

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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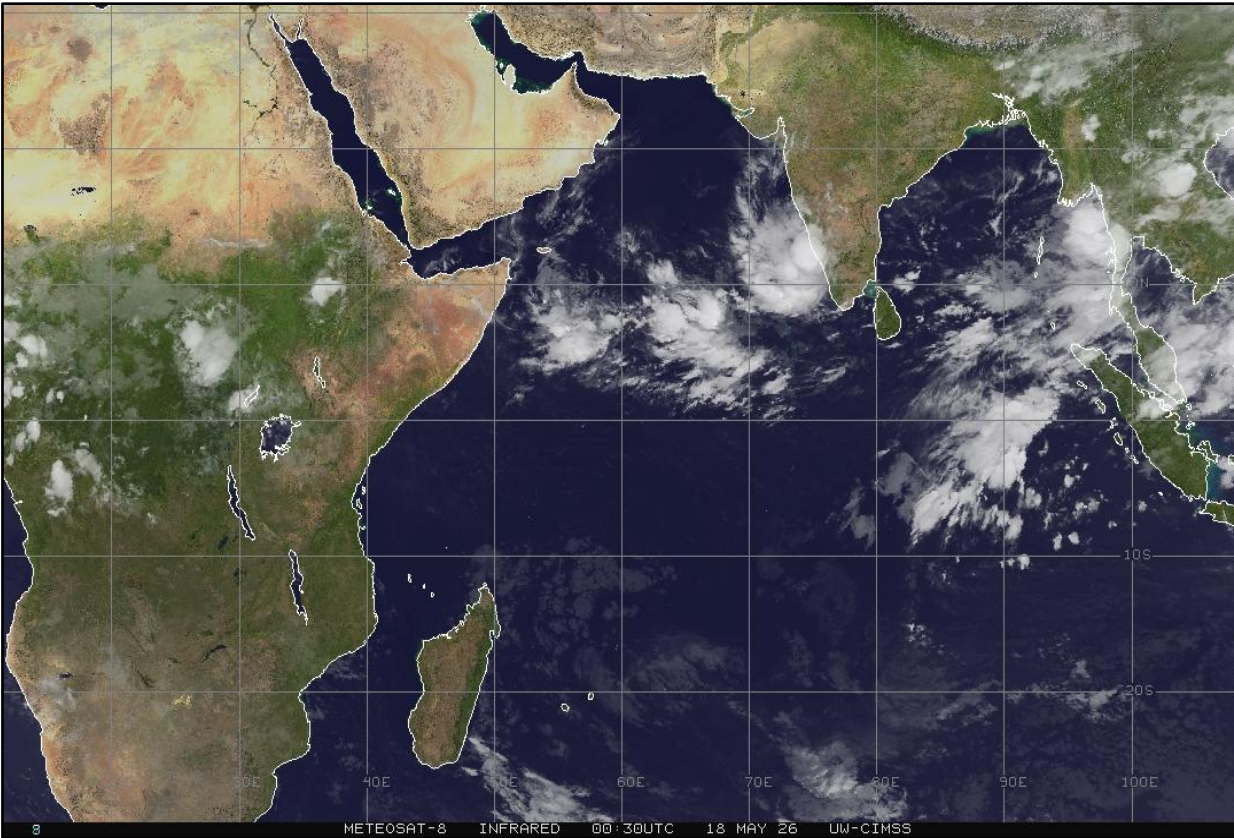
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Date 2026.05.18

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: 2026.05.18/0600UTC to 2026.05.18/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.05.18

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

Shear line is approximately along : 07S 60E, 08S 70E, 07S 80E, 03S 90E, EQ 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 20, 35

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 25, 50, 55, 70, 75, 80

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E: NW'yly to W'yly / (10-20)kts.

East of 70E: SW'yly/(10-20)kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10, 15

South of Shear line:

West of 80E: VRB / (10-15)kts.

East of 80E: SE'yly to E'yly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25kts in section 85

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 05, 10, 15, 85

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 00, 25, 30, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

