

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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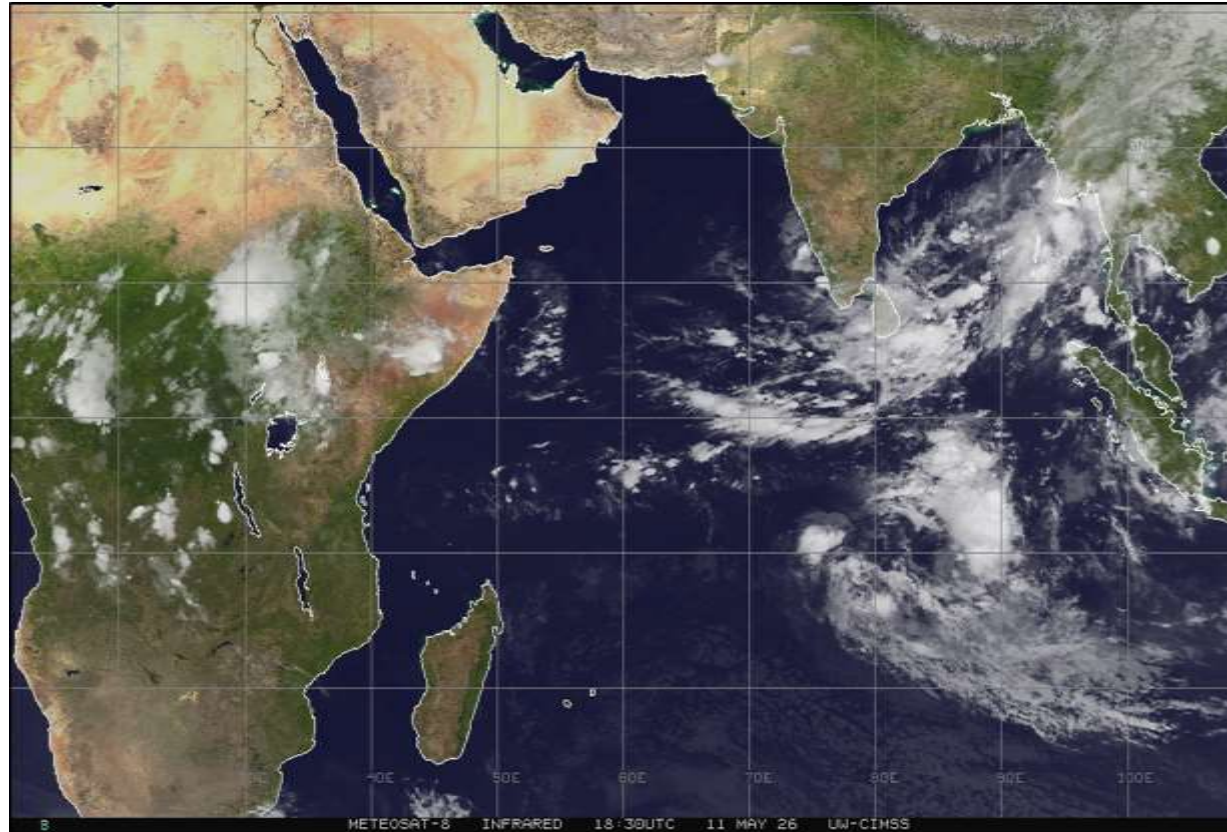
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WEATHER FORECAST



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: 2026.05.12/0600UTC to 2026.05.12/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.05.12

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

A low pressure area has formed over southwest Bay of Bengal near 10.1N, 82.5E at 0300 UTC of 2026.05.11.

ITCZ is approximately along : 05N 60E, 03N 70E, 02N 80E, 04N 90E

Shear line is approximately along : 04S 60E, 06S 70E, 10S 80E, 06S 90E, 01S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 50, 55, 65, 70, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 40, 45, 75, 80

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of ITCZ:

West of 90E

NW'ly to SW'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25kts in sections 10, 25, 30

In between ITCZ and Shear line:

SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30)kts in sections 45, 50, 65, 70

South of Shear line:

