

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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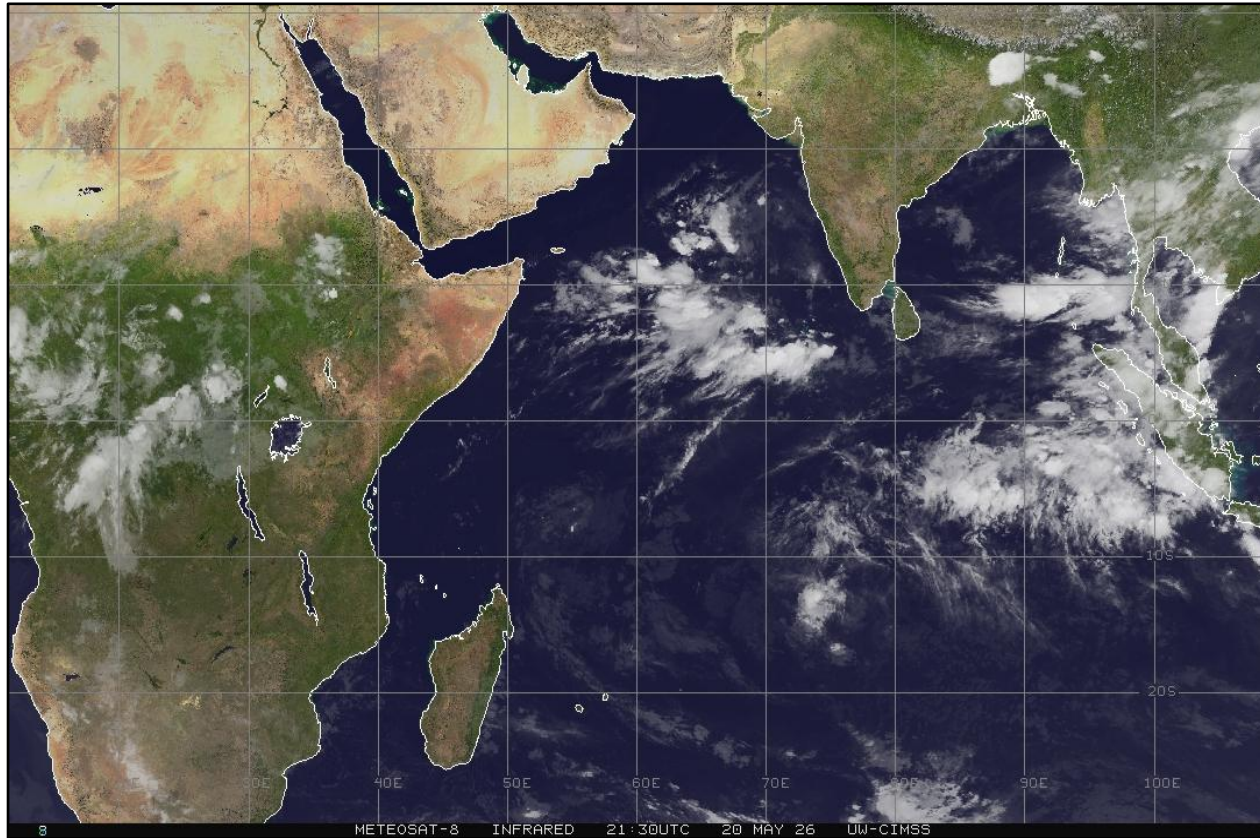
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Date 2026.05.21

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: 2026.05.21/0600UTC to 2026.05.21/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.05.21

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

Shear line is approximately along : 08S 60E, 09S 70E, 06S 80E, 05S 90E, 04S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 30, 35, 50, 55, 70, 75, 80
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 20, 25, 65, 80
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

SW'ly/(10-20)kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 00, 05, 10

South of Shear line:

