

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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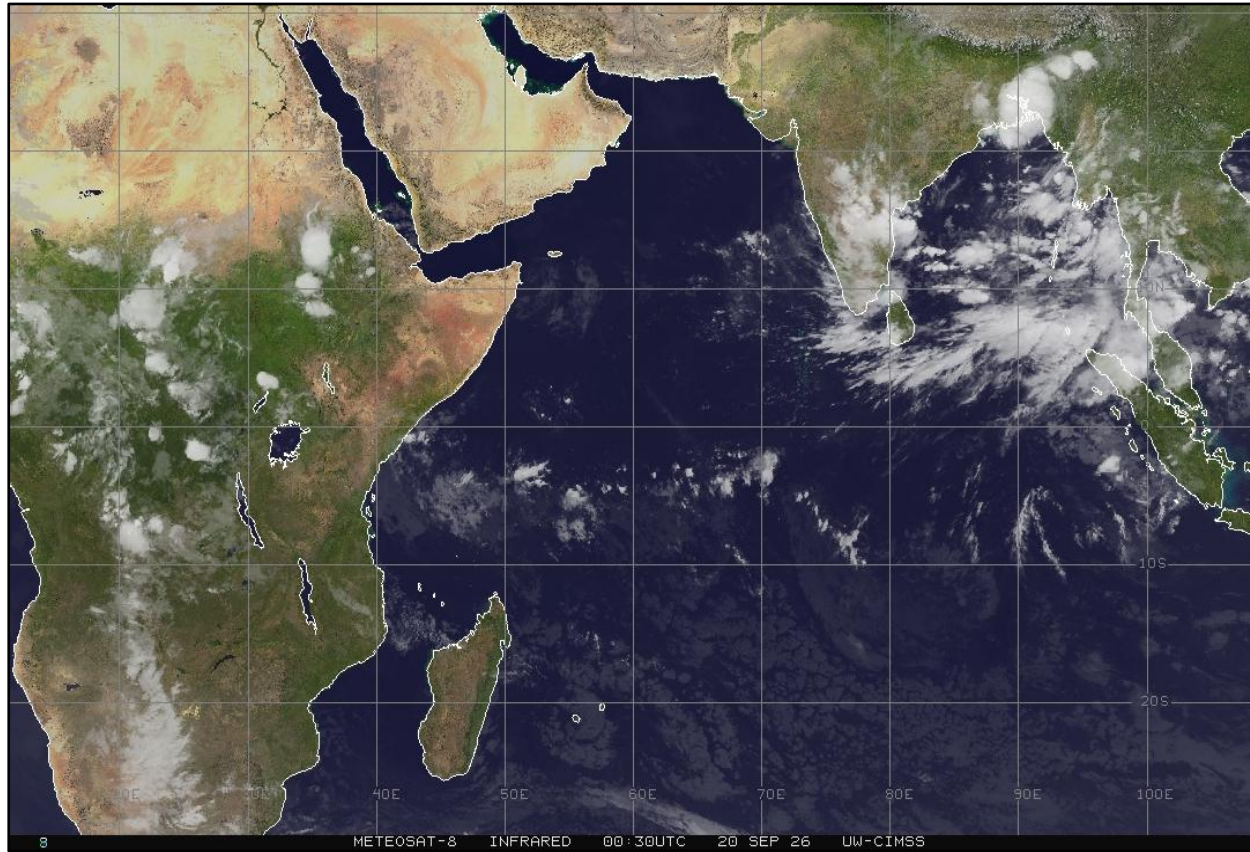
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Date 2026.09.20

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: 2026.09.20/0600UTC to 2026.09.20/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.20

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

A Low Pressure area has formed over the Andaman sea in the Bay of Bengal 1200 UTC of Yesterday, the 19th September.

It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify gradually into a depression over east-central Bay of Bengal on 21st and into a deep depression over west-central Bay of Bengal on 22nd September. Due to its influence, wind speeds over the Bay of Bengal will increase during the next few days starting from today. Navel and fishing communities engaging the activities over this sea areas are advised to be vigilant and be attentive to the future forecasts and bulletins issued by the department of meteorology in this regards.