East of 80E

E'ly to NE'ly / (10-20)kts, gusting up to 25kts in sections 85

West of 80E

SE'ly / (10-20)kts, gusting up to (25-30)kts in sections 80

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 45, 50, 80, 85

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 10, 25, 30, 65, 70

Moderate in Sections : 05, 15, 20, 35, 40, 60

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

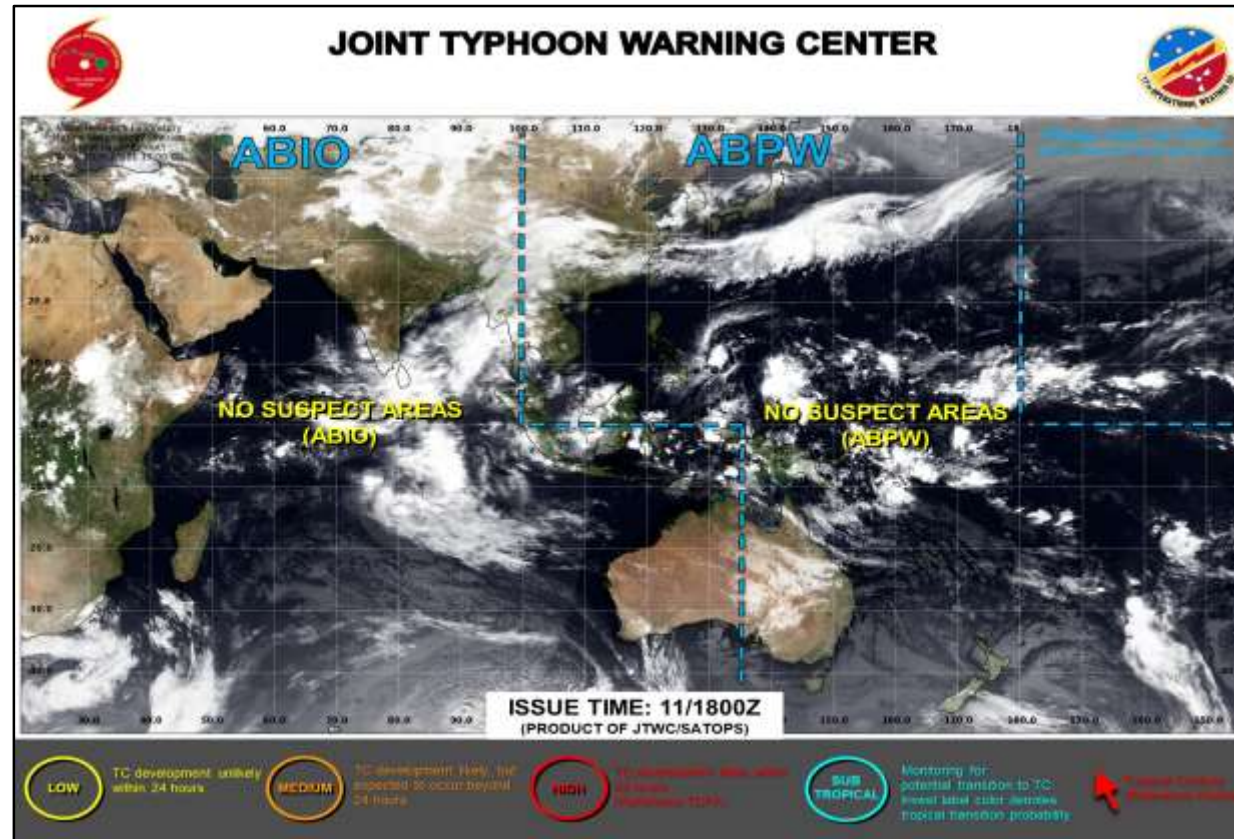
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



CYCLONE






Tropical Cyclone



• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	01
Total Incidents	08

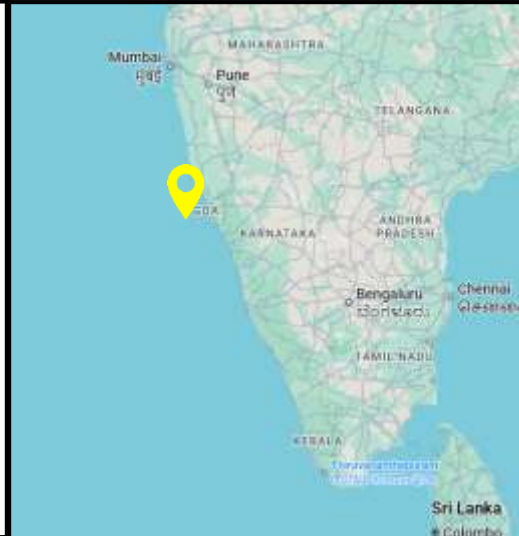
MARITIME INCIDENTS



11 May/Fishing Boat Sinks off Goa Coast 22 Fishermen Rescued/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.11	India	Goa coast	Capsizing /Sinking	Fishing Boat	Local fishermen have urged authorities to provide compensation and immediate assistance to the affected boat owner and workers.

