

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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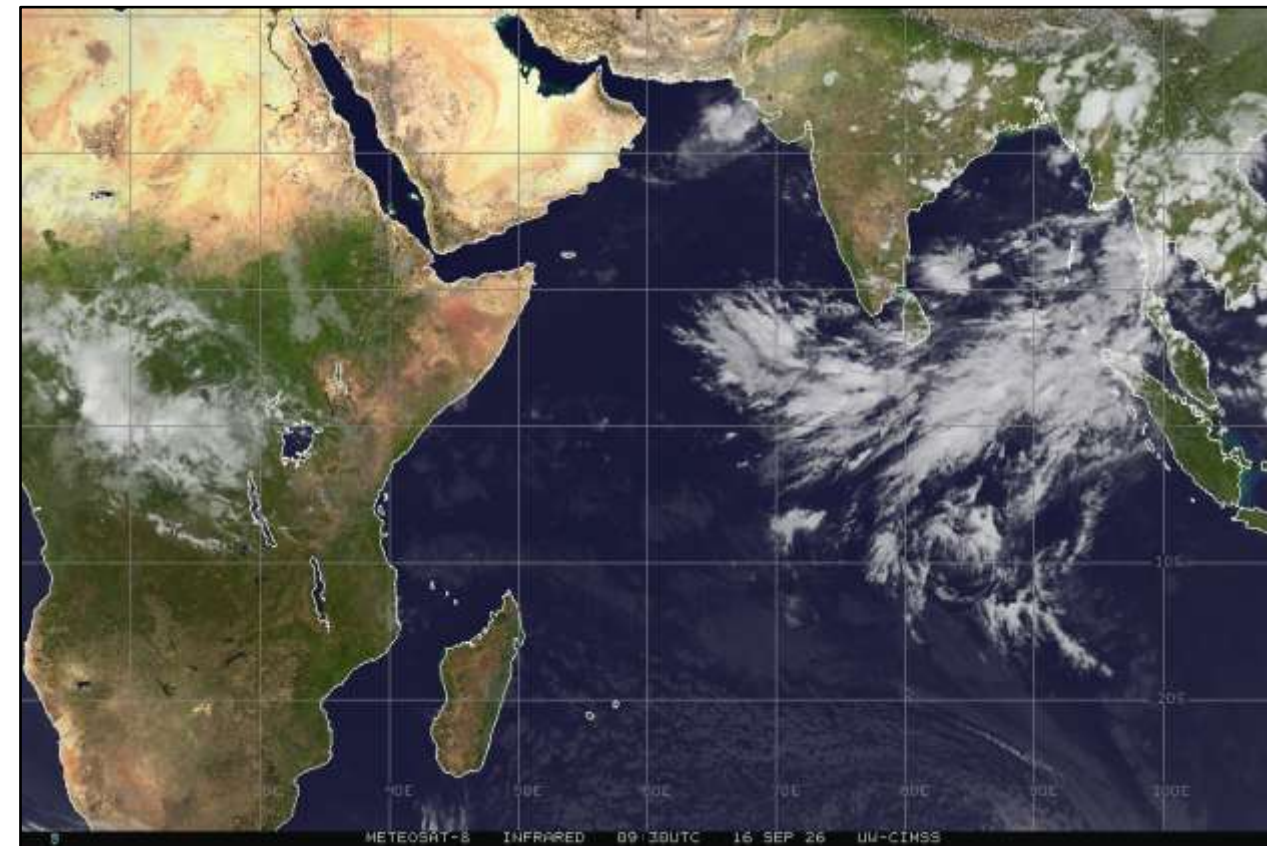
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Date 2026.09.16

# 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: 2026.09.16/1400UTC to 2026.09.17/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.09.16

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

Shear line is approximately along: 03N 60E, EQ 70E, 01S 80E, 1N 90E, 1N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 10, 15, 25, 30, 35.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 45, 50, 60, 65, 70, 85 .

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E : SW'ly to NW'ly / (10-15) kts.

From 70E to 80E : NW'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05, 25.

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

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65, 70 and gusting up to 30 kts in sections 80, 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 10, 30, 80, 85.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 15, 25, 60, 65, 70.

