

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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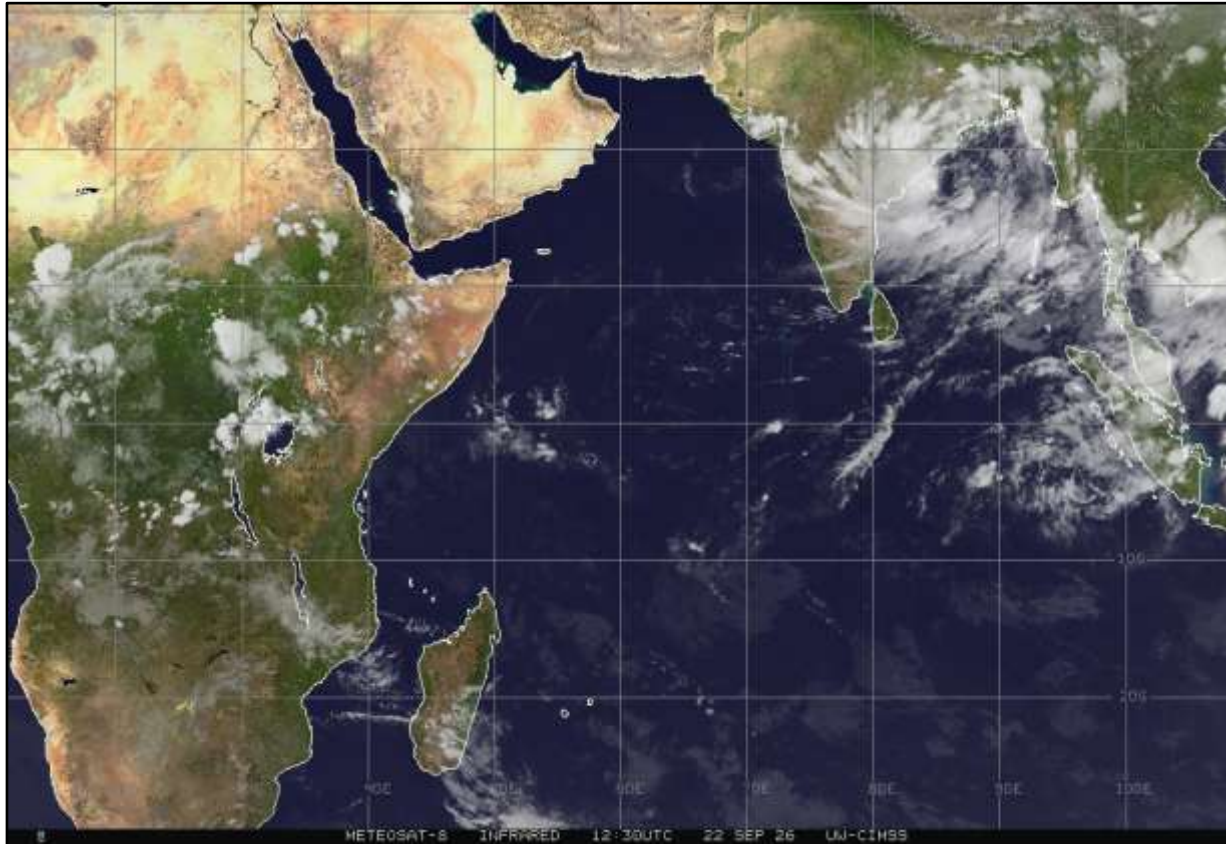
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Date 2026.09.23

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: 2026.09.23/0600UTC to 2026.09.23/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.23

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

The deep depression located over the northwest Bay of Bengal, about 1000 km northeast of the island, and it is very likely to move west-northwestwards, cross North Andhra Pradesh, India.

Naval and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the sea areas in between 5°N and 22°N latitude and 80°E and 95°E longitude until further notice. Naval and fishing communities operating in those sea areas are advised to move away from the affected sea areas. Naval 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: 02N 60E, EQ 70E, 01N 80E, 02N 90E, 03N 100E.

