

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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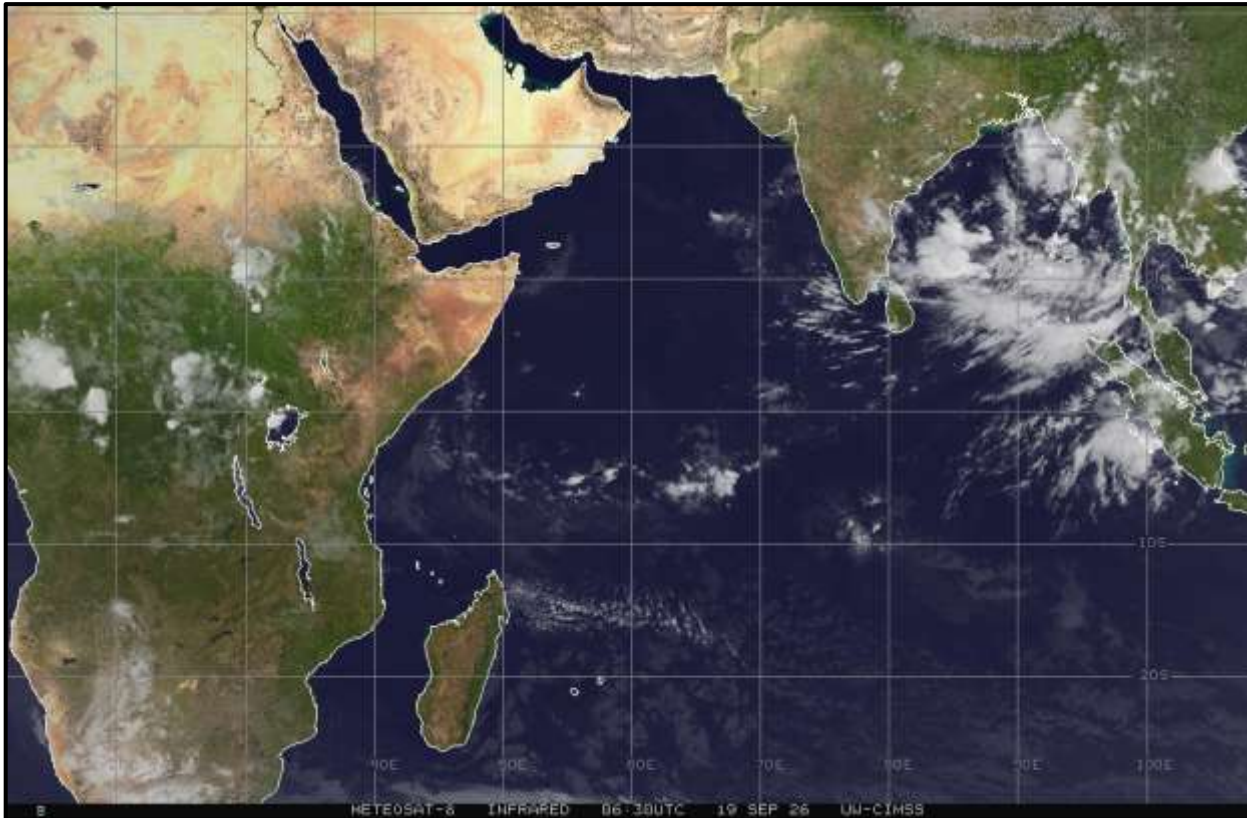
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Date 2026.09.19

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: 2026.09.19/0600UTC to 2026.09.19/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.19

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

Shear line is approximately along: 05N 60E, EQ 70E, 02S 80E, 01N 90E, 06N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 60, 65, 70.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E : NW'ly / (10-15) kts.

East of 75E : SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 10, 15, 30.

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 05, 10, 15, 30, 65, 80, 85.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 60, 70.