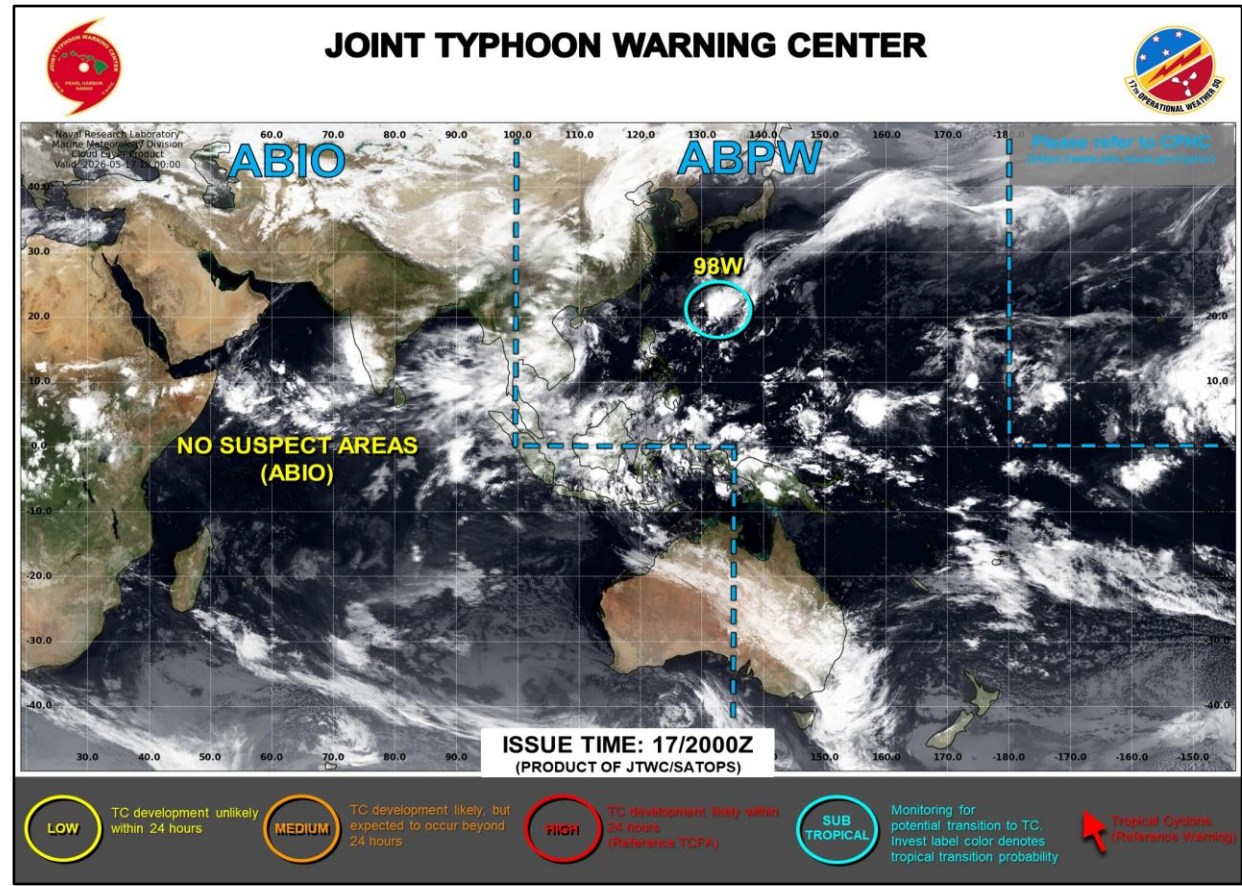
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