West of 75E: VRB / (10-15)kts

East of 75E: SE'ly / (10-20)kts

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 00, 05, 10

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 15, 30

Moderate in Sections : 20, 25, 35, 50, 55, 70, 75, 80, 85

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

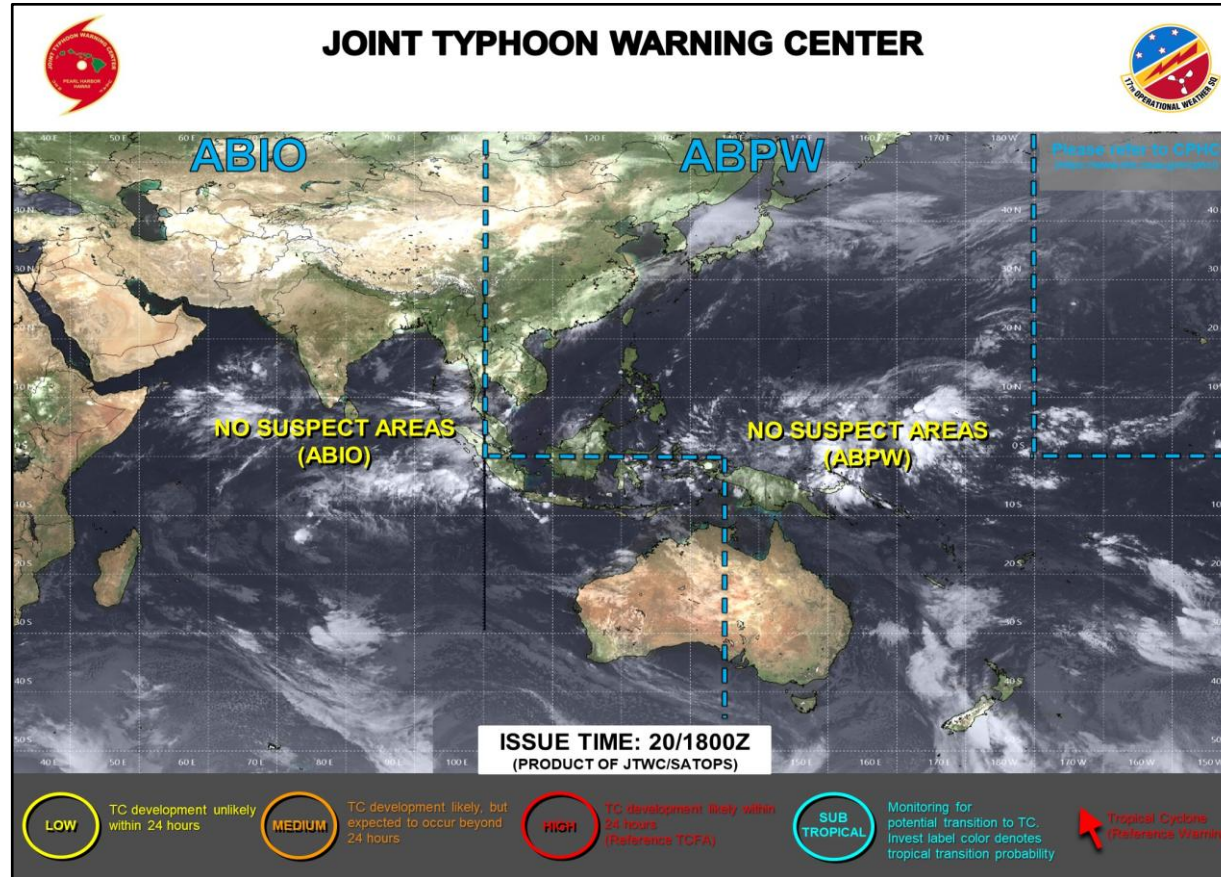
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