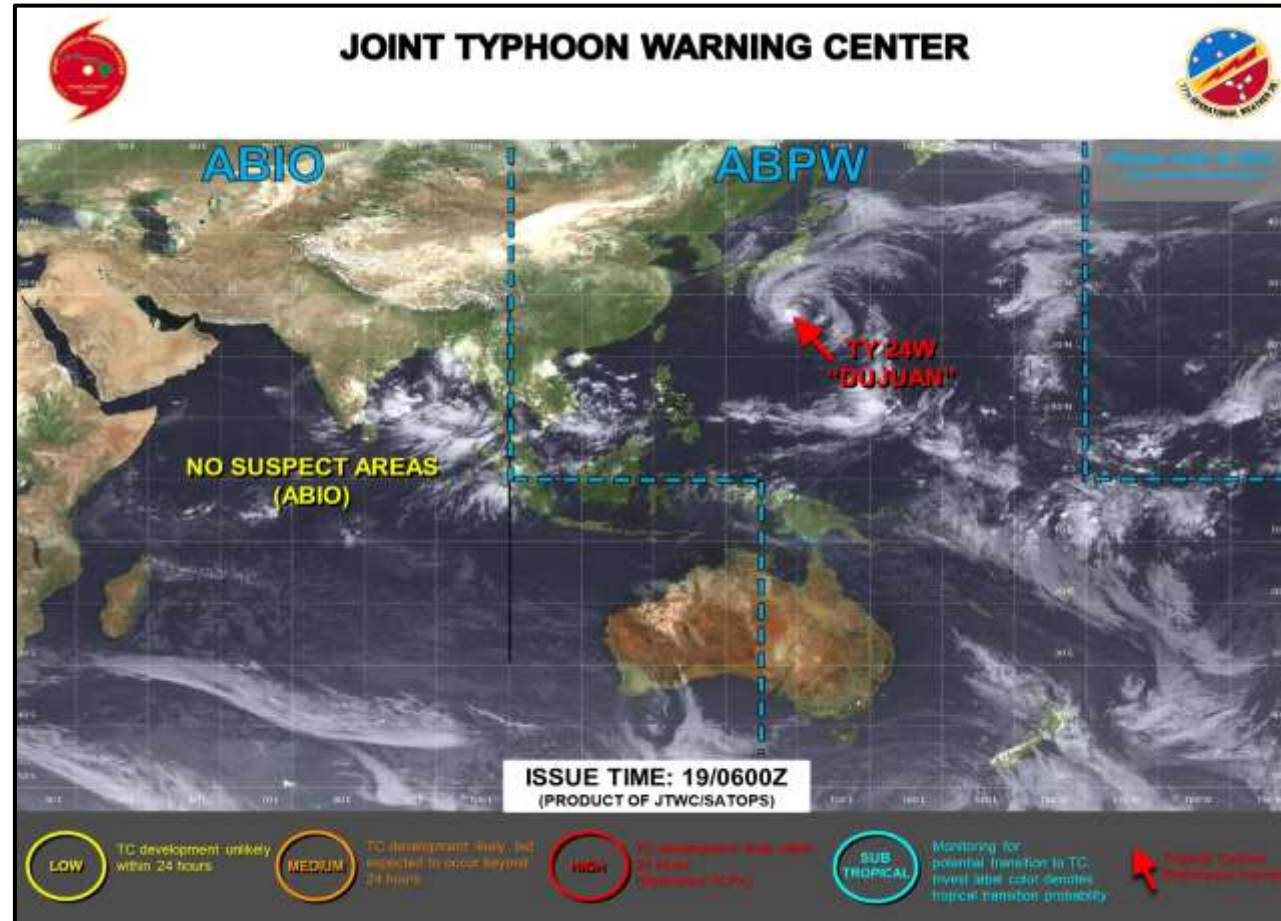
Moderate in sections : 25, 35, 55, 75.

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 "Dujuan"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	03
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	02
Total Incidents	08

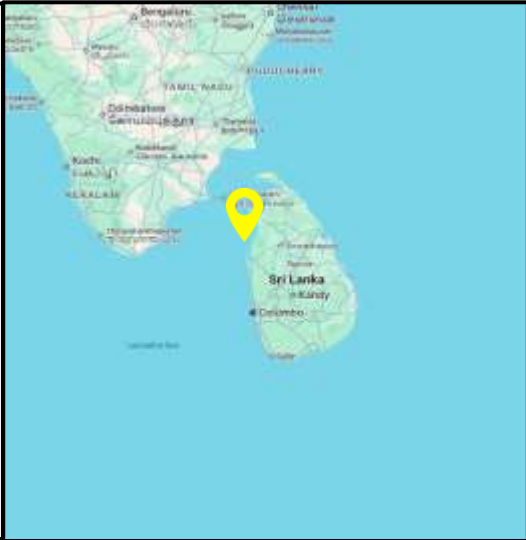
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17 Sep/Navy Evacuates Cardiac Patient From Baththalangunduwa Island/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.17	Sri Lanka	Baththalangunduwa Island / Kalpitiya	Patient Onboard (POB)	Name- P-233 Type - Inshore Patrol Craft	Naval personnel administered basic first aid to a patient on Baththalangunduwa Island before transferring him to Inshore Patrol Craft P 233. He was later taken to SLNS Vijaya pier and transported to Kalpitiya Base Hospital for additional medical care.

