Southern Giants Forces Seize Iran-Linked Smuggling Vessel Near Bab al-Mandab, Arrest 10 Crew/ Yemen

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.25	Yemen	Near Bab al-Mandab	Contraband /Goods smuggling		The vessel departed from Bandar Abbas on 12 Mar 26, en route to Al-Salif port in the Al-Hudaydah Governorate, controlled by Houthi forces.

Authorities seized an unauthorized shipment of medicines and dual-use metal wires after boarding a ship. The crew of 10 Pakistani sailors was arrested and is currently in custody as investigations proceed.



Source -: [https://www.marineinsight.com/southern-giants-forces-seize-iran-linked-smuggling-vessel-near-bab-al-mandab-arrest-10-crew/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=southern-giants-forces-seize-iran-linked-smuggling-vessel-near-bab-al-mandab-arrest-10-crew](https://www.marineinsight.com/southern-giants-forces-seize-iran-linked-smuggling-vessel-near-bab-al-mandab-arrest-10-crew/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=southern-giants-forces-seize-iran-linked-smuggling-vessel-near-bab-al-mandab-arrest-10-crew)



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