A Persian-model fishing boat Shree Amma sank off the Goa coast while returning from deep-sea fishing. All 22 fishermen onboard were rescued without casualties by nearby fishing crews. The vessel owned by Dinesh Kanchan from Karwar faced technical issues before sinking near the Betul area leading to significant financial losses due to submerged fishing nets and equipment estimated in crores of rupees. This incident underscores the dangers faced by deep-sea fishermen in unpredictable sea conditions.



Source -> <https://www.siasat.com/fishing-boat-sinks-off-go-a-coast-22-fishermen-rescued-3469145/>

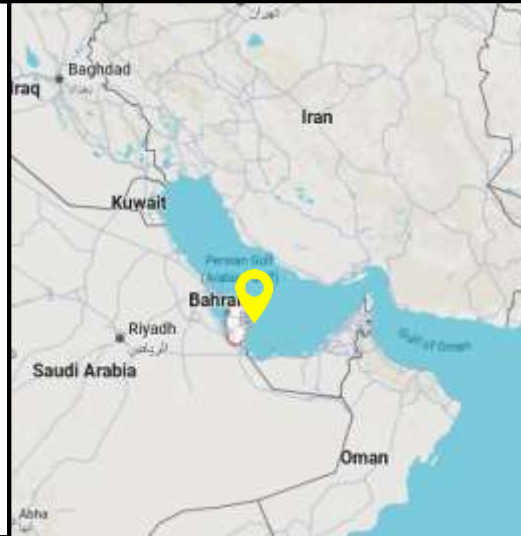
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



10 May/Bulk Carrier Hit in Reported Drone Attack Near /Qatar

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.10	Qatar	23 Nm of Qatar	Assault violations	Name -Safesea Neha Flag – Marshall Island Type - Cargo	Safesea Neha is a 2010 vessel measuring 179.9 meters in length, 28.4 meters in width, and with a carrying capacity of 35,051 tonnes.

The Marshall Island-flagged bulk carrier Safesea Neha was attacked near Qatar on 10 May 26 when an unidentified projectile struck the vessel causing a fire while it was anchored in the Persian Gulf. The incident occurred about 23 nm northeast of Qatar but all 23 crew members were reported safe. The vessel managed by Safesea Transport Inc and in ballast condition was anchored in Doha Anchorage. Reports indicate it was targeted by two Iranian drones with one drone hitting the vessel and causing a small fire which the crew extinguished without injuries or casualties.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12936/bulk-carrier-hit-in-reported-drone-attack-near-qatar>

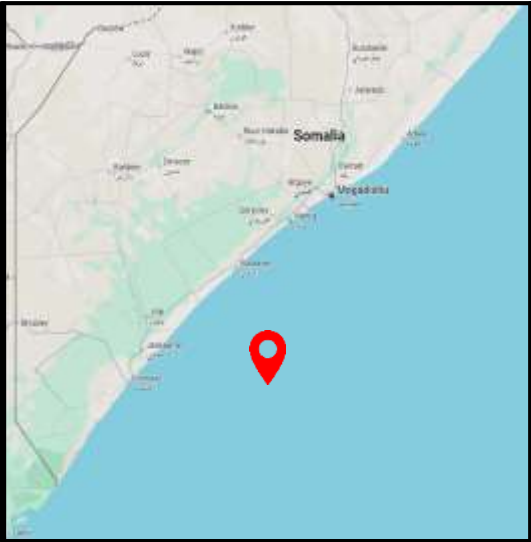
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



09 May/Report That Somali Pirates Seized Another Dhow for Potential Mothership /Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.09	Somalia	150 nm Somali coast	Piracy	One Dhow	The earlier warnings seemed to have some impact, with reports of increased vigilance by commercial shipping.

