

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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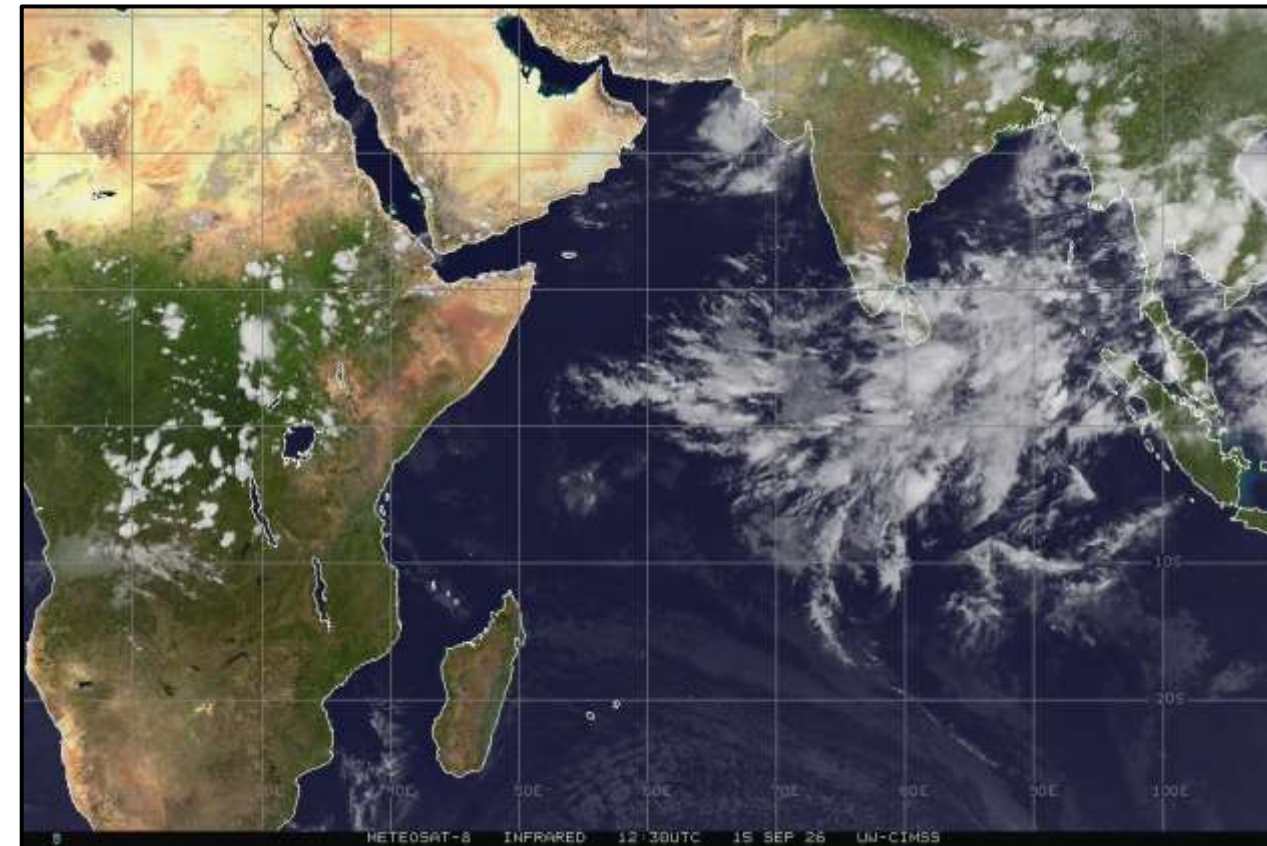
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Date 2026.09.15

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: 2026.09.15/1400UTC to 2026.09.16/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.09.15

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

Shear line is approximately along: 04N 60E, 02S 70E, 03S 80E, 02S 90E, 05N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 25, 30.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 20, 35, 50.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 80E : SW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; Gusting up to 25 kts in section 25.

East of 80E : W'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 10, 15, 30, 35.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 55, 60, 80, 85.

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 55, 60, 80, 85.