Shear line is approximately along: 06N 60E, EQ 70E, EQ 80E, 02N 90E, 03N 100E.

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 25, 30, 40, 65, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E : NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts.

75E to 80E : W'ly to SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05.

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

South of Shear line:

West of 80E : SE'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 65, 80.

East of 80E : E'ly to SE'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 85

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 10, 15.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 30, 65, 80, 85.

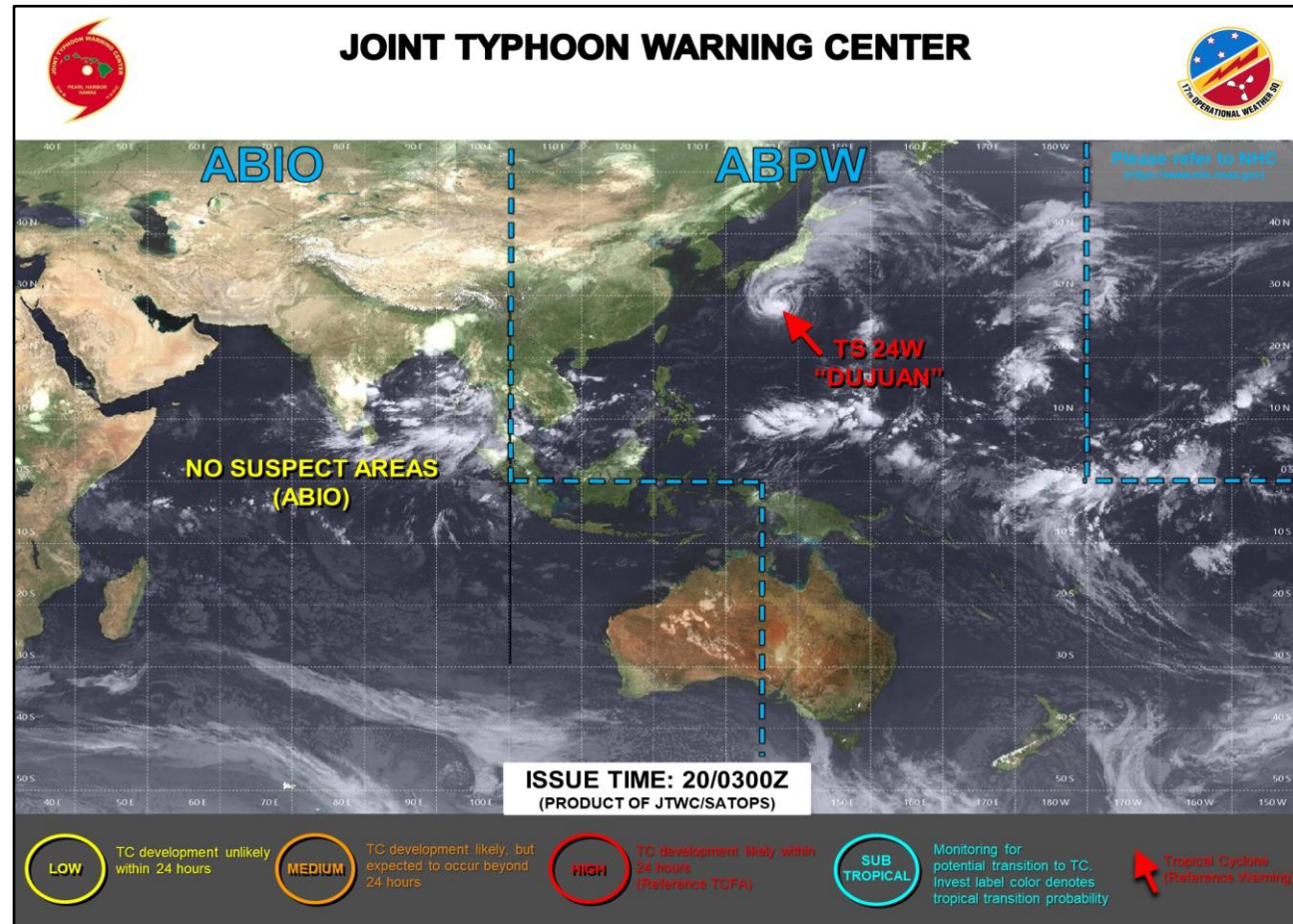
Moderate in sections : 25, 35, 50, 60, 70, 75.

