DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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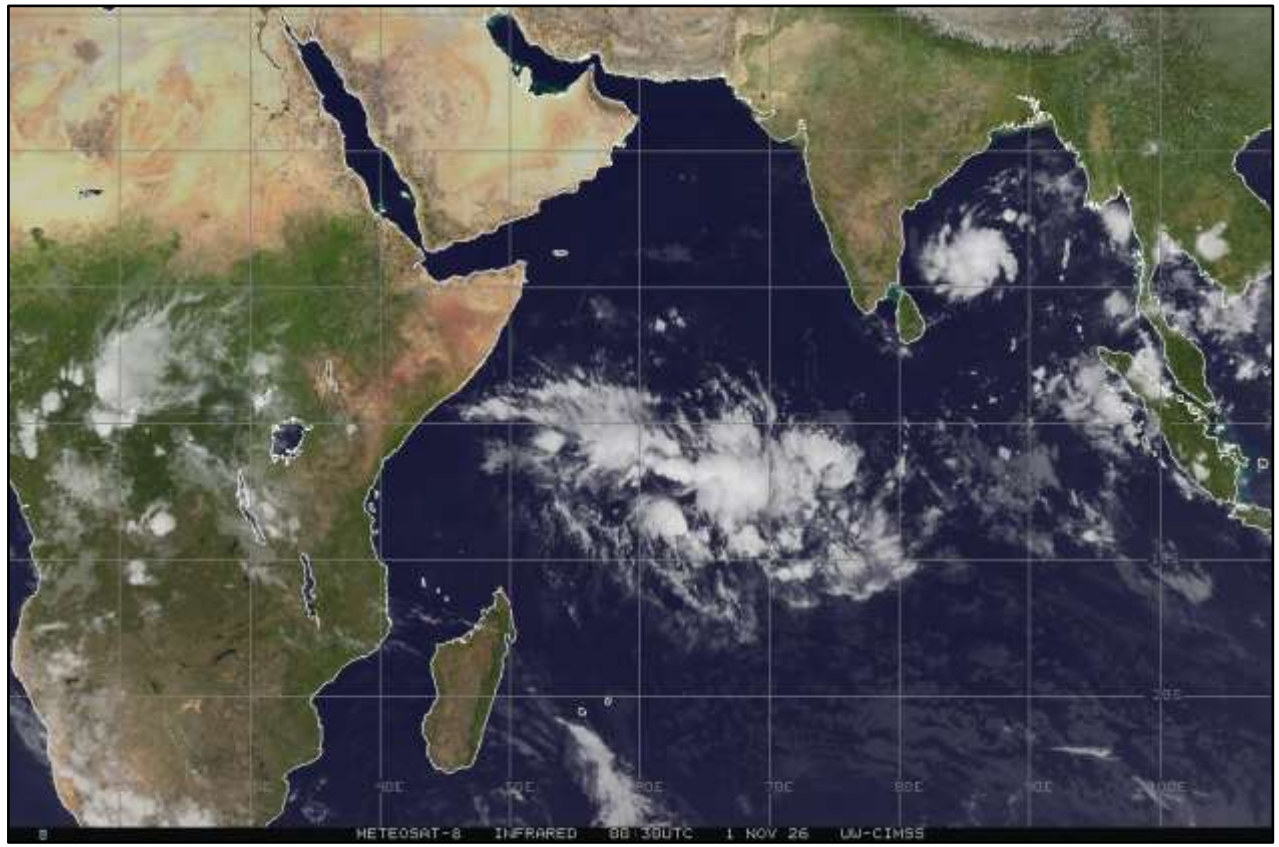