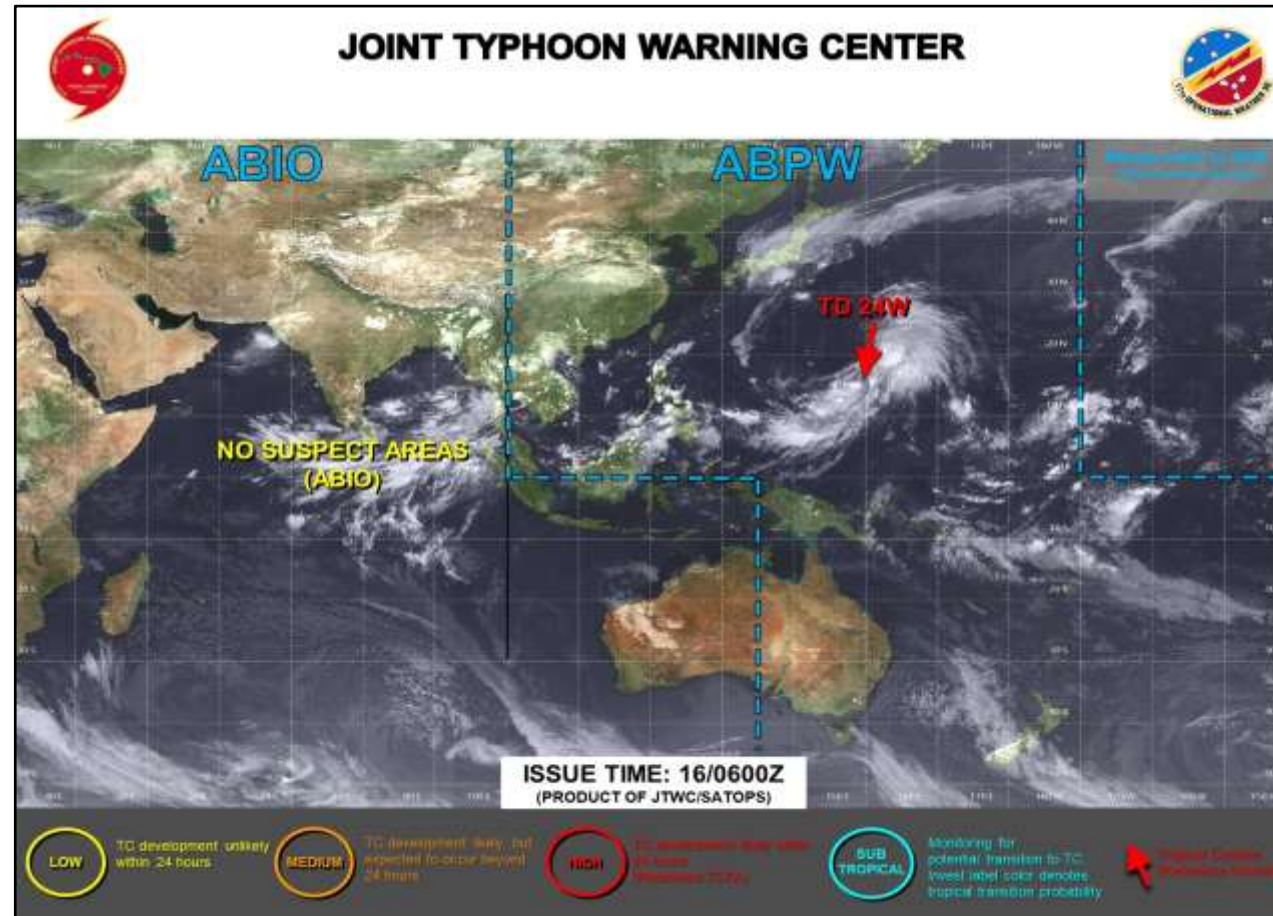
Moderate in sections : 55, 75.