The Sri Lanka Navy evacuated a patient experiencing a heart attack on Baththalangunduwa Island on 17 Sep 26, transporting him to Kalpitiya Base Hospital for medical treatment.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-evacuates-cardiac-patient-from-baththalangunduwa-island.html>

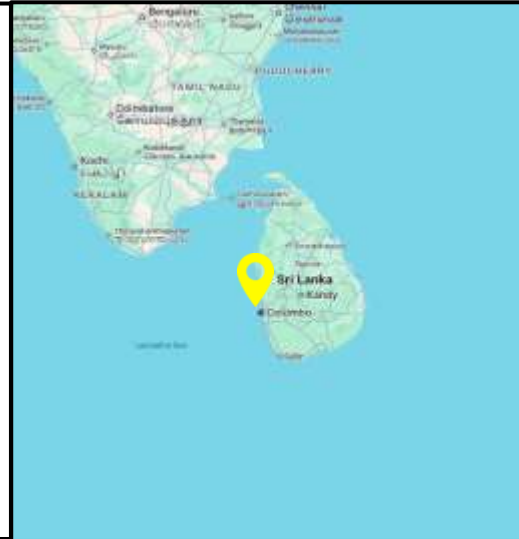


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17 Sep/Navy Comes To Rescue Of Pilot Fallen Overboard Off Colombo Port/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.17	Sri Lanka	Near the entrance to Colombo Port	Man Overboard (MOB)	Name- P-214 Type - Inshore Patrol Craft	Inshore Patrol Craft P 164 was deployed for a search and rescue operation after an alert from Colombo Harbour Port Control. Naval personnel, aided by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, located and recovered the pilot from the water, transferring him to the Port Control Tower Jetty.

The Sri Lanka Navy rescued a pilot who fell overboard while trying to board a merchant vessel near Colombo Port on 17 Sep 26.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-comes-to-rescue-of-pilot-fallen-overboard-off-colombo-port1.html>

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18 Sep/Somali Navy Reports Rescue of Crew from Bulker/Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Somalia	Off the coast of Somalia	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name-MV Jacuar Type -Bulk Carrier IMO-9181821	The vessel, en route from Mozambique to Egypt with about 7,007 tonnes of unidentified cargo, ran aground and began taking on water. Somali maritime authorities have not revealed the precise location or cause of the incident, although media reports indicate that the vessel eventually capsized.

The bulk carrier Jacuar ran aground off Somalia on 17 Sep 26 and was taking on water. The Somali Navy rescued all 18 crew members on 18 Sep 26.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/somali-navy-reports-rescue-of-crew-from-bulker>

MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



19 Sep/Israeli Researchers Develop "Sea Sponge" Aerogel To Capture And Break Down Oil Spills/Israel

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Israel	Mediterranean coastal area	Oil Spill	-	The technology, likened to a "sponge of the sea," effectively captures oil and aids in its decomposition.

Israeli researchers created an aerogel that can absorb oil from water and decompose the collected oil, providing a promising solution for marine oil pollution.



Source -: <https://www.jpost.com/environment-and-climate-change/article-908953>

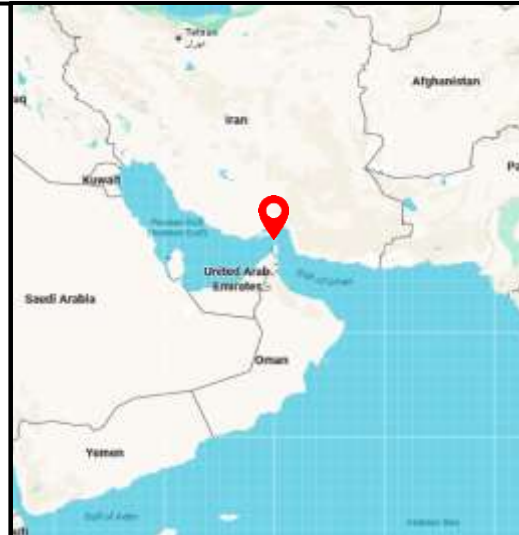
PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY



18 Sep/Tanker Struck by Unidentified Projectile in Strait Of Hormuz/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Assault Violations	-	The origin of the projectile and the responsible party are unconfirmed. The extent of vessel damage and environmental impact are also unknown. Relevant maritime authorities are investigating the incident.

A tanker was hit by an unidentified projectile in the Strait of Hormuz, causing a fire that was extinguished by the crew. All crew members are reported safe.