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Date 2026.11.01

WEATHER FORECAST

Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



FLEET FORECAST

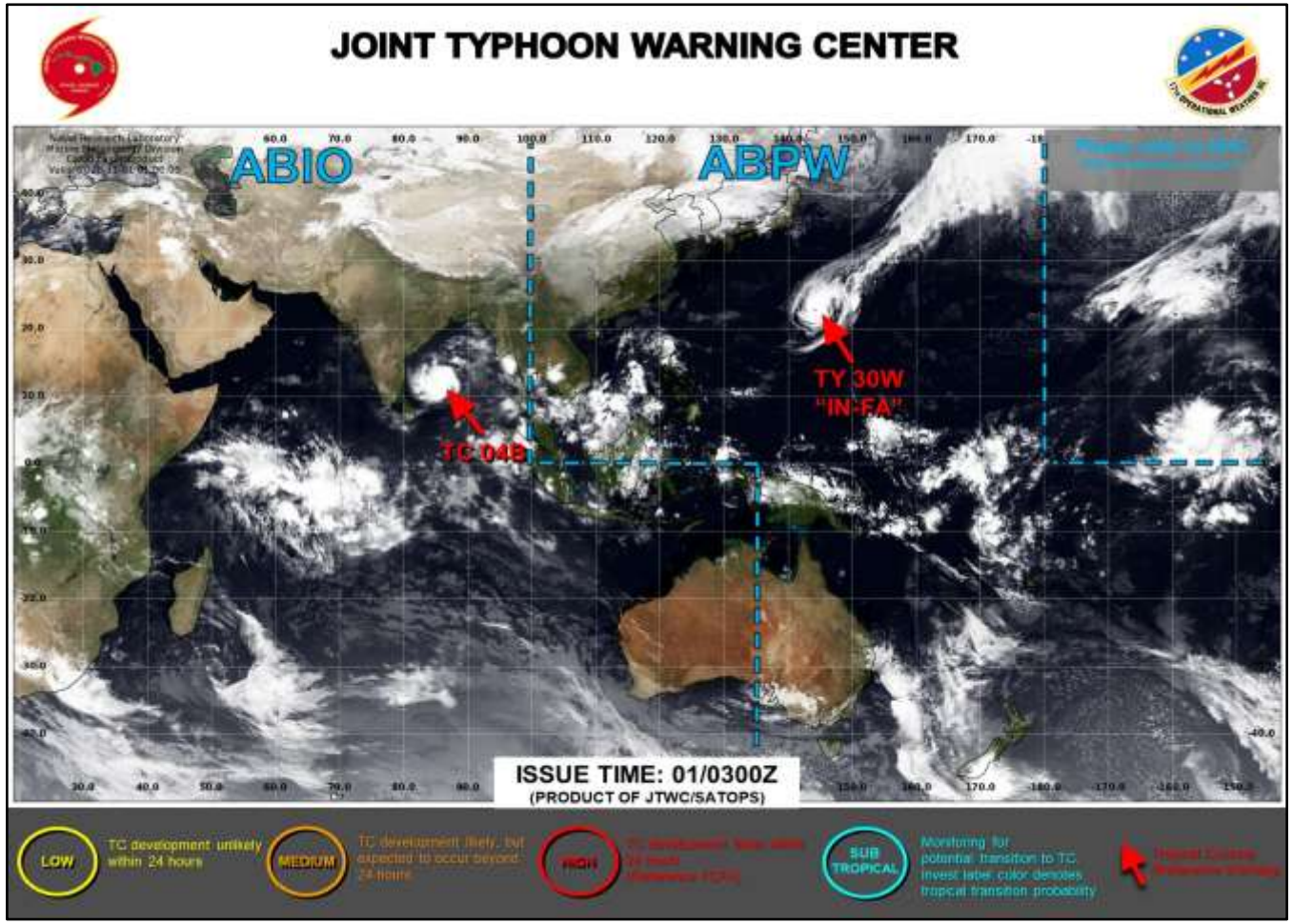
Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.
Valid period: 2026.11.01/0600UTC to 2026.11.01/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.11.01
The depression over the Southeast Bay of Bengal moved west-northwestwards. At 11.30 p.m. on 31 October 2026, the system was centred near latitude 10.9°N and longitude 87.5°E.The system is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a deep depression over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal by 11.30 a.m. on 01 November 2026. Continuing to move west-northwestwards, it is very likely to intensify further into a cyclonic storm over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal by 11.30 p.m. on 01 November 2026. It is also very likely to intensify further into a severe cyclonic storm over the Westcentral Bay of Bengal on 02 November 2026.
Therefore, Naval and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the deep-sea areas bounded by 10N-15N and 80E-90E until further notice. Further, Naval and fishing communities operating in those sea areas are advised to move to safe areas. The Naval and fishing communities, are requested to be attentive to the future forecasts and bulletins issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.
To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard
Northern limit of ITCZ is approximately along: 04N 60E, 01N 70E, 03N 80E, 07N 90E.
Southern limit of ITCZ is approximately along: 04S 60E, 08S 70E, 03S 80E, 04N 90E, 05N 100E.
Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 40, 45, 50, 60, 65, 80.
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 55, 70, 75, 85.
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.
Winds:
North of Northern limit of ITCZ :
West of 75E : N'ly to NW'ly/ (10-15) kt.
East of 75E : SW'ly or VRB / (10-15) kt.
In-between Northern limit and Southern limit of ITCZ:
West of 75E : NW'ly or VRB / (05-15) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in section 40.
East of 75E : SW'ly or VRB / (10-15) kt.
South of Southern limit of ITCZ:
SE'ly or E'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 60, 80, 85.

