

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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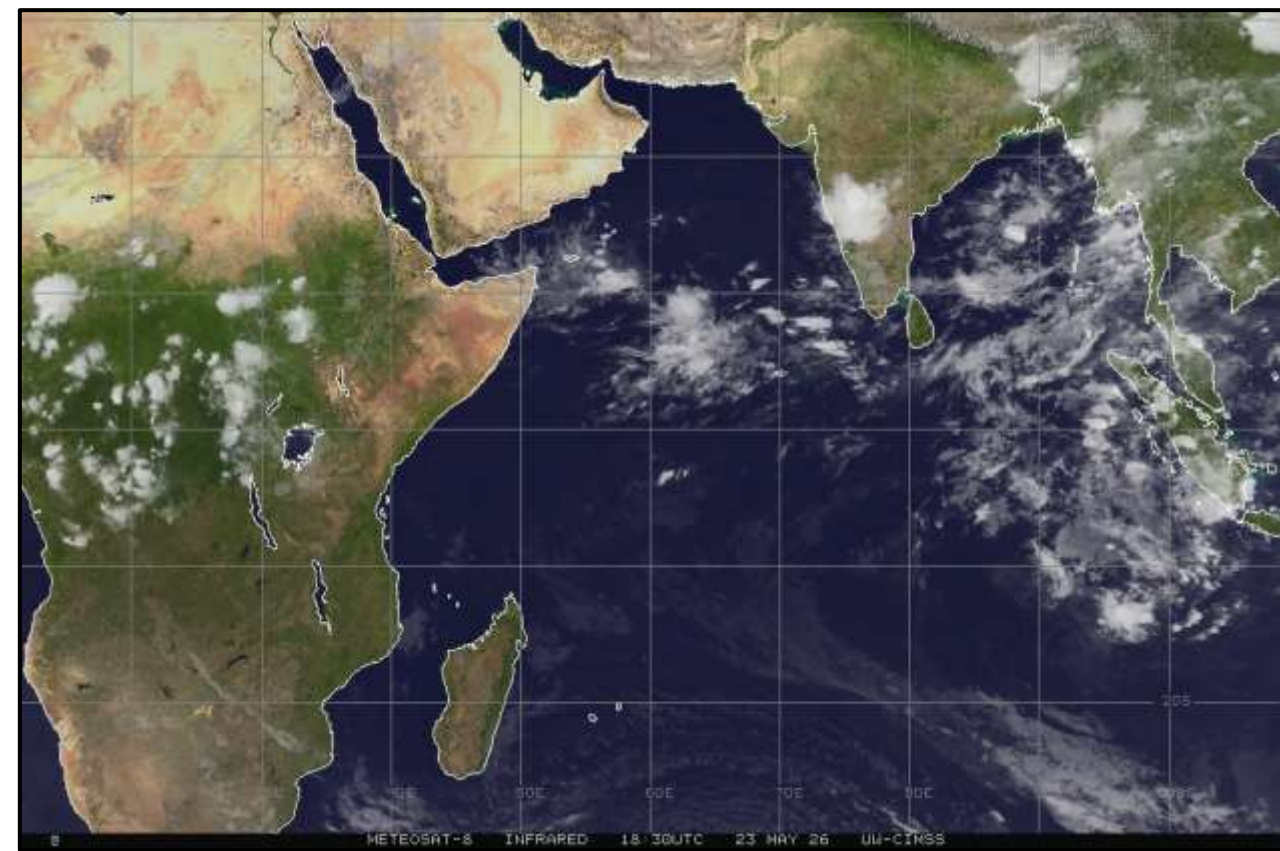
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Date 2026.05.24

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: 2026.05.23/1400UTC to 2026.05.24/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.05.23

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

Shear line is approximately along : 01S 60E, 05S 70E, 05S 80E, 06S 90E, 10S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 25, 35, 55, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 30, 50

ISOL Showers / T'Showers weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

South of Shear line:

West of 75E: S'ly or VRB / (05-15)kts

East of 75E: VRB / (05-20)kts

Seas:

Rough in Sections : 10

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 05

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 30

Moderate in Sections : 00, 15, 25, 35, 50,

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

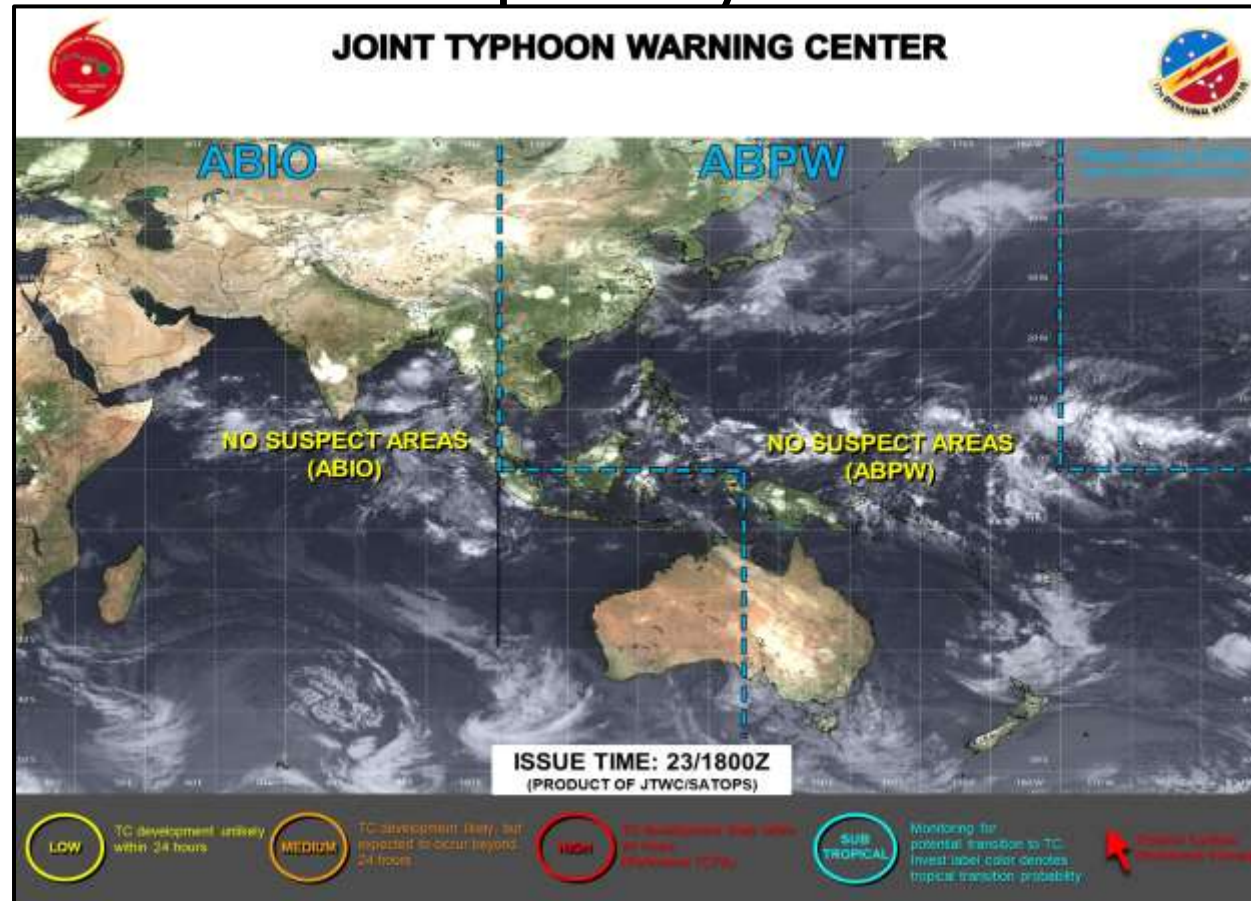
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

- 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>

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	05

MARITIME INCIDENTS



22 May/Lough Derg RNLi assists a person on an 18ft speed boat with engine failure/Ireland

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.22	Ireland	Southwest of Garry Kennedy	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	speed boat	The assisting vessel was thanked and continued its passage north. The casualty vessel was safely tied alongside at 1838 hrs.

On 22 May 26, Valentia Coast Guard called upon the Lough Derg RNLi lifeboat to assist a person experiencing engine failure on an 18-foot speedboat at Parker's Point, located southwest of Garry Kennedy.



Source -> <https://rnli.org/news-and-media/2026/may/22/lough-derg-rnli-assists-a-person-on-an-18ft-speed-boat-with-engine-failure>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



23 May/Tanker Fires Warning Shots After Suspicious Boat Approaches / Yemen

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.23	Yemen	Socotra Island	Piracy	Tanker	The identity of the small vessel and the individuals onboard was not immediately known. No injuries or damage were reported.