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 30, 50, 60.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

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

South of Shear line: SE'yly to S'yly / (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, 30, 85.

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

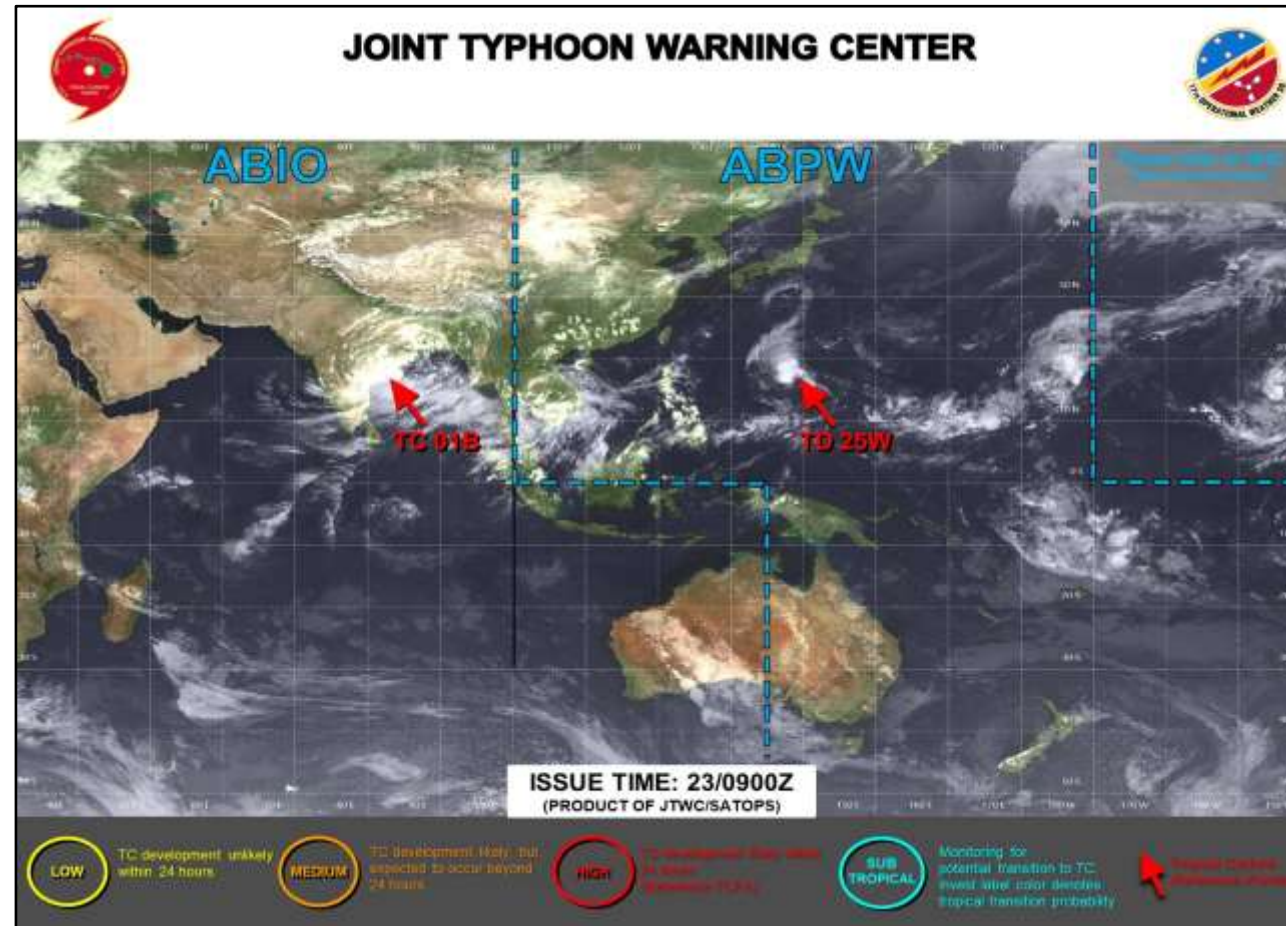
Moderate in sections : 50, 55, 60, 75.