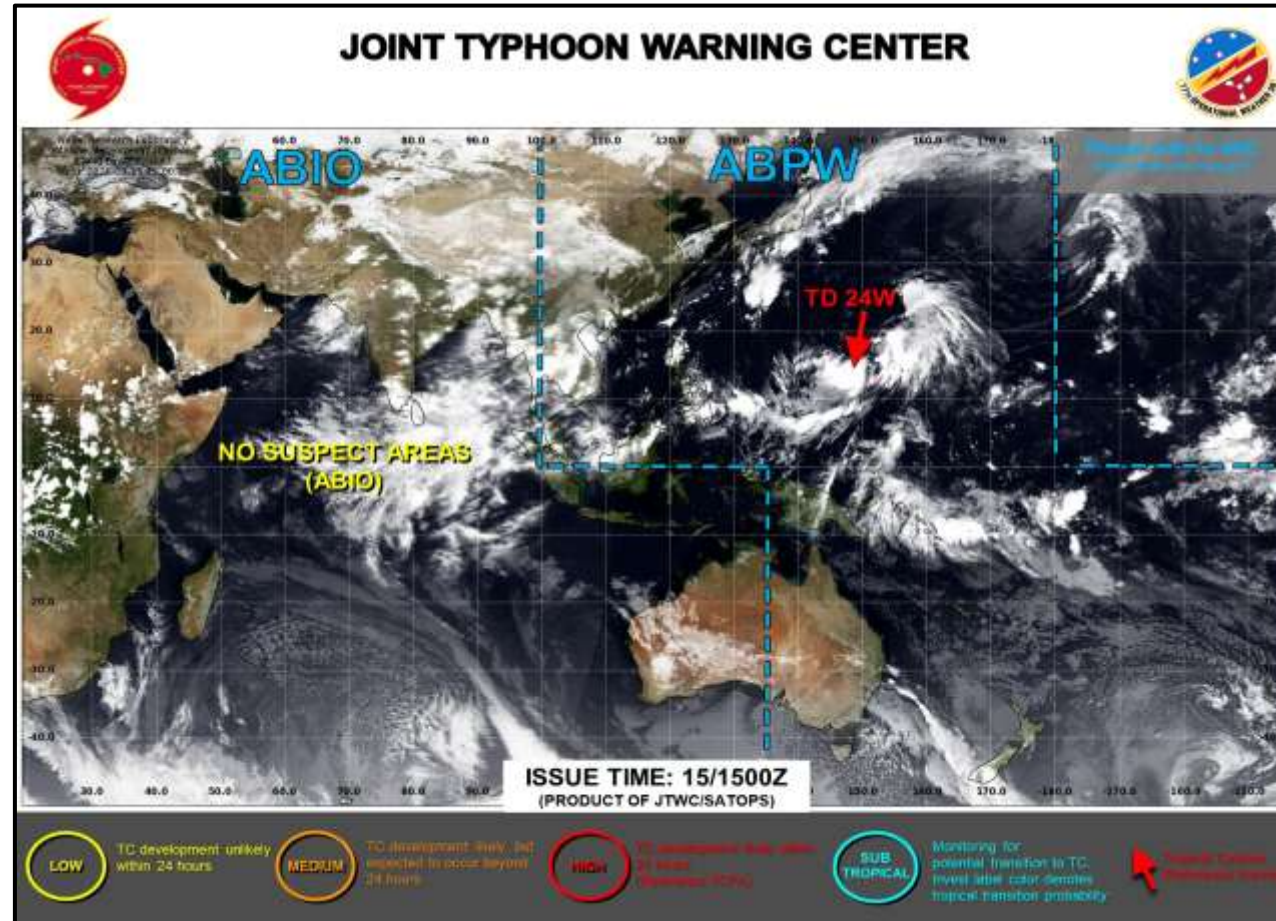
Moderate in sections : 50, 65, 70, 75.

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>

CYCLONE



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



TROPICAL CYCLONE "TWENTYFOUR"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	03
Total Incidents	07