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>

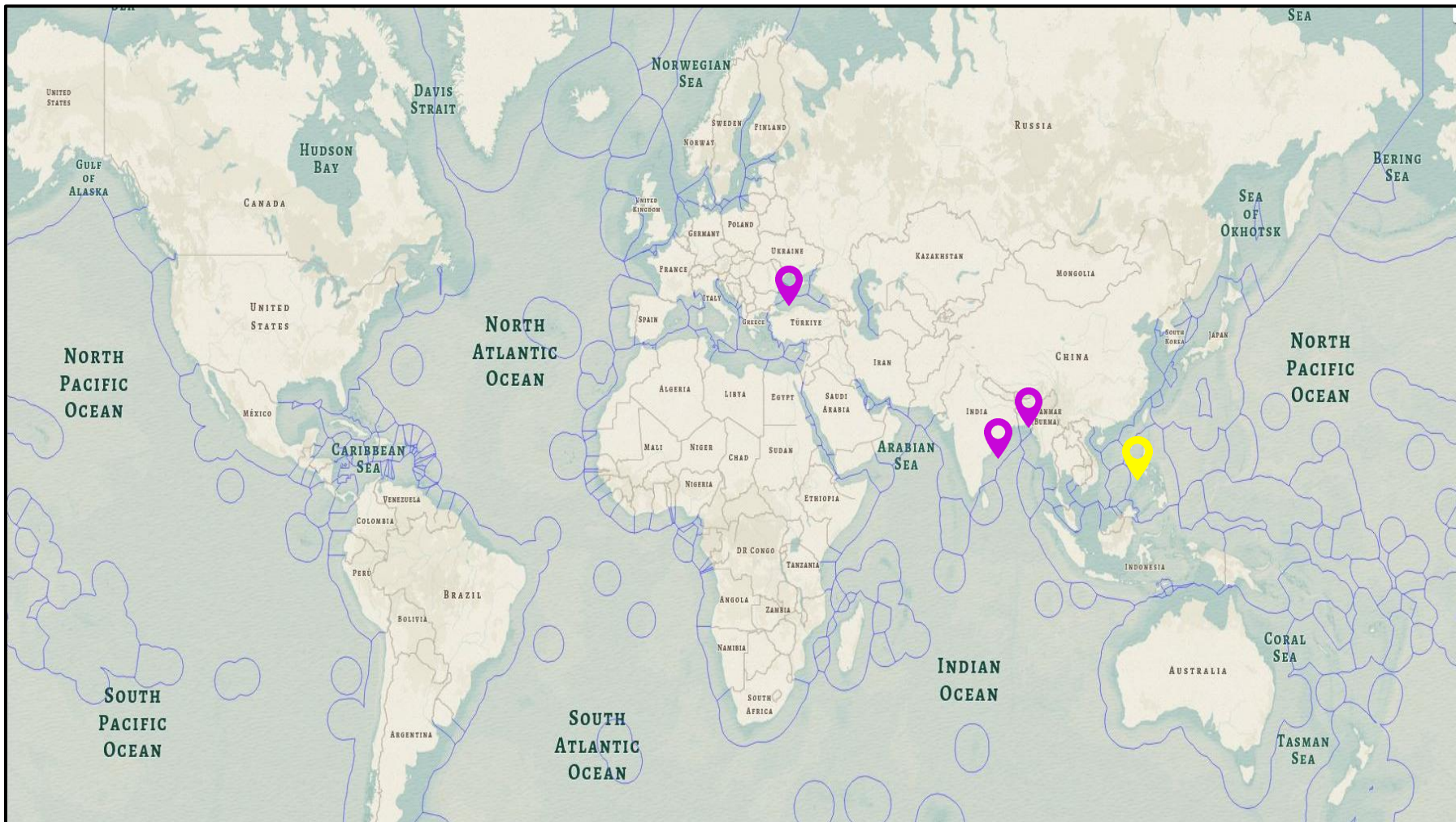
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• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	04