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



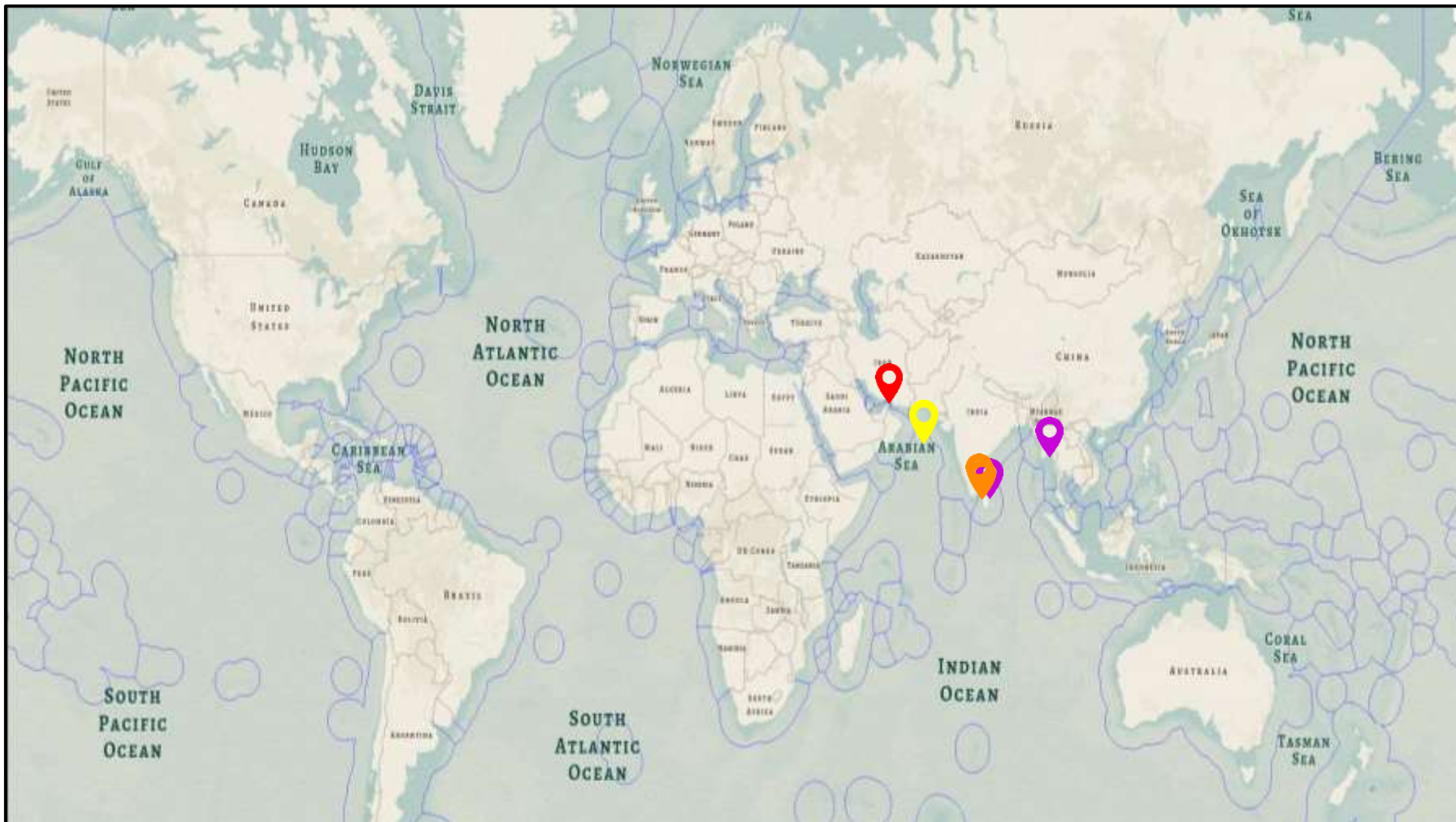
• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



# TROPICAL CYCLONE "TWENTYFOUR"



# SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



| CATEGORY                                                                                                          | NO        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|  Maritime Incidents            | 01        |
|  Piracy & Armed Robbery        | 01        |
|  Smuggling                     | NIL       |
|  IUU Fishing                   | 02        |
|  Narcotic                      | NIL       |
|  Irregular Human Migration     | NIL       |
|  Marine Environment Pollution | NIL       |
|  Other                       | 02        |
| <b>Total Incidents</b>                                                                                            | <b>06</b> |