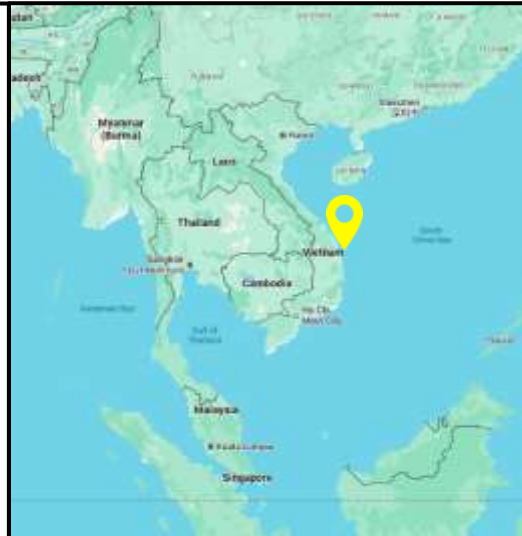
MARITIME INCIDENTS



12 Sep/Grounded Cargo Vessel Successfully Refloated by Two Tugs /Vietnam

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.12	Vietnam	Chân Mây Bay	Grounding/Stranding	Name-Star City Type -cargo Flag -Vietnam	The Vietnam-flagged cargo vessel Star City ran aground in Chân Mây Bay but was successfully refloated by two tugboats and towed to Chân Mây Anchorage for inspection.

The vessel Star City ran aground on a sandbar 1.3 nm from the navigation channel in Chân Mây Bay on 12 Sep 26, at 0855 hrs local time. All 17 crew members were safe, and no pollution was reported. On 13 Sep 26, Tugboats Chan May 2 and Quang Da refloated the vessel, which was then towed to Chân Mây Anchorage for hull inspection and overall condition assessment.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13241/grounded-cargo-vessel-successfully-refloated-by-two-tugs-in->



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

13 Sep/Oil Tanker Attacked Off Oman, One Indian Crew Member Missing/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.13	Oman	Off the Coast of Oman/Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name-El Gaia Type –Oil Tanker Flag -Panama	A Panama-flagged oil tanker, El Gaia, was attacked off Oman. Thirteen crew members were rescued, while one Indian crew member is still missing. Search and rescue operations are currently in progress.

The Panama-flagged oil tanker El Gaia was attacked off the Coast of Oman on 13 Sep 26, resulting in a fire onboard. Omani authorities rescued 13 of the 14 crew members, while search efforts continued for the missing Indian national. The Indian Embassy is working with Omani officials on the incident.



Source -: www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13240/oil-tanker-attacked-off-oman-one-indian-crew-member-missing



11 Sep/Turkish Authorities Seize 350kg Cocaine Shipment at Mersin Port/Türkiye

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.11	Türkiye	Mersin port	Seizure of narcotics	Name -CSPC Pisces Type -bulk carrier Flag -Liberian	Turkish authorities seized around 350 kg of cocaine, valued at approximately USD 31 million, from the bulk carrier CSPC Pisces at Mersin Port. The drugs were hidden underwater in the ship's sea chest, leading to the arrest of nine suspects..

Turkish authorities conducted a search of the Liberian-flagged bulk carrier CSPC Pisces at Mersin port on 11 Sep 26, acting on intelligence. They found around 350kg of Cocaine hidden in waterproof packages within the vessel's sea chest below the waterline. The ship had come from Brazil and previously stopped in Tarragona, Spain. Nine suspects were arrested during the investigation.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13244/turkish-authorities-seize-350kg-cocaine-shipment-at-mersin-p>

MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



12 Sep/Oil Leak from Vessel Disrupts Shipping Traffic at Antwerp Port/Belgium

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.12	Belgium	Deurganckdok, Antwerp Port	Oil spill	Name-MSR Renaissance III Type –container Ship	MSR Renaissance III is a 2006-built vessel that measures 222.54 meters in length and 32.26 meters in width. Following the incident, the hole in the ship's hull has been temporarily sealed pending permanent repair.

An oil leak from the MSR Renaissance III at Antwerp Port led to pollution between the vessel and shore, disrupting traffic in Deurganckdok. Emergency responders contained the leak, sealed the vessel's damage, and cleaned the area. Vessel traffic resumed the next day, and the cleaning operation was completed.



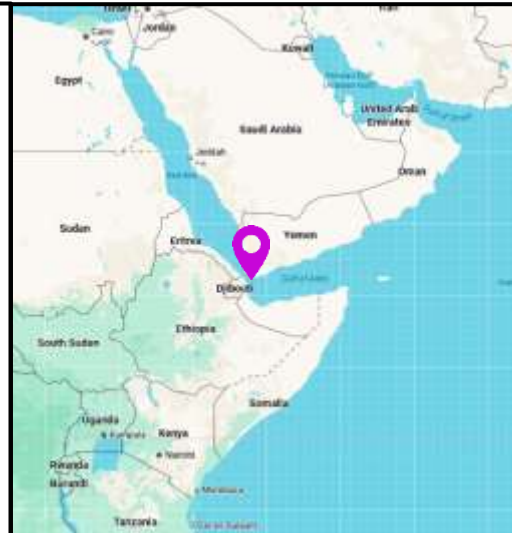
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13246/oil-leak-from-vessel-disrupts-shipping-traffic-at-antwerp-po>



13 Sep/Houthis Being Pushed Back from Bab el-Mandeb/Yemen

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.13	Yemen	Bab el-Mandeb Strait	Other Military/Coastguard activities	-	Houthi forces are retreating from key positions near Bab el-Mandeb due to air strikes and counter-attacks by IRG-aligned forces.