CYCLONE

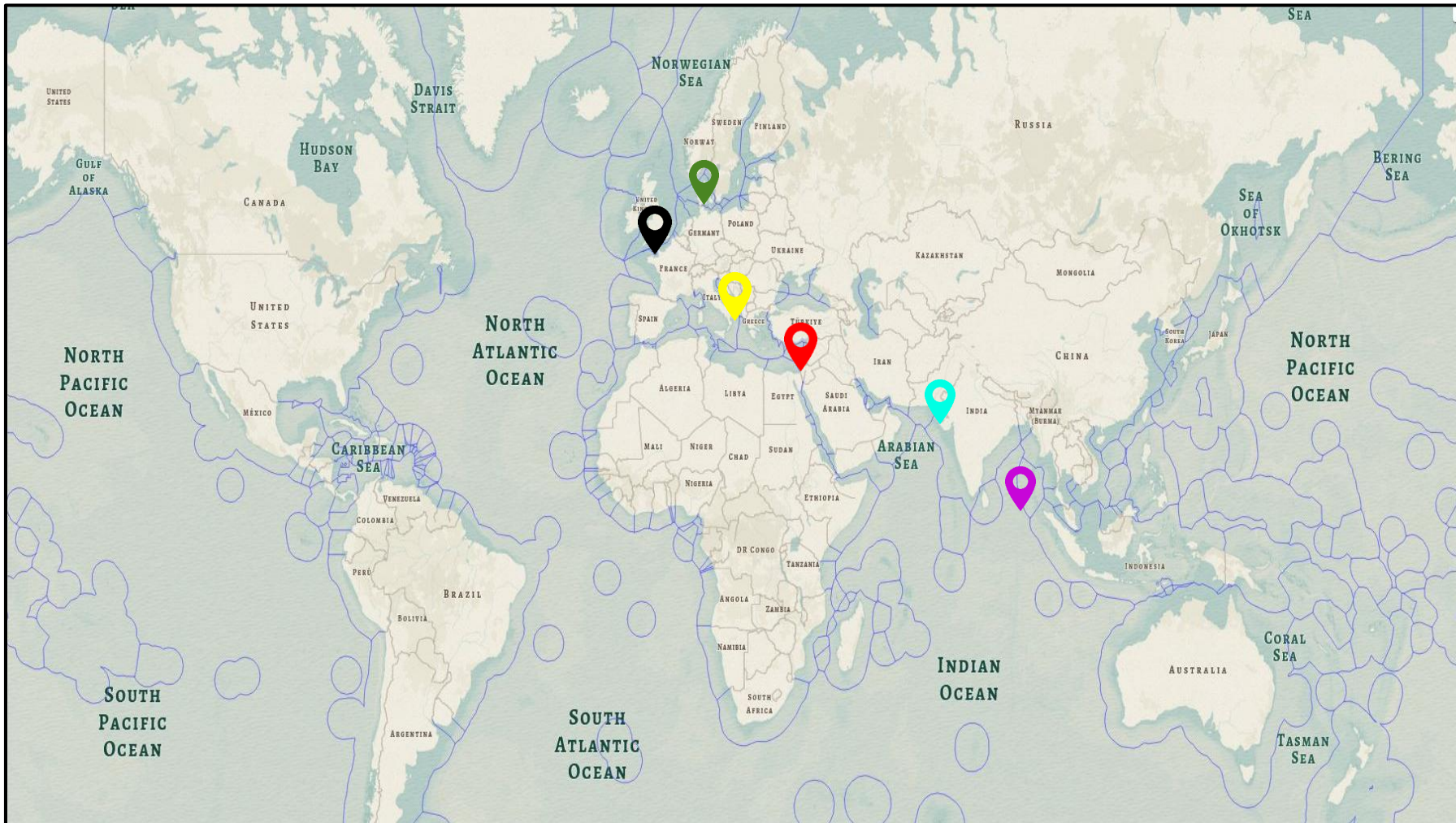
Tropical Cyclone



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	01
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marine Environment Pollution	01
Other	01
Total Incidents	06