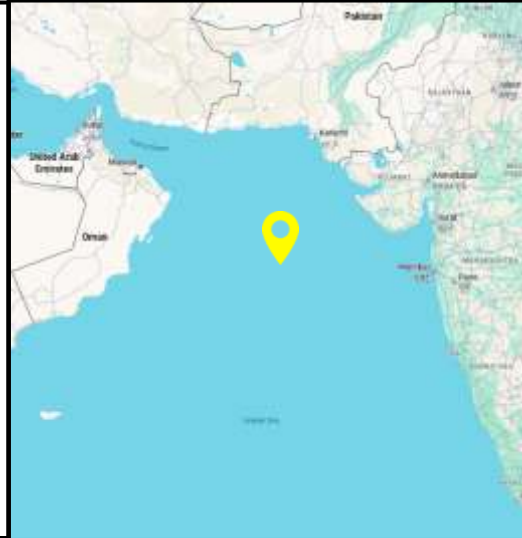


# MARITIME INCIDENTS

## 15 Sep/Pakistani Ship Collides with Indian Navy Unit/India

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION          | SUB CATEGORIES | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.09.15    | India          | North Arabian sea | Collisions     | Naval Warship  | New Delhi has protested against Pakistan following a collision between a Pakistani naval ship and an Indian Navy vessel in international waters. The Indian Foreign Ministry summoned Pakistan's Charge d'Affaires, condemning what it termed the "unacceptable and unprofessional conduct" of the Pakistani naval units involved. |

On 15 Sep 26, a Pakistani vessel collided with an Indian naval warship in international waters during a routine surveillance mission in the North Arabian sea. The Pakistani vessel approached at high speed and maneuvered unsafely. The Foreign Ministry stated that the incident did not cause any major damage.



Source -: <https://adaderana.lk/news/cmu3soypt0000356o24xj0x56>

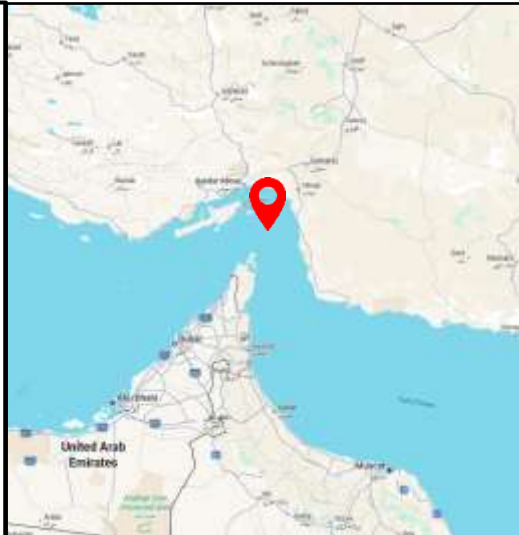


# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

## 15 Sep/US Drone Strike Targets Iranian Fishing Boats in the Persian Gulf/Iran

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION         | SUB CATEGORIES     | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 2026.09.15    | Iran           | Off Larak Island | Assault violations | Fishing boat   | Since the February 28 war, US naval and aerial forces in the Persian Gulf have escalated operations, posing risks to non-military vessels. A recent strike on unarmed fishing boats highlights a deterioration in US engagement protocols and directly impacts local populations reliant on coastal waters for their livelihood. |

The incident occurred 12 nautical miles off Larak Island and 30 miles from Korgan, Minab city, in southern Hormozgan province, when two small fishing craft were directly struck by projectiles while in standard fishing zones. Following the attack, provincial maritime authorities and relief units initiated a search-and-rescue operation for the missing crew members. Emergency teams are actively investigating the situation and will provide updates on the fishermen's status once confirmed.



Source -: <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/530056/US-drone-strike-targets-Iranian-fishing-boats-in-the-Persian>