Houthi forces advanced in Southwest Yemen, capturing the Ras Menhali Peninsula and Perim Island near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait. These positions faced air attacks and counter-attacks from IRG-aligned forces, while Houthi supply movements on the N2 coastal highway were targeted. The Houthis sought to engage Egypt on Red Sea maritime traffic, but Egypt rejected their approach, reaffirming support for the IRG.



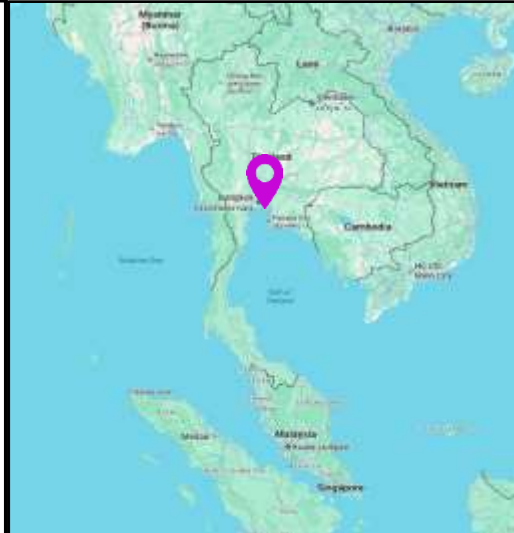
Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/houthis-being-pushed-back-from-bab-el-mandeb>



15 Sep/LNG Carriers to Get The Hybrid Electric Propulsion Treatment/Thailand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.15	Thailand	Bangkok	Geography activities	-	LR, KSOE and HHI agreed to develop a 185,000 m ³ LNG carrier using hybrid-electric propulsion to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

Lloyd's Register, HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering, and HD Hyundai Heavy Industries signed an Approval in Principle for a 185,000 m³ LNG carrier with hybrid-electric propulsion. This project will explore propulsion system architecture, redundancy, battery integration, and safety verification, while also developing technical guidance for future industry standards.



Source -: <https://splash247.com/lng-carriers-to-get-the-hybrid-electric-propulsion-treatment/>

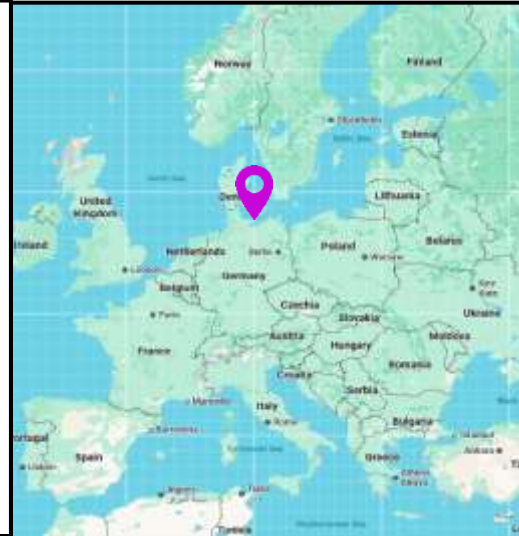


OTHER

14 Sep/Alarm in Denmark After Russian Ship Fires at Military Helicopter/Denmark

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.14	Denmark	Waters off Gedser	Other military/Coastguard activities	Name-Russian frigate	A Russian frigate launched two flares at a Danish military helicopter during routine surveillance off Southern Denmark, prompting Denmark to condemn the action and summon the Russian ambassador.

A Russian Navy frigate fired two flares at a Danish military helicopter conducting routine surveillance off the southern coast of Denmark, with one flare passing dangerously close. Danish authorities condemned the incident and summoned the Russian ambassador for clarification, amidst rising concerns regarding Russian military activities in Europe.



Source -: <https://www.politico.eu/article/russian-frigate-fires/>



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