

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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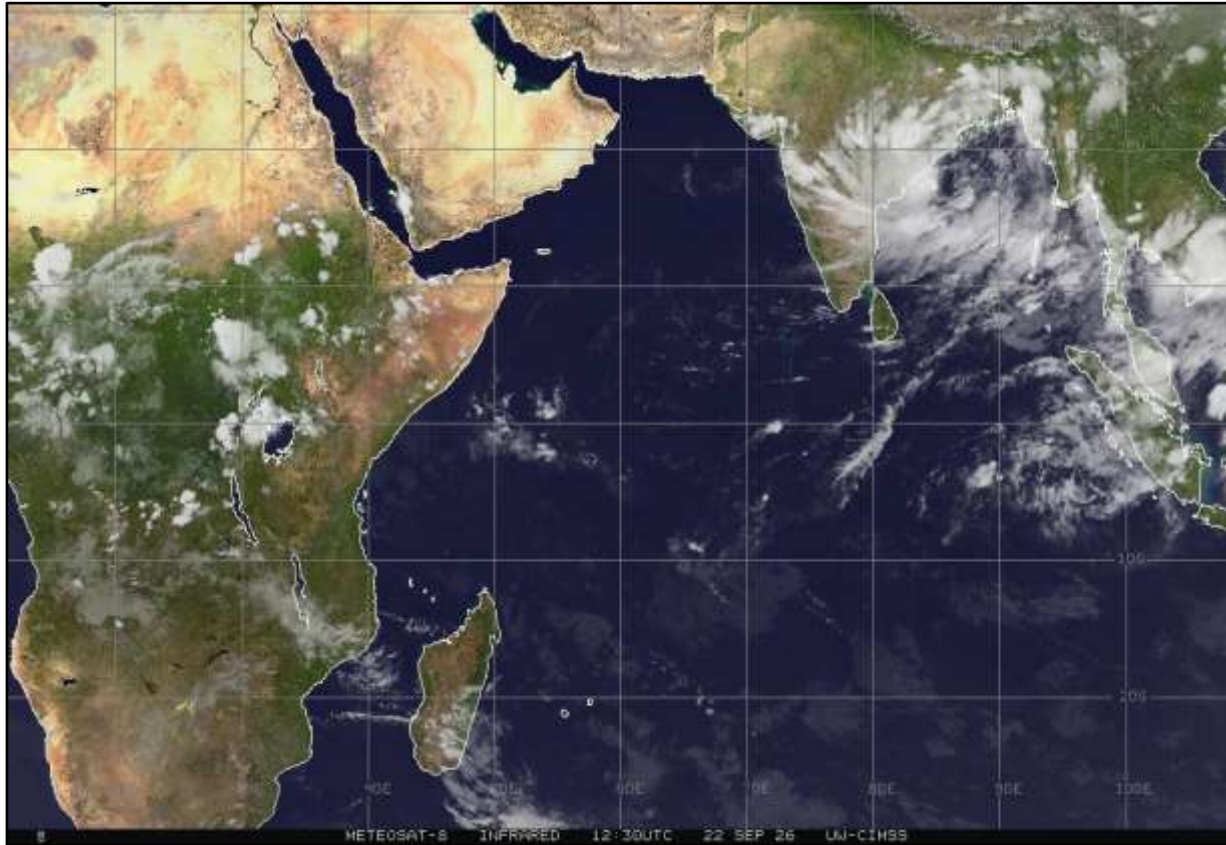
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WEATHER FORECAST



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: 2026.09.22/1400UTC to 2026.09.23/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.09.22

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

The depression located over the northwest Bay of Bengal, lay centred at 0600 UTC of 22nd September, near latitude 17.9°N and longitude 85.8°E, about 1000 km northeast of the Sri Lanka, is expected to further intensify into a deep depression within the next 12 hours. Naval and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the sea areas bounded by 5°N to 22°N latitude and 85°E to 100°E longitude until further notice and those who are operating in these sea areas are advised to move away.

Shear line is approximately along: 03N 60E, EQ 70E, 01N 80E, 03N 90E, 02N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections:05, 10, 15, 60.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections :00, 20, 25, 45, 50, 55, 65, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 77E : NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts.

East of 77E : W'ly to SW'ly / (15-25) kts; gusting up to 35 kts in section 10; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 15.

South of Shear line: SE'ly to S'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 65, 70, 80, 85.

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in section : 10.

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 15, 85.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 65, 70, 80.