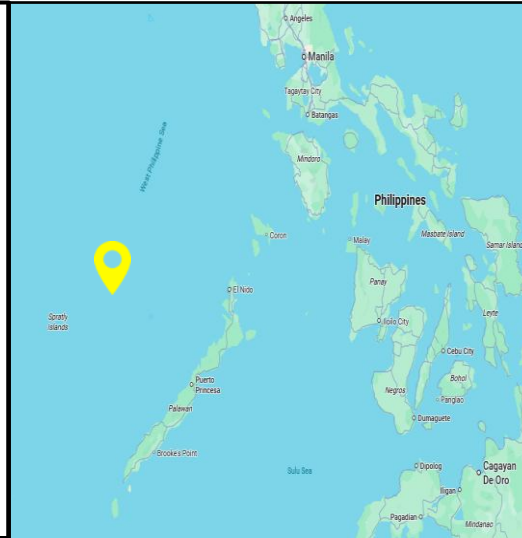


MARITIME INCIDENTS

18 Sep/Chinese Coast Guard Vessel Hits Philippine Supply Boat in Spratly Islands/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Philippines	6 NM from Sabina Shoal, Spratly Islands	Collisions	China Coast Guard vessel	The primary reported incident is physical contact/collision between a China Coast Guard vessel and a Philippine supply vessel, resulting in vessel damage.

A China Coast Guard vessel reportedly collided with Philippine supply vessel BRP Datu Magat Salamat near Sabina Shoal on 18 Sep 26, causing damage to the Philippine vessel's deck railings. No crew injuries were reported.



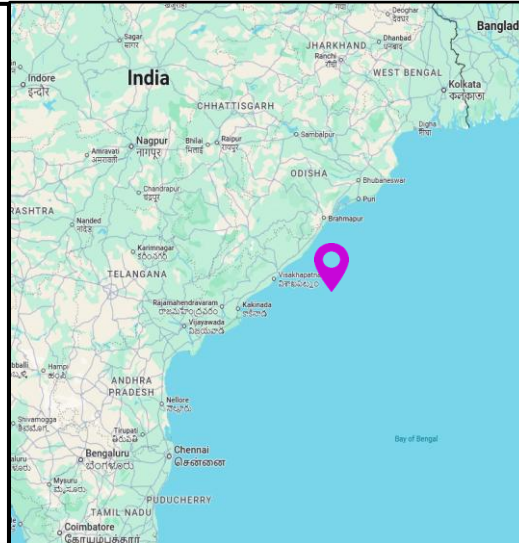
Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/chinese-coast-guard-vessel-hits-philippine-supply-boat-in-spratly-islands>



17 Sep/ SLNS Sindurala Arrives in Visakhapatnam for SLINEX 2026 / India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.17	India	off the east coast of India	Naval Activities	Name-SLNS Sindurala Type -Offshore Patrol Vessel	Sri Lanka Naval Ship (SLNS) Sindurala arrived in Visakhapatnam, India, on 17 Sep 26, to take part in the bilateral naval exercise 'SLINEX – 2026'. The Indian Navy greeted the SLN vessel following naval customs.

The joint exercise is scheduled for 20 and 21 Sep 26 off the east coast of India. On 18 Sep 26, discussions took place between Captain Sunanda Appuhamy of SLNS Sindurala and Commander Suraj Aiyappa of INS Kavaratti. The exercise aims to enhance cooperation, interoperability, and professional exchange between the two navies, with crew members from SLNS Sindurala also engaging in professional and cultural activities organized by the Indian Navy.