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>

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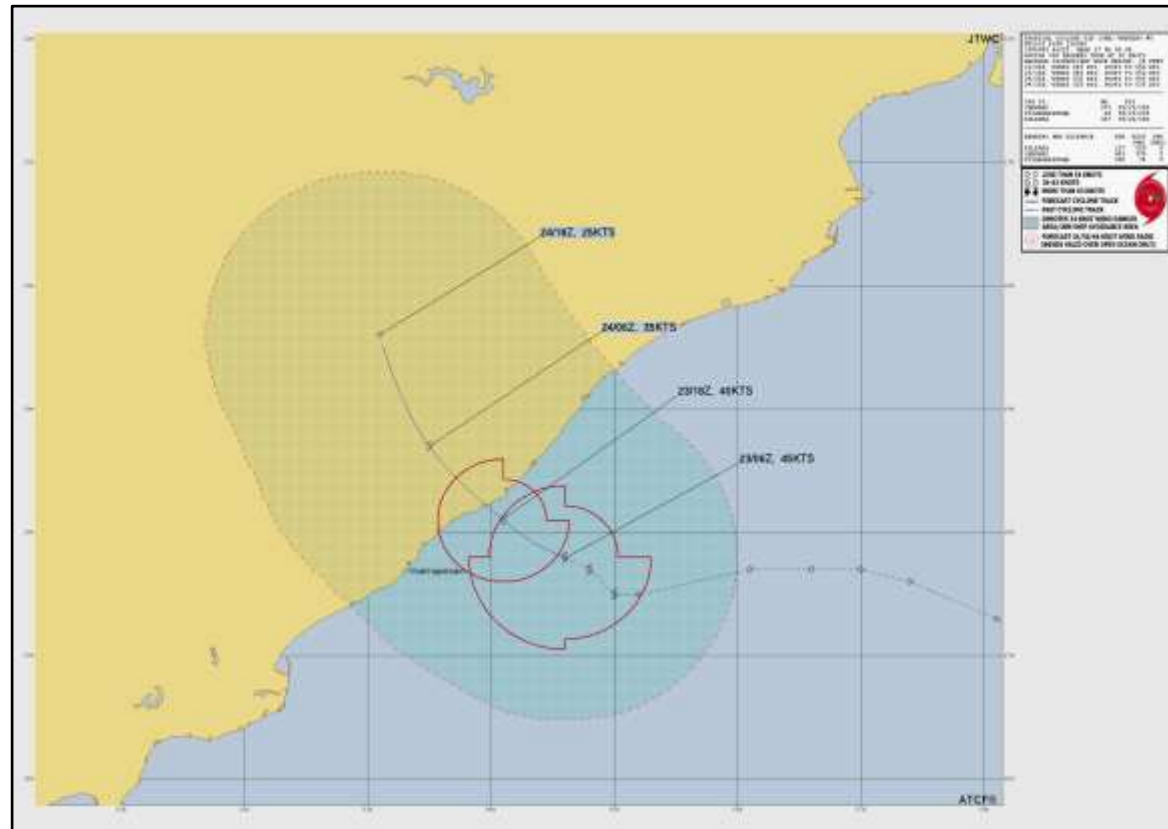


- Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "01 B"