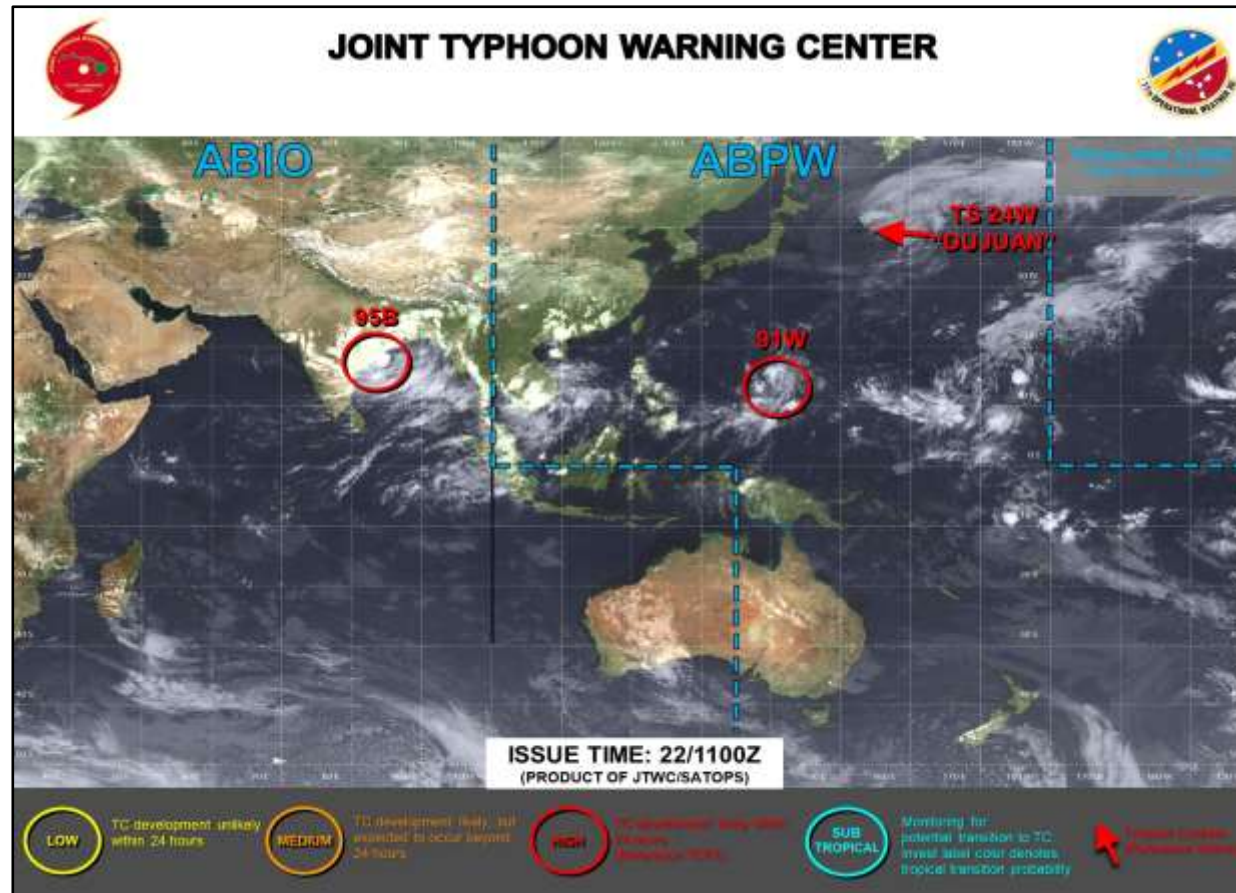
Moderate in sections : 50, 55, 60, 75.