Seas:
Fairly rough in section : 40, 80
Moderate, Fairly Rough at times in sections : 60, 65, 85.
Moderate in sections : 70, 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

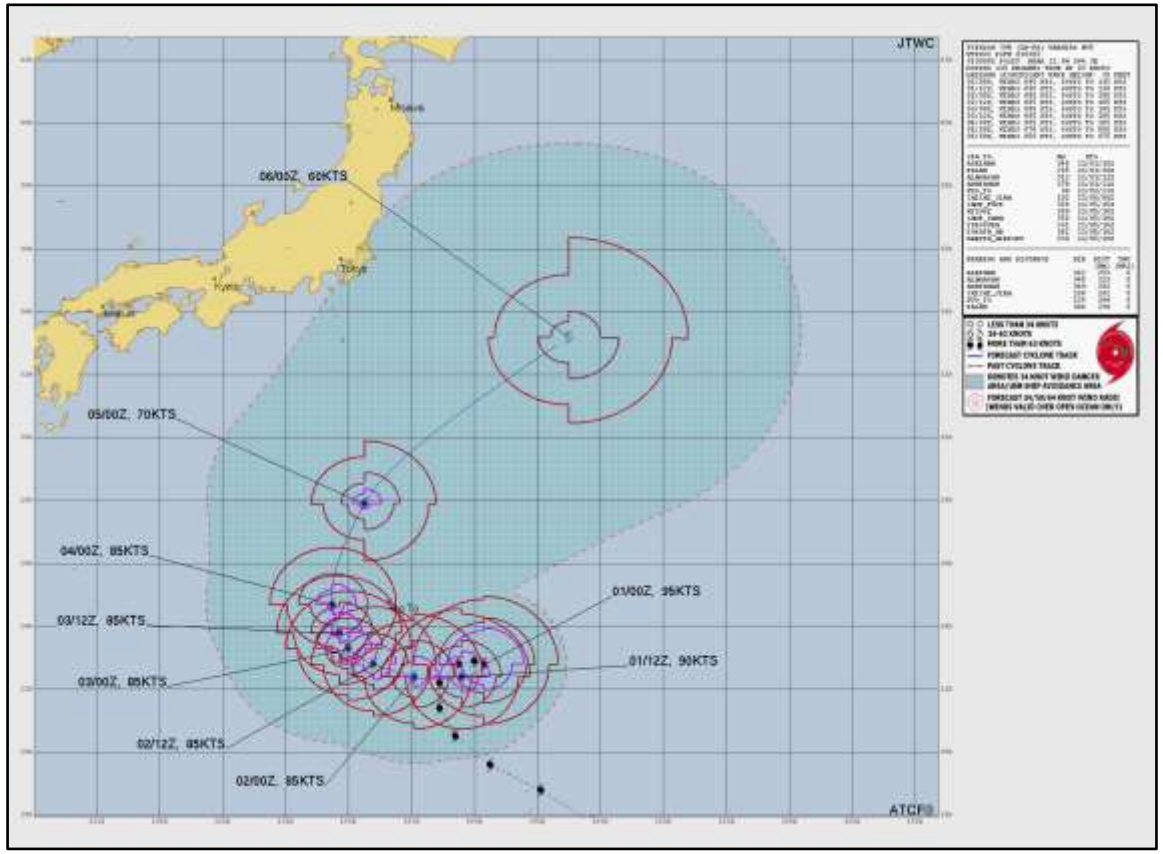
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "IN-FA"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	06
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	02
Other	NIL
Total Incidents	09

MARITIME INCIDENTS

01 Nov/Sri Lanka Navy-Led Search Operation Finds Four Missing Fishermen Alive Off Pottuvil/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.11.01	Sri Lanka	Approximately 200 NM off Pottuvil, Sri Lanka	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Reg No :IMUL-A-0022 TLE Type : Fishing Flag : Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Navy, Coast Guard, and fishing vessels found the missing vessel with all four fishermen safe. Arrangements were being made to bring them ashore, including medical examinations and first aid.