A commercial tanker north of Yemen's Socotra island fired warning shots at a small craft with five individuals onboard. The incident, reported by the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), occurred approximately 98 nautical miles north of Socotra, a strategic point near key shipping routes between the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/tanker-fires-warning-shots-after-suspicious-boat-approaches-near-yemens-socotra/>

SMUGGLING



22 May/3 Nabbed in Zamboanga Del Sur Maritime Anti-smuggling Operation / Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.22	Philippines	Barangay Sugod	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Authorities intercepted a motorized boat locally known as "Tinanggo" or "Subang-Subang" loaded with boxes of suspected smuggled cigarettes.

Three men were arrested in Barangay Sugod Tukuran town during a maritime anti-smuggling operation on 22 May 26. Conducted by the Zamboanga del Sur Maritime Police in coordination with local police the operation led to the seizure of 1,750 reams of untaxed cigarettes valued over P2 million and a motorised boat with tampered engines. The suspects all from Lanao del Sur were unable to provide documents for the cargo and were taken to the police station for processing and charges.



Source -: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2233175/3-nabbed-in-zamboanga-del-sur-maritime-anti-smuggling-operation>

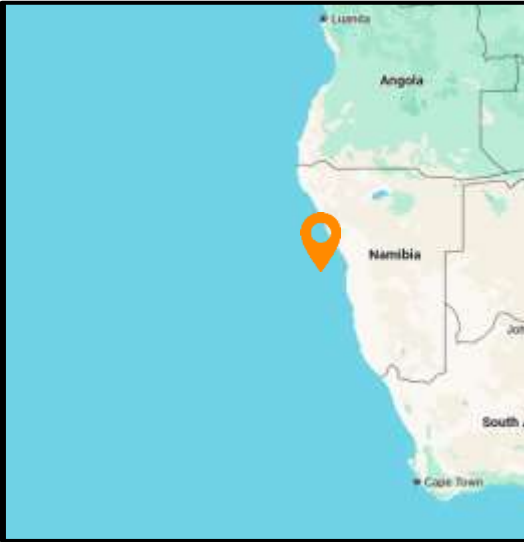
IUU FISHING



21 May/Navy Nets Foreign Vessel for Illegal Fishing / Namibian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.21	Namibian	sovereign waters	Destructive Fishing practices	One fishing Boat	The Ministry commended the professionalism, vigilance, and dedication displayed by the Namibian Navy in carrying out its mandate.

The Namibian Navy intercepted a foreign-flagged vessel suspected of illegal unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in its sovereign waters during a routine patrol. The Ministry of Defence praised the patrol units for their quick response in protecting Namibia's marine resources. This operation reinforces the commitment of the Namibian Defence Force to maintain territorial integrity and economic interests while combating illegal fishing which threatens the sustainability of local fisheries and the livelihoods of those relying on them.



Source -> <https://economist.com.na/106882/general-news/navy-nets-foreign-vessel-for-illegal-fishing-in-namibian-waters/>

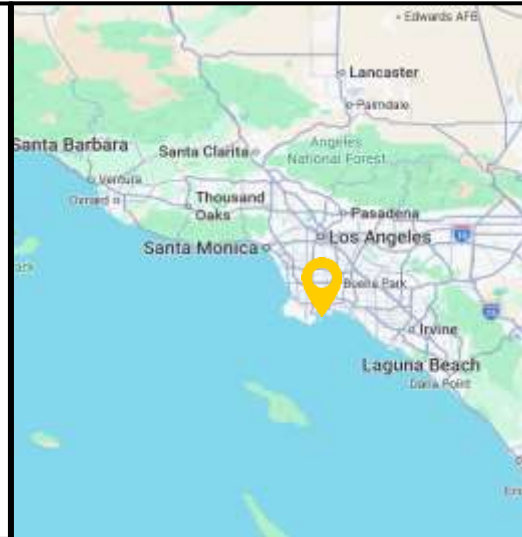
NARCOTIC



21 May/Coast Guard Seize \$6.4 Million in Narcotics from Crude Oil Tanker /USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.21	USA	Port of Los Angeles	Seizure of narcotics	Crud Oil Tanker	We remain dedicated to pursuing those who attempt to exploit our ports and transportation systems, and to working with our partners to disrupt criminal organizations that threaten public safety.

The United States Department of Homeland Security announced a successful operation involving the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Coast Guard which led to the seizure of 500 pounds of cocaine worth about \$6.4 million from the motor tanker Aquatravesia in Los Angeles. HSI Special Agent Eddy Wang emphasised the commitment to combat transnational crime, while Captain Stacey Crecy of the Coast Guard highlighted the teamwork in detaining a suspect and removing the narcotics to protect maritime commerce.



Source -: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2026/05/22/homeland-security-investigations-and-us-coast-guard-seize-64-million-narcotics>



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