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



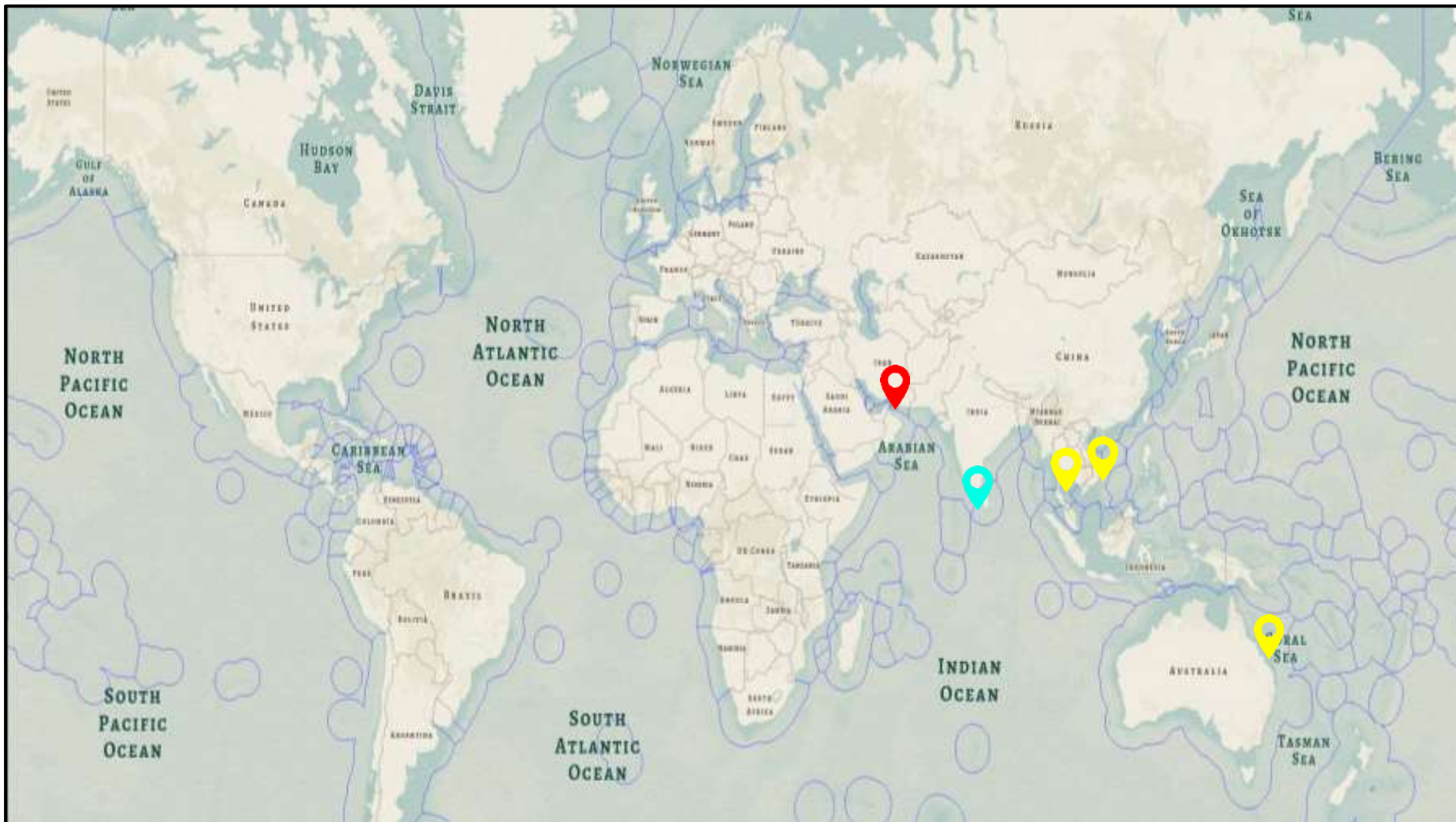
• Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



TROPICAL CYCLONE "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	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	05

MARITIME INCIDENTS



18 Sep/Bulk Carrier Remain Aground off Australia, Recovery Efforts Continue/Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Australia	Off Gladstone	Grounding/Stranding	Name: CAPE FALCON Type: Cargo IMO: 9916202	The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) is investigating the incident and will detain the vessel after it is refloated. Investigators will conduct interviews and collect evidence, while authorities will inspect the vessel's seaworthiness before allowing it to sail.

The Liberian-flagged bulk carrier Cape Falcon has been aground for five days near Gladstone, Australia, after two unsuccessful refloating attempts. The vessel, which is 292 m long, ran aground on 18 Sep 26 while anchoring. No pollution or hull damage has been reported, and all crew members are safe. Although the vessel is not blocking the shipping channel, port operations are still impacted as recovery efforts proceed.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/no/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13258/bulk-carrier-remain-aground-aground-off-australia-recovery-e>



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22 Sep/MPA Rescues 25 Crew /Vietnam

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.22	Vietnam	East of Vietnam	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- MSC Hermes III	MRCC Singapore is working with the Vietnamese MRCC to ensure the safe return of the rescued crew members to shore.

A total of 25 crew members from the Liberia-registered container vessel MSC HERMES III were safely rescued on 22 Sep 26 after abandoning their ship in a lifeboat due to distress about 300 km East of Vietnam. The Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Singapore coordinated the operation after receiving a distress alert at approximately 0845 hrs prompting a broadcast for nearby vessels to assist. The MSC Ruby responded and successfully recovered all crew members, who were unharmed.