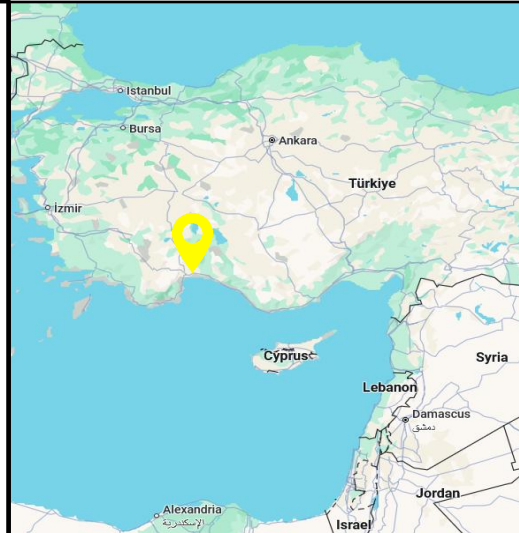
MARITIME INCIDENTS



19 May/ Boat In Gaza-bound Aid Flotilla Reaches Turkish Port / Türkiye

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.19	Türkiye	Antalya Port	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name- Family	Ordu stated that the group spent a significant period at sea attempting to break the illegal blockade on Gaza, with the flotilla's aim being to deliver medical assistance to Palestinians in Gaza aided by volunteer doctors.

On 19 May 26, a boat named Family, part of the Gaza-bound Global Sumud humanitarian aid flotilla, was escorted to a marina in Antalya, Türkiye, after a malfunction at sea. There were 27 people on board from various countries, including Argentina, Egypt, France, Italy, Ireland, Germany, Tunisia, Morocco, and Mexico, with 14 being health care workers.



Source - : <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/boat-in-gaza-bound-aid-flotilla-reaches-turkish-port-after-technical-failure/3942385>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



20 May/ Israel Says No Live Ammunition Used By Troops Filmed Firing At Gaza Flotilla Boats / Israel

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.20	Israel	Coast of Gaza	Assault violations	Two Boat	A spokesperson for Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong said on Wednesday the government wanted to "see all detained Australians released as soon as possible"

Israeli forces have targeted at least two vessels in an aid flotilla en route to Gaza claiming no live ammunition was used and no casualties occurred. The Global Sumud Flotilla aimed to break Israel's naval blockade and deliver aid following the interception of prior missions. Organizers reported that hundreds of passengers were detained as Israel boarded various boats off Cyprus destroying many vessels carrying significant amounts of aid.



Source -: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-05-20/israeli-forces-fire-shots-at-gaza-flotilla-organisers-say/106699628>

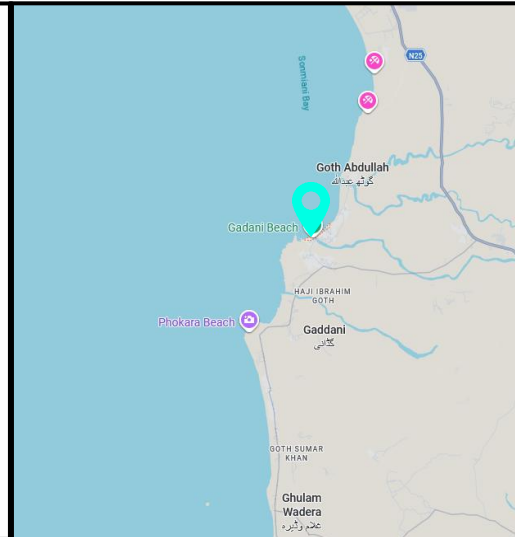
SMUGGLING



20 May/Smugglers Busted To Rs. 3.7 Billion Loot / Pakistan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.20	Pakistan	Coast of Gadani	Contraband /Goods smuggling	six fishing boats	Gadani reported the highest recoveries worth Rs. 853 million, followed by Sargodha with Rs. 700 million and Quetta with Rs. 693 million in confiscated goods.