The recent increase in Somali pirate activity has raised alarms with warnings of a potential new group targeting merchant ships. In a month pirates have seized at least three ships and subjected others to suspicious approaches. Reports from the Maritime Security Centre Indian Ocean (MSCIO) indicated that a dhow was seized near Kismayo Somalia on 09 May prompting an investigation by the Atalanta operation. Pirates are using small boats as motherships to blend in and hunt for larger ship targets. MSCIO and Atalanta urge vessels to enhance security and avoid areas within 150 nm of the Somali coast.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/report-that-somali-pirates-seized-another-dhow-for-potential-mothership>

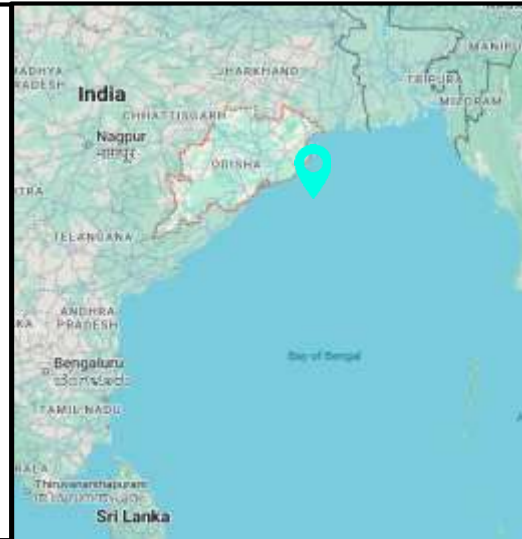
SMUGGLING



09 May/Odisha Police Bust Maritime Smuggling Ring / India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.09	India	Coast of Odisha	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Odisha Police seized nearly 3,500 litres of diesel and arrested one person on charge of clandestinely procuring materials from ships anchored in deep sea areas, an officer said on Saturday.

The Marine Police of Odisha conducted an enforcement operation seizing approximately 3,500 Lt of illegally transported diesel from a motor-operated boat. One suspect Sunnapalli Neelayya was arrested while two associates escaped. The investigation suggests a broader trafficking network involved unauthorised exchanges of fuel pre-activated SIM cards meat vegetables liquor narcotics and cash transactions.



Source -: <https://www.thehansindia.com/news/national/odisha-police-bust-maritime-smuggling-ring-1074311>

IUU FISHING



10 May/Illegal Dragnets Worth Tk 514cr Seized in Fisheries Conservation Drive / Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.10	Bangladesh	Chattogram and Cox's Bazar	Illegal fishing apparatus	-	The ongoing Navy operations will continue until 15 May 2026 the release added.

The Bangladesh Navy has confiscated over 340,000 metres of illegal dragnets valued at approximately Tk 514.68 crore since the initiation of the 'Jatka Killing Prevention Programme-2026' on 15 February. In addition 861 banned nets 37 kilograms of Jatka and one boat were seized. Ongoing drives aim to protect fisheries resources and marine biodiversity across several regions. A 58-day fishing ban in the Bay of Bengal began on 15 April with Navy ships deployed to enforce the ban resulting in the seizure of 23,500 mt of illegal nets worth Tk 27.40 lakh. Continuous surveillance is conducted by Navy personnel to prevent illegal fishing.



Source -> <https://www.bssnews.net/others/385850>

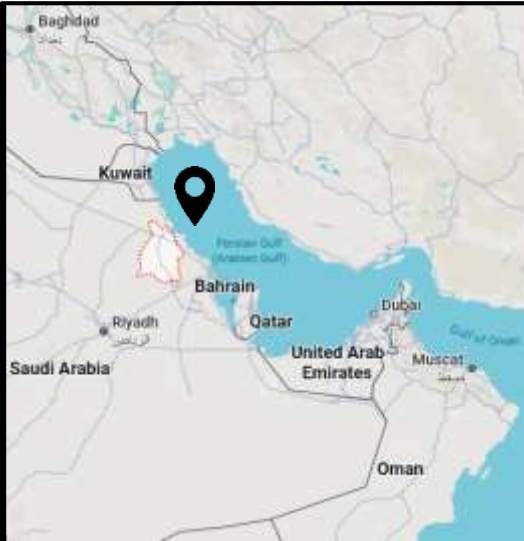
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



07 May/55 Rescued From Drifting Boat / Saudi Arabia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.07	Saudi Arabia	Al Nair coast	Overcrowded vessels	One Boat	It is the second "patera" to arrive in three days, with 61 arrivals on Friday.