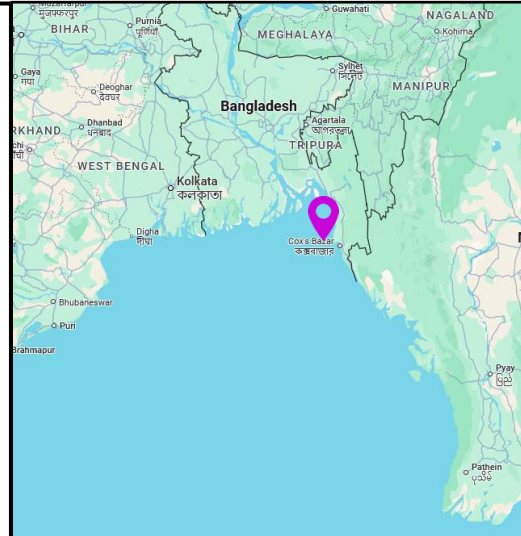
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/september/slms-sindurala-arrives-in-visakhapatnam-for-slinex-2026.html>



18 Sep/ Chinese Naval Group Arrives /Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Bangladesh	Chittagong Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name- Tangshan Name- Daqing Flag - China	The 48th escort group of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy arrived in Chittagong, Bangladesh, on 18 Sep 26, for a five-day goodwill visit.

The Chinese Navy ships Tangshan and Daqing docked in Bangladesh at 1400hrs local time, greeted by over 100 people, including Bangladesh Navy officers and representatives from the Chinese Embassy. Activities during the five-day visit include professional exchanges, ship tours, sports competitions, and a deck reception.



Source -> <https://ua.news/en/world/kitaiska-viiskovo-morska-grupa-pribula-do-bangladesh-ecns>

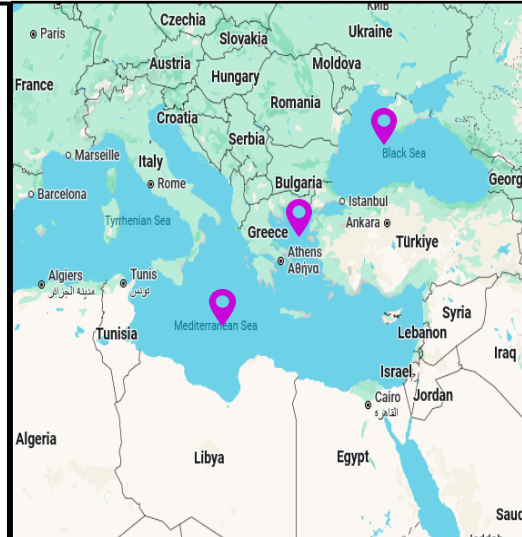
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19 Sep/ Commences Denizkurdu-I/2026 Naval Exercise Across Four Seas/ Türkiye

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.20	Türkiye	Black Sea, Marmara Sea, Aegean Sea and Eastern Mediterranean	Naval Activities	Participating Naval Assets: Approximately 100 vessels	Türkiye commenced the Denizkurdu-I/2026 naval exercise involving approximately 100 vessels, 50 aircraft and 14,000 personnel across the Black Sea, Marmara Sea, Aegean Sea and Eastern Mediterranean from 20 to 25 Sep 26.

Türkiye commenced the Denizkurdu-I/2026 (Sea Wolf-I/2026) naval exercise on 20 Sep 26, with activities scheduled until 25 Sep 26. The exercise is being conducted simultaneously in the Black Sea, Marmara Sea, Aegean Sea and Eastern Mediterranean. Approximately 100 naval vessels, 50 aircraft and 14,000 personnel from the Turkish Naval Forces, Land Forces, Air Force and Coast Guard are participating.



Source -: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/sea-wolf-maritime-drill-begins-amid-tensions-between-greece-turkiye/news/amp>



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