Pakistan Customs has launched a nationwide anti-smuggling initiative seizing illegal goods valued at Rs 3.718 billion in the past fortnight. Nine customs enforcement collectorates participated in these operations notably intercepting six fishing boats in Gadani with 201,000 It of smuggled Iranian diesel and an additional 158,000 It recovered from dumping sites totalling Rs 357 million. In Multan Rs. 205 million worth of goods were seized from a vehicle transporting acetate tow while Bhakkar officials confiscated contraband worth Rs. 96 million concealed within a shipment of onions.



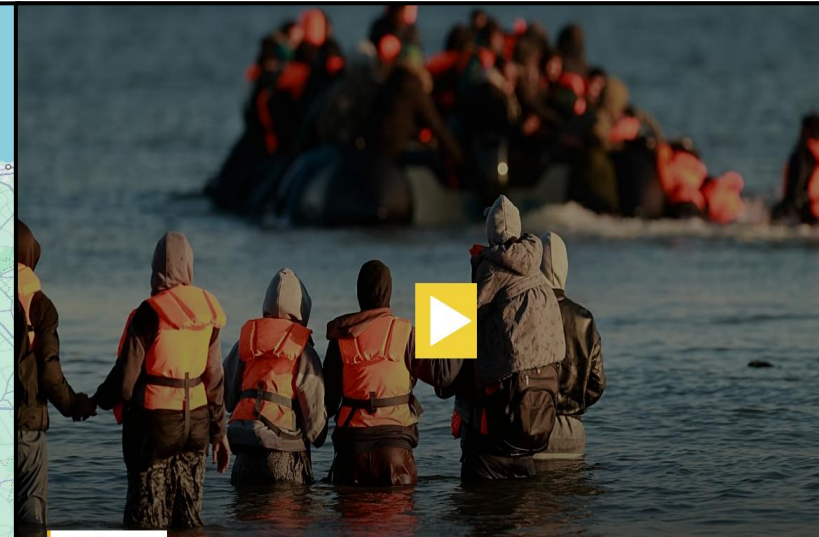
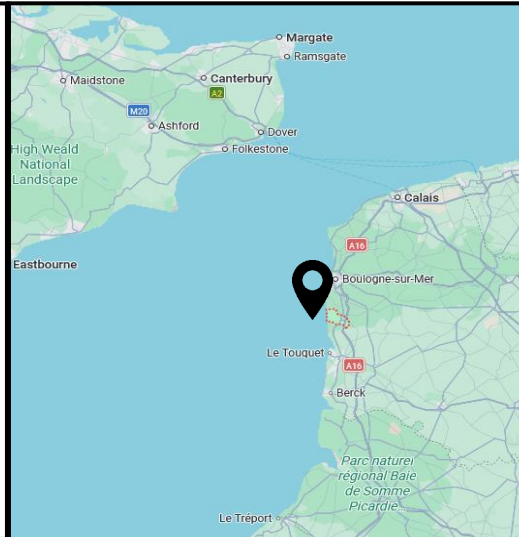
Source -: <https://propakistani.pk/2026/05/20/smugglers-busted-using-boats-onion-trucks-luxury-cars-to-move-rs-3-7-billion-loot/>



17 May/Two Sudanese Women Die in Migrant Boat Crossing /France

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.17	France	Sea South Of Neufchatel-Hae.	Illegal broader crossing	One Boat	Seventeen people were rescued at sea and taken to Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Two young Sudanese women approximately 20 years old tragically suffocated while attempting to reach Britain from northern France in an overcrowded boat with 82 passengers. This incident marks the third such tragedy in over a month. The boat which included pregnant women and children set out near Neufchâtel- Hardelot but encountered engine failure and began to drift. The mayor expressed sorrow over the plight of young migrants seeking to escape dangerous conditions. Ultimately only 65 passengers were rescued after the boat ran aground while the two women were found dead likely due to suffocation.