The Maritime Rescue vessel Al Nair rescued 55 migrants from a sinking dinghy yesterday. The dinghy was detected by a spotter plane at around 1300 Hrs which reported that it was adrift and apparently deflating. The rescue vessel picked up the 55 passengers bringing them to Arrecife.



Gazette Lanzarote

Source -> <https://gazettelife.com/news/55-rescued-from-drifting-boat/>

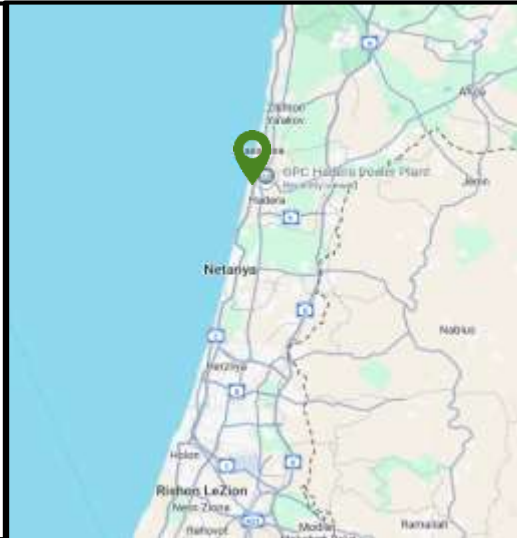
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



07 May/ Blood Tests Reveal Industrial Pollutants in Sharks off Mediterranean / Israel

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2026.05.07	Israel	Hadera Power Plant	Chemical spill	-	sharks have gathered seasonally for decades a unique phenomenon that has become a focus of both scientific and public interest.

Haifa University researchers discovered high levels of chemicals including rare metals in sharks near Hadera's power plant highlighting concerns about industrial and desalination impacts on marine life. Blood tests on dusky and sandbar sharks showed significant sulphur concentrations and substances linked to industrial activities. The Mediterranean Sea due to its enclosed nature and high human activity is particularly vulnerable to pollutants which can accumulate in marine organisms and move up the food chain. This situation raises alarms about the health of marine ecosystems in the region.



Source -: <https://www.ynetnews.com/environment/article/sk1s6j5011l>

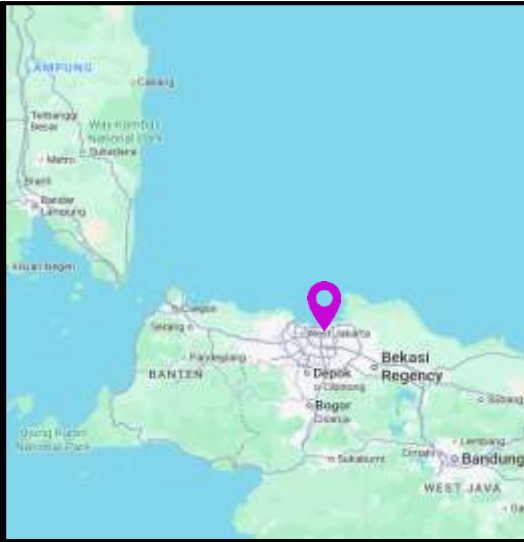


OTHERS

11 May/ Navy Welcomes Its First Submarine Rescue Vessel / Indonesia

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2026.05.11	Indonesia	Military pier in Jakarta	Naval Activities	Name - KRI Canopus-936	Indonesia has already deployed as many as 93 personnel to Germany to learn how to operate the KRI Canopus-936.City & Local Guides

The Indonesian Navy has acquired its first submarine rescue vessel KRI Canopus-936 built through a collaboration between German shipyard Abeking & Rasmussen and Indonesia's Palindo Marine. The vessel features 60% local content and incorporates technologies for hydrographic surveys seabed mapping submarine route identification sea mine detection security patrols and maritime intelligence support. Navy Chief of Staff Muhammad Ali highlighted its significance for enhancing the Navy's underwater search-and-rescue capabilities.



Source -: <https://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesian-navy-welcomes-its-first-submarine-rescue-vessel>



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