Source -: <https://www.arabictrader.com/en/news/commodities/229835/a-new-security-incident-in-the-strait-of-hormuz-raises-concerns-about-navigation-activity>

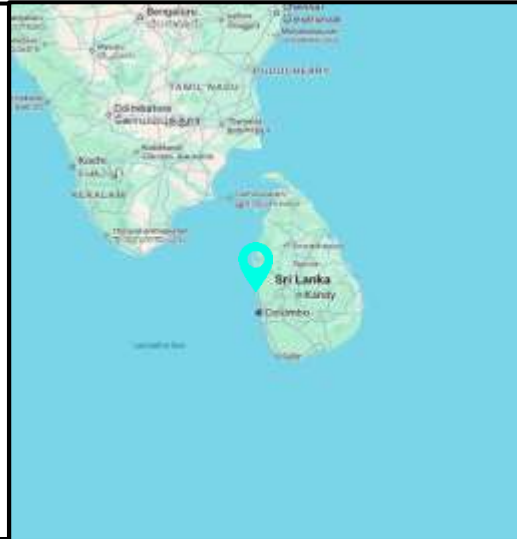


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18 Sep/Navy Seizes Over 810 kg of Kendu Leaves in Smuggling Attempt off Negombo/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Sri Lanka	Off the coast of Negombo	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The Sri Lanka Navy arrested two suspects and confiscated over 810 kg of Kendu leaves in a search operation near Negombo on 18 September 2026.

Naval personnel from SLNS Kelani intercepted a suspicious dinghy off Negombo, discovering 21 sacks of Kendu leaves. Two suspects, aged 41 and 44 from Negombo, were arrested. The suspects and the seized items were handed over to the Customs Preventive Office at Katunayake for further legal proceedings.



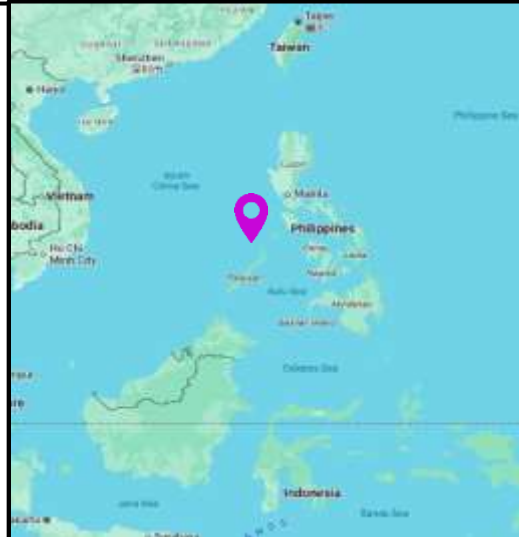
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-foils-smuggling-attempt-over-810kg-of-kendu-leaves-seized-off-negombo.html>



18 Sep/China Coast Guard Rams Philippine Fisheries Vessel in South China Sea/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Philippines	Approximately 54 NM off Palawan, South China Sea	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name-BRP Datu Magat Salamat (MMOV-3015)	On 18 Sep 26, a collision occurred between the China Coast Guard vessel CCG-21585 and the Philippine fisheries support vessel BRP Datu Magat Salamat (MMOV-3015) approximately 54 nM off Palawan, South China Sea. The Philippine vessel suffered damage to its railings and deck equipment during a support mission for Filipino fishermen.

The incident occurred around 1100 hrs local time during a maritime patrol by the Philippine fisheries support vessel. The Philippine Coast Guard reported a collision with CCG-21585 after it maneuvered across the stern of BRP Datu Magat Salamat, damaging the Philippine vessel's railings and deck equipment. Additional vessels and aircraft were deployed for crew safety. The Chinese authorities disputed this account, claiming their forces acted professionally and lawfully.



Source -: <https://news.usni.org/2026/09/18/video-china-coast-guard-rams-philippine-fisheries-vessel-in-south-china-sea>

OTHER



18 Sep/Turkey Pushes Black Sea Truce/Turkey

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Turkey	Black Sea	Foreign Affairs	Name - MV Reyhan Sari Type - Bulk Carrier Flag - Tanzanian	Türkiye has submitted a draft memorandum to Russia and Ukraine to prevent attacks on commercial and civilian vessels in the Black Sea, responding to escalating attacks on merchant shipping. The proposal aims to create a mechanism similar to the past Black Sea Grain Initiative

Tanzanian-flagged merchant vessel bound for a Ukrainian port was struck by a Russian drone, killing the captain and injuring three crew members. Furthermore, the owner and remaining crew of the Turkish-flagged Reyhan Sari, along with the family of a deceased seafarer, have filed a complaint with the ICC about a July drone strike near Novorossiysk.



Source -: <https://splash247.com/turkey-pushes-black-sea-truce/>



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