Source -: <https://www.africanews.com/2026/05/03/two-sudanese-women-die-in-overcrowded-migrant-boat-crossing-from-northern-france/>

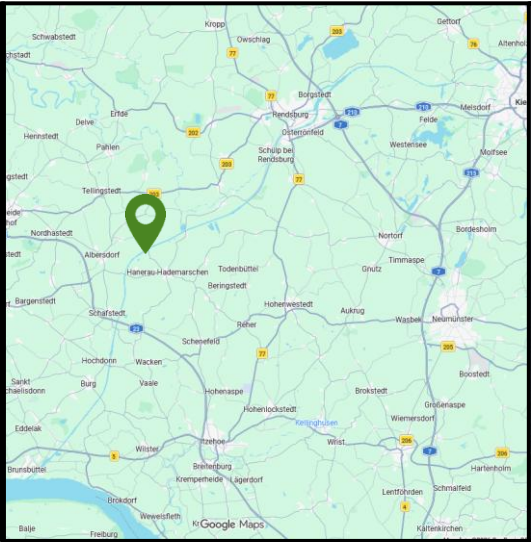


MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

18 May/ Northern Lock in Kiel Canal Closed Due to Oil Sheen / Germany

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.18	Germany	Kiel Canal	Oil Spill	Name – Rix Mariner Flag – Cyprus Type - Cargo	The vessel is expected to remain there until the cause of the leak has been identified and repaired. As of 19 May, it was still stationary.

The northern lock in the Kiel Canal was closed for about six hours on 18 May after an oil sheen was observed in one of the chambers. First spotted around 1340 Hrs the sheen originating from the ship Rix Mariner spread over 3,000 square meters. Despite the presence of the Kiel Fire Brigade and the State Agency for Coastal Protection officials decided no cleanup was necessary. The vessels were allowed to leave the chamber around 1900 Hrs and the Rix Mariner was escorted to the North Barbour for further investigation.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/undefined/accidents/2026/12960/northern-lock-in-kiel-canal-closed-due-to-oil-sheen>

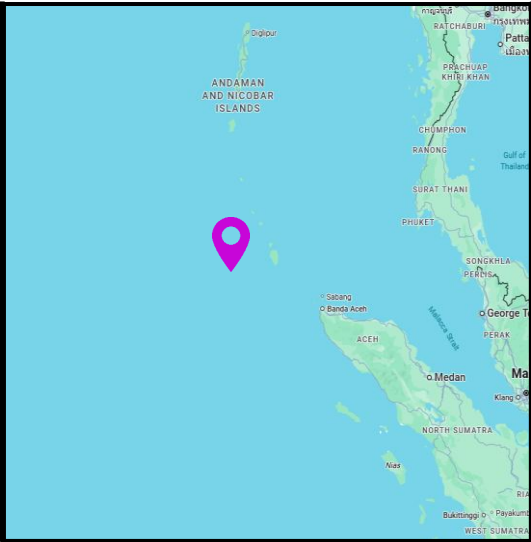
OTHER



19 May/ Iranian Linked Oil Tanker Arrested /USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.19	USA	Indian Ocean	Naval Activities	Name – Skywave Flag – Botswana Type - Tanker	The two previous vessels seized in April were the tankers Majestic X and Tifani both intercepted in the Indian Ocean.

US forces intercepted the crude oil tanker Skywave in the Indian Ocean on 19 May linked to Iranian oil shipments. This seizure marks the third such incident this year. After navigating the Malacca Strait US forces stopped the tanker which was carrying over 1 million barrels of Iranian oil off the western Malaysian coast. Previously sanctioned by the USA the Skywave built in 2005 and registered under Botswana has a length of 325.98 meters and a gross tonnage of 159,860.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12961/us-seizes-oil-tanker-linked-to-iranian-oil-shipments-near-ma>



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