Four Sri Lankan fishermen who went missing at sea after losing communication during Cyclone Arnab were found alive and in good health approximately 200 nautical miles off Pottuvil following a coordinated search operation led by the Sri Lanka Navy.





Source -: https://www.newswire.lk/2026/11/01/missing-for-days-at-sea-navy-led-search-finds-four-fishermen-alive/?utm

MARITIME INCIDENTS

01 Nov/Sri Lanka Navy Evacuates Injured Crew Member from Foreign Cargo Vessel Off Galle/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.11.01	Sri Lanka	Off Galle Harbour, within Sri Lanka	Patient Onboard (POB)	Name : MV Spirit Type : Cargo Flag : Marshall Islands	Sri Lanka Navy Fast Attack Craft P 451 intercepted the vessel off Galle Harbour and transferred the injured crew member ashore for further medical treatment at a private hospital in Galle.

The Sri Lanka Navy evacuated a critically injured crew member from Marshall Islands-flagged cargo vessel MV Spirit of Tokyo following a medical emergency off Galle.





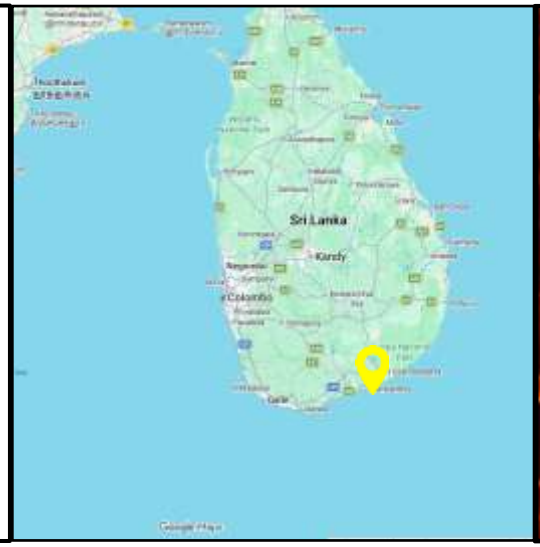
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MARITIME INCIDENTS

31 Oct/Lightning Strike Sparks Fire at Hambantota Port, Damaging 11 Vehicles/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.31	Sri Lanka	Hambantota International Port	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name: Riti Flag: Panama	The incident occurred between 2045 and 2100 hrs on 31 October 2026 amid heavy rainfall. Port security personnel and the emergency response unit intervened and brought the fire under control.

A fire broke out at Hambantota International Port following a lightning strike, damaging 11 imported vehicles parked in a vehicle storage yard.





Source -: https://srilankamirror.com/news/lightning-strike-sparks-fire-at-hambantota-port-damaging-11-vehicles?utm

MARITIME INCIDENTS

31 Oct/Supertanker Hits Mine, Catches Fire East of Hormuz: Iran's Revolutionary Guard/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.31	Iran	East of the Strait of Hormuz	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Type - Super tanker	The vessel's identity and casualty information were not disclosed.

A supertanker reportedly struck a mine in an unsafe maritime area East of the Strait of Hormuz, triggering an explosion and fire onboard, according to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Navy.





Source -: https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/supertanker-hits-mine-catches-fire-east-of-hormuz-iran-s-revolutionary-guard/4107673?utm

MARITIME INCIDENTS

30 Oct/Oman Evacuates Tanker Crew as Iran Claims Spate of New Attacks/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.30	Oman	Near Oman, Persian Gulf region	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name: Riti Flag: Panama	Orbital Risk Intelligence reported that the tanker was outbound near Oman when it was struck by an Iranian missile. However, the attack details have not been independently confirmed.

The Omani Navy evacuated 25 crew members from the Panama-flagged tanker Riti after the vessel was reportedly targeted and caught fire near Oman.





Source -: https://maritime-executive.com/article/oman-evacuates-tanker-crew-as-iran-claims-spate-of-new-attacks

MARITIME INCIDENTS

31 Oct/Cargo Vessel Runs Aground on Rasmale' Reef; Four Crew Members Rescued/Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.31	Maldives	Fushidhiggaru Lagoon, Maldives	Grounding/Standing	Type: Cargo vessel	Police received the incident report at approximately 2315 hrs on 31 October 2026.