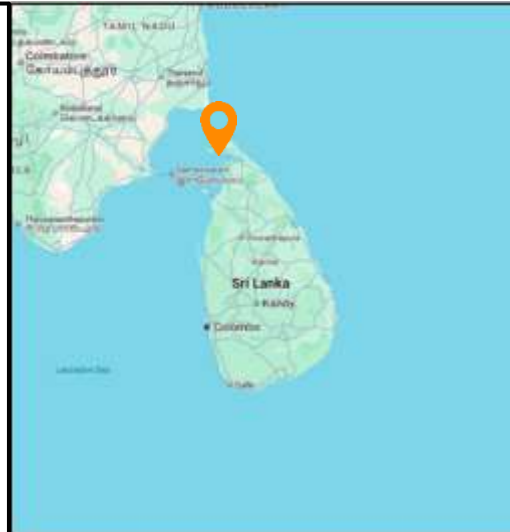
# IUU FISHING



## 15 Sep/Navy Apprehends 4 Suspects for Illegal Harvesting of Sea Cucumbers in Northern Waters/Sri Lanka

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION      | SUB CATEGORIES   | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 2026.09.15    | Sri Lanka      | Jaffna lagoon | Unreported catch | Dinghie Boat   | The four suspects, aged 34 to 44, are residents of Kalpitiya, Anuradhapura, and Colombuthurai in Jaffna. They, along with the sea cucumber consignment and dinghies, were handed over to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Jaffna for legal proceedings. |

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended four suspects and seized 9,000 illegally harvested sea cucumbers during a search operation in the Jaffna lagoon on 15 Sep 26. The operation involved naval personnel from the Naval Detachment Kalmunai Point, who intercepted two suspicious dinghies off Kalmunai Point, leading to the recovery of the sea cucumbers being transferred ashore.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-apprehends-4-suspects-for-illegal-harvesting-of-sea-cucumbers-in-northern-waters.html>

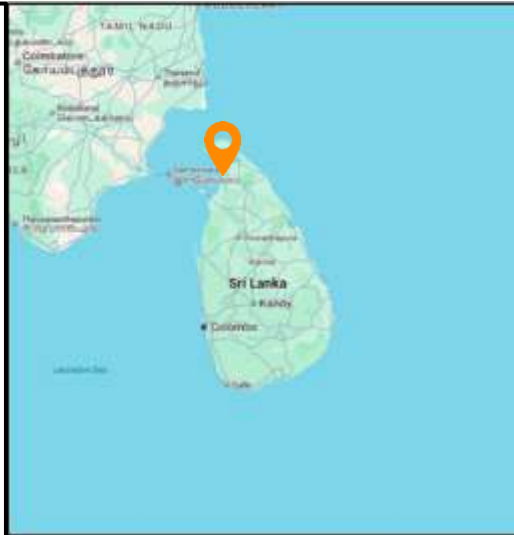
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## 15 Sep/Two Persons Nabbed with Fish Suspected of Explosive Catch in Mulankavil/Sri Lanka

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION   | SUB CATEGORIES  | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.09.15    | Sri Lanka      | Mulankavil | Illegal Methods | -              | The suspects, aged 29 and 48, from Mannar, have been handed over to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources office in Kilinochchi, along with the cab and an illegal fish haul, for legal action. |

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended two suspects and seized a cab with over 370 kg of fish, suspected to have been caught using explosives, during an operation in Mulankavil, Mannar, on 15 Sep 26. The search was conducted by personnel from SLNS Buwaneka of the North Central Naval Command at Yahappar Beach after receiving credible information.



Source -: [https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/two-\(2\)-persons-nabbed-with-fish-suspected-of-explosive-catch-in-mulankavil.html](https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/two-(2)-persons-nabbed-with-fish-suspected-of-explosive-catch-in-mulankavil.html)