Source -: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/mpa-coordinates-rescue-of-25-crew-members-from-container-vessel-off-vietnams-coast>

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22 Sep/Fishing Boat Sinks Off Chon Buri, 3 Dead, 4 Missing/Thailand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.22	Thailand	Off Chon Buri	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- S. Kanchanawari 888	Chon Buri MP Thanathorn Pramuanphong is overseeing the rescue operation following the sinking of a vessel located at 11°56.93' N, 100°50.30'E roughly 40 nm from Laem Pu Chao mountain. Maritime authorities are conducting an investigation.

A fishing boat, the "S. KANCHANAWARI 888," sank off Chon Buri, leading to three confirmed deaths, four missing, and 15 rescued. The incident occurred around 2200 hrs on 21 Sep 26, in severe weather, with strong winds and high waves. The crew included two Thais and 20 Myanmar nationals and the captain is among the deceased. The survivors are being returned to Chong Samae San. The Navy is actively searching for the missing with various resources dispatched for assistance.



Source -: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/3324185/fishing-boat-sinks-off-chon-buri-3-dead-4-missing>

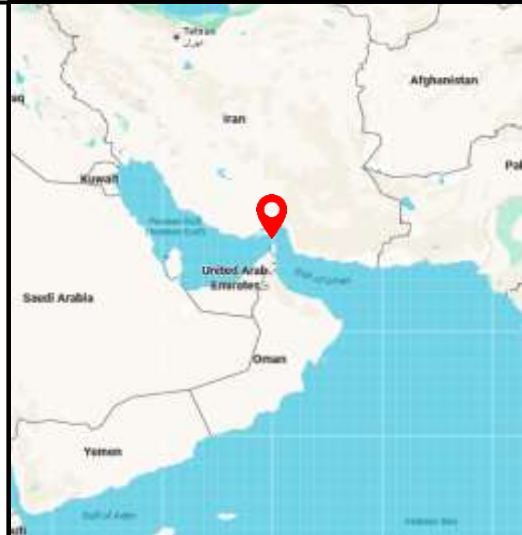
PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY



21 Sep/Two Wounded as 'Projectile' Hits Tanker/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.21	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name- LR STEPHANIE Flag- Barbados Type- Tanker	Two crew members were injured when an "unknown projectile" struck a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz amid ongoing conflict in the Middle East, according to a maritime agency.

Tehran aims to control a critical waterway amid its conflict with the U.S., while Washington enforces a counterblockade on Iranian ports. The UKMTO reported that an inbound tanker was struck by an unknown projectile, causing minor injuries to two crew members. British security firm Vanguard Tech confirmed that the UK-flagged tanker La Stephanie was hit by a drone while approaching the Gulf, but it is proceeding to its next destination under its own power.



Source -: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2026/Sep/21/two-wounded-as-projectile-hits-tanker-in-hormuz-maritime-agency>

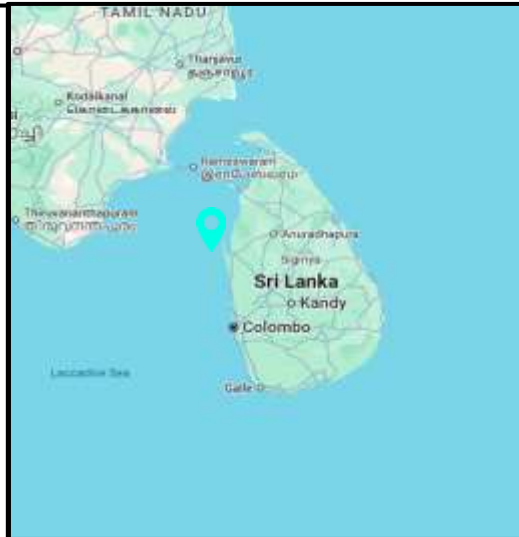
SMUGGLING



21 Sep/Navy Seizes 821kg of Smuggled Kendu Leaves in Puttalam/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.21	Sri Lanka	Puttalam	Contraband/Goods smuggling	Two dinghies	The suspects, the dinghies, and the Kendu leaves were transferred to the Puttalam office of the Excise Department for legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy intercepted two dinghies and seized approximately 821kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during operations on 21 Sep 26 in Puttalam. Two suspects, aged 35 and 36 from Anawasala, were apprehended in the Gangewadiya lagoon. A second dinghy was found abandoned along Serakkuliya coast, containing an additional 12 sacks of Kendu leaves.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-821kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-puttalam.html>



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