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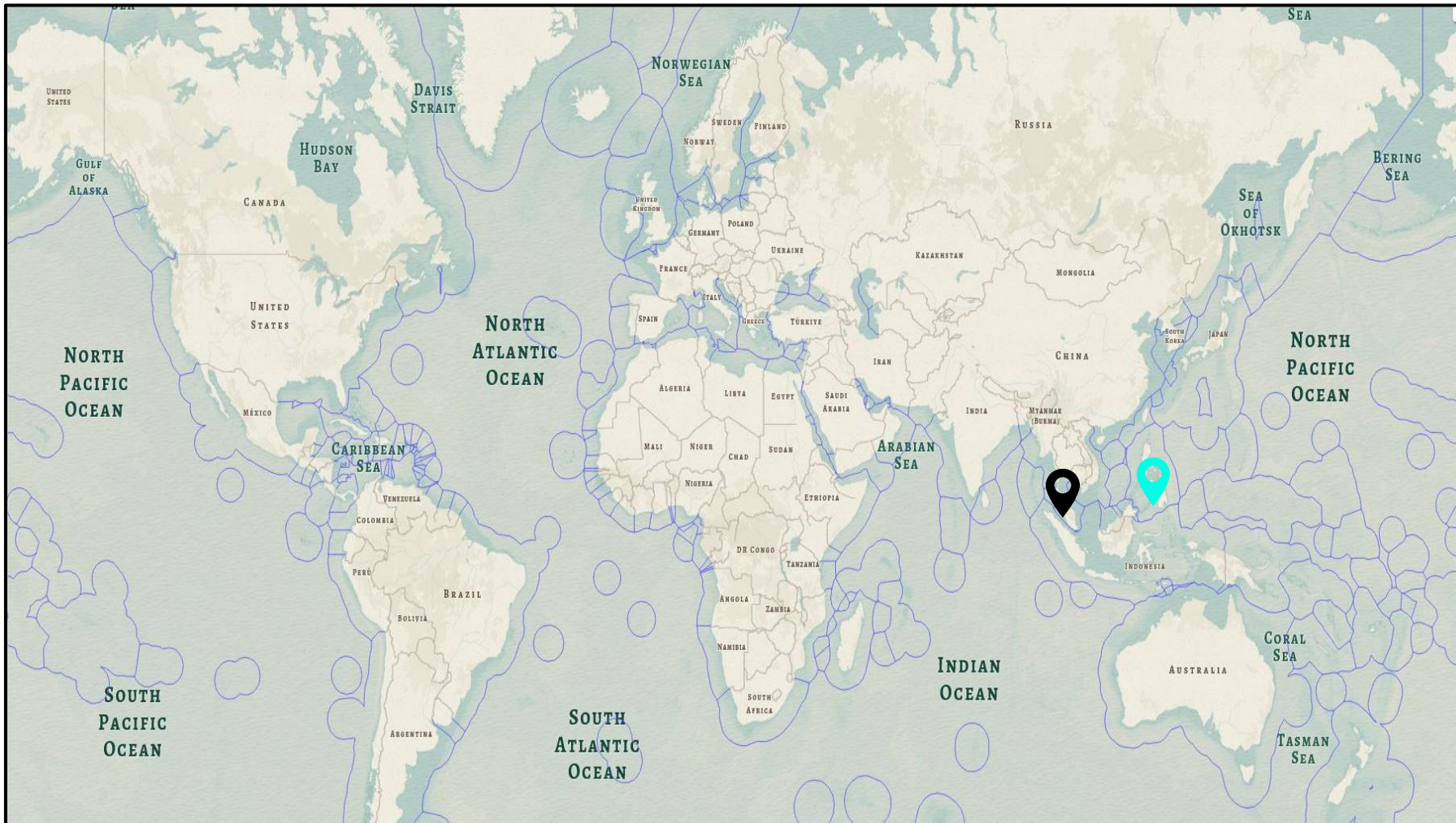
Tropical Cyclone



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

SMUGGLING



13 and 15 May/ Over P500M in Smuggled Cigarettes Seized in Western Mindanao/ Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.15	Philippine	Western Mindanao	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Two Motorboats	The Philippine Navy seized over P526 million in illicit foreign-brand cigarettes, thwarting two smuggling attempts in western Mindanao. A total of 21 individuals were arrested during operations on 13 and 15 May 26.

The first operation occurred on 13 May 26 , when a naval ship intercepted a motor banca, discovering 2,519 master cases of smuggled cigarettes. The boat's captain and crew lacked the required documentation. On 15 May 26, a second motor banca was intercepted, carrying approximately 1,400 master cases of smuggled cigarettes from Tawi-Tawi.



Source -: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/987952/ph-navy-smuggled-cigarettes/story/>

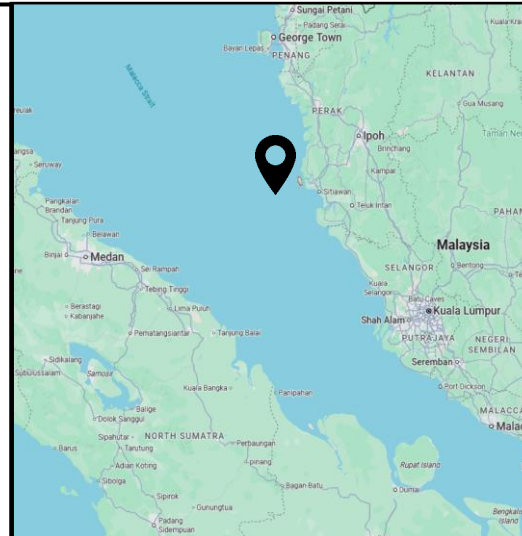
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



16 May / Malaysia Calls Off Search, Rescue Operation for Victims of Migrant Boat Tragedy/ Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.16	Malaysia	off Pulau Pangkor island	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	-	The Perak Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) announced the conclusion of the operation on Saturday, citing no new discoveries in the search area. They indicated that initial reports suggested 37 victims, but this figure may not be accurate.

Malaysian authorities have concluded a week-long search and rescue operation for victims of a boat capsizing involving Indonesian migrants near Pulau Pangkor Island. At least 16 individuals died, and 23 were rescued after a boat carrying 37 undocumented passengers sank on 11 May 26, according to media reports.



Source -: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2608593/malaysia-calls-off-search-rescue-operation-for-victims-of-migrant-boat-tragedy>



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