A cargo vessel travelling from Addu to Malé ran aground on Rasmale' Reef in the Maldives. All four crew members were rescued without injuries following a response by the Maldives Coast Guard and Marine Police





Source -: https://see.mv/110030?utm

MARITIME ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTIONS

31 Oct/Mass Fish Die-Off Reported in Velidhoo Lagoon, Maldives/Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.31	Maldives	North Velidhoo (N. Velidhoo) Lagoon, Maldives	Marine Chemical Pollution and Ecosystem Degradation	-	The council later suggested oxygen depletion, potentially associated with low-tide conditions, as the possible cause. The exact cause has not been scientifically confirmed.

Hundreds of bigeye scad fish were found dead floating in the lagoon of North Velidhoo, Maldives, causing a mass fish die-off and raising concerns over the local marine ecosystem.





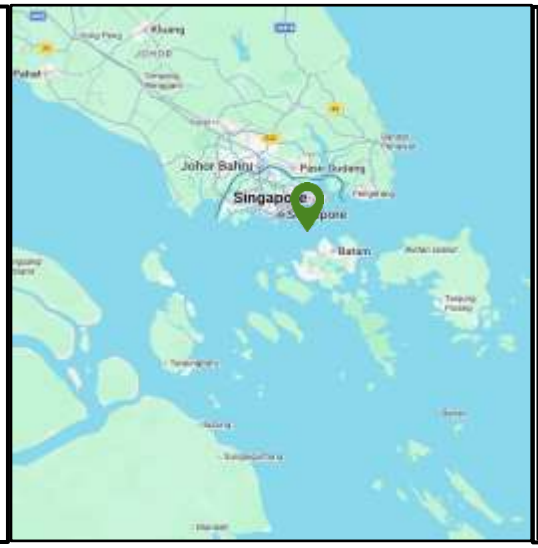
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MARITIME ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTIONS

31 Oct/Oil Patches Sighted Off Pulau Sebarok, Pulau Semakau and Selat Pauh, Singapore/Singapore

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.11.01	Singapore	Waters off Pulau Sebarok, Pulau Semakau and Selat Pauh, Singapore	Oil Spill	-	Subsequent aerial surveillance confirmed several oil patches in the affected areas. MPA activated its oil spill response contractors and instructed nearby terminals to deploy their response resources.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) confirmed several oil patches in waters off Pulau Sebarok, Pulau Semakau and Selat Pauh, Singapore, and activated oil spill response measures to contain and clean up the pollution.





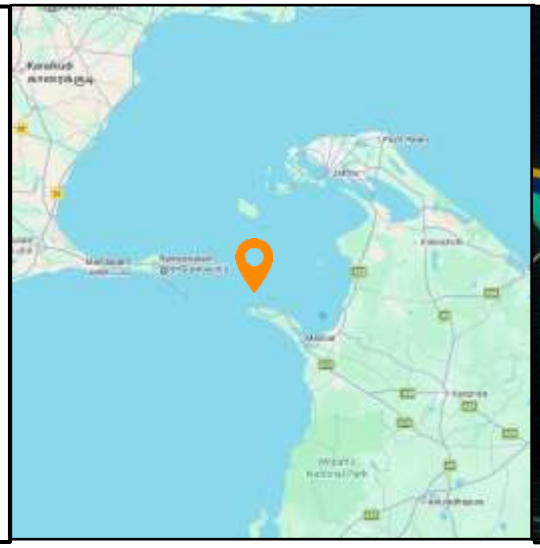
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IUU FISHING

01 Nov/Navy Seizes Indian Fishing Trawler with Seven Fishermen for Illegal Fishing/Sri lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.11.01	Sri Lanka	North of Talaimannar	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	Indian fishing trawler	The seized trawler and fishermen are being taken to Talaimannar for legal proceedings by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Mannar.

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended an Indian fishing trawler and seven fishermen on 1 Nov 26 for illegal fishing in Sri Lankan waters North of Talaimannar. The North Central Naval Command noted multiple Indian trawlers trespassing in these waters.





Source -: https://www.newswire.lk/2026/11/01/sri-lanka-navy-seizes-indian-fishing-trawler-arrests-seven-fishermen/?utm



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