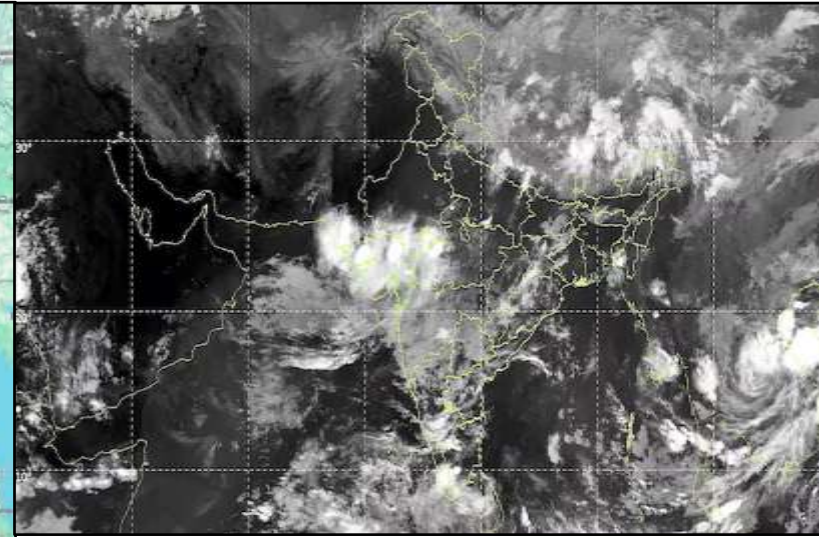
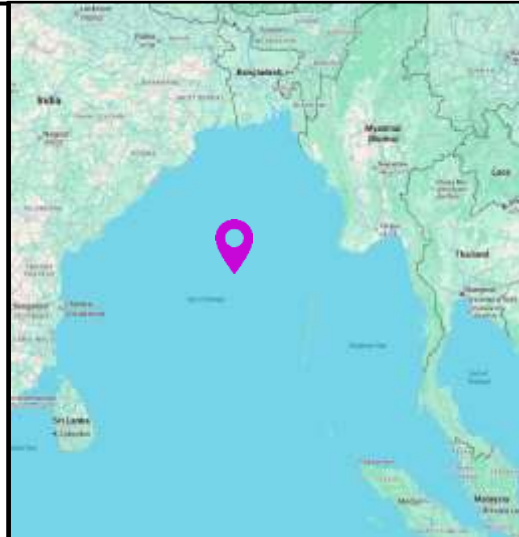
# OTHER



## 16 Sep/Monsoon Still has Some Fight Left in it More Rain to Hit From These Dates/India

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION      | SUB CATEGORIES       | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 2026.09.16    | India          | Bay of Bengal | Geography activities | -              | Current model projections indicate uncertainty regarding the system's formation and track. It is expected to initially move northwest towards Odisha before crossing parts of southern Chhattisgarh and Bihar. |

A potential weather system in the Bay of Bengal may provide significant rainfall for eastern and central India later this month. Despite signs of the Southwest monsoon losing intensity, projections suggest that a depression or a stronger tropical cyclone could form between 24 and 28 Sep 26 potentially leading to widespread rainfall in the region.



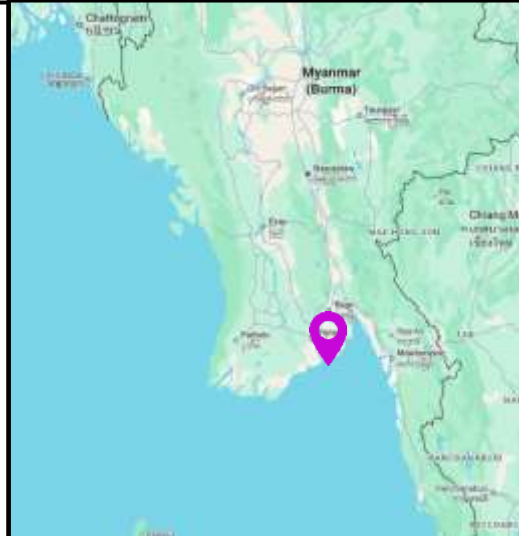
Source -: <https://www.indiatoday.in/science/story/monsoon-still-has-some-fight-left-in-it-more-rain-to-hit-from-these-dates-bay-of-bengal-imd-2993937-2026-09-14>



## 15 Sep/Deepen Maritime Cooperation as INS Karmuk, LCU 51 Make Port Call at Yangon/Myanmar

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION    | SUB CATEGORIES  | VESSEL DETAILS                                 | ADDITIONAL DETAILS                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2026.09.15    | Myanmar        | Yangon Port | Foreign affairs | Name-INS Karmuk<br>Name-LCU 51<br>Flag - India | Interactions help maintain a safe and secure maritime environment in the Indian Ocean Region, supporting the Indian Navy's vision as the preferred security partner. |

India and Myanmar are enhancing maritime cooperation, as demonstrated by the Indian Navy's ships INS Karmuk and LCU 51 making a port call at Yangon. This visit aligns with India's initiative to foster closer ties with neighboring countries and promote a secure maritime environment in the Indian Ocean Region, according to the Andaman & Nicobar Command.



Source -: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/india-myanmar-deepen-maritime-cooperation-as-ins-karmuk-lcu-51-make-port-call-at-yangon20260915232032/>



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