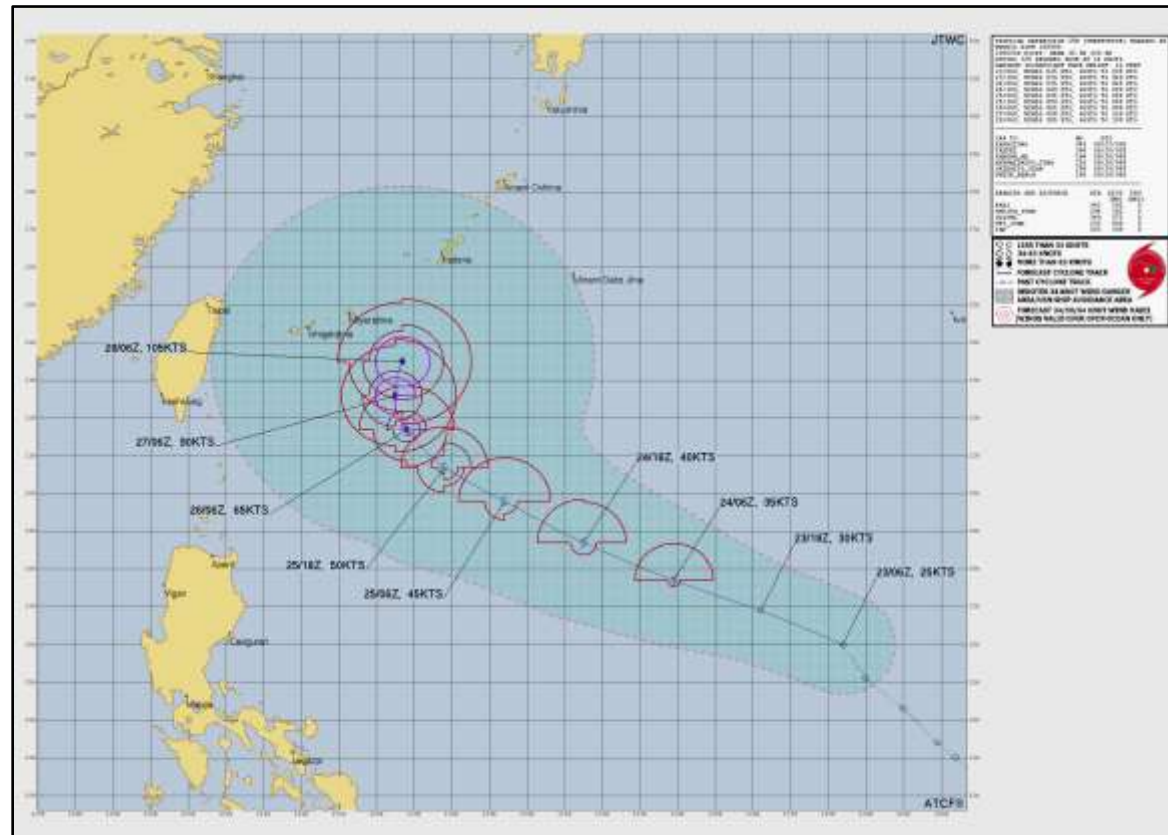


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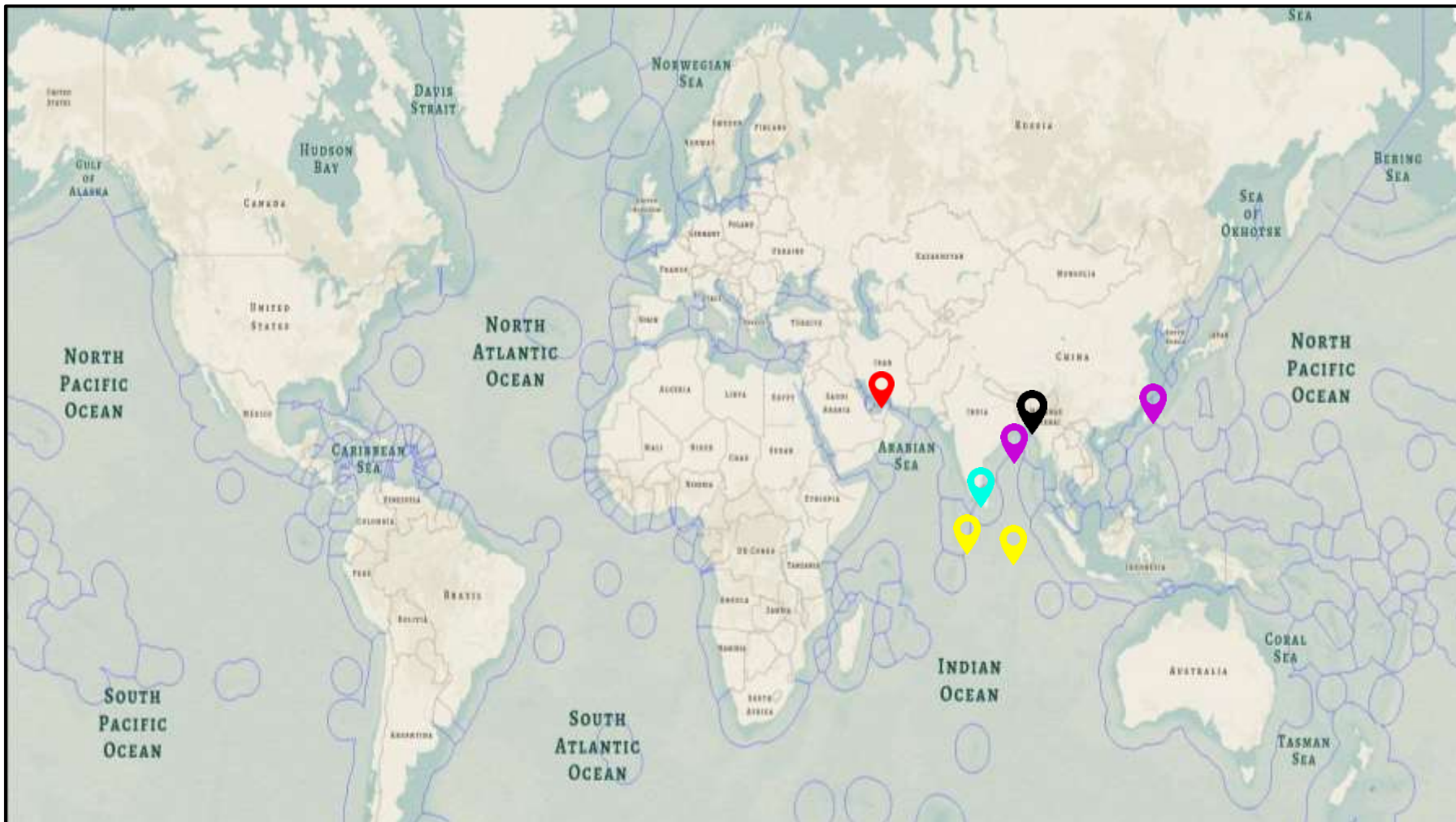


TROPICAL CYCLONE "25 W"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	02
Total Incidents	07

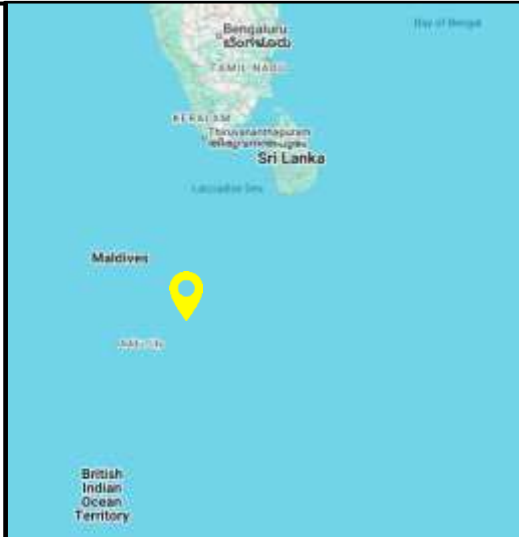


MARITIME INCIDENTS

23 Sep/Indonesian Fishing Vessel Reported in Distress/Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Maldives	Maldives SRR	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Indonesian Fishing Vessel	Incident was reported to MRCC Colombo and it was immideaty informed to MRCC Maldives

An Indonesian fishing vessel reportedly caught fire and was destroyed at approximately 03°29'S / 075°37'E, within the Maldives SRR. A total of 35 Indonesian fishermen were rescued, including 10 initially rescued by Sri Lankan fishing vessel IMUL-A-1221 MTR. The fishermen were subsequently taken onboard Taiwanese vessel WENHUNG DAR (MMSI 416005540) at approximately 0945 hrs.



Source -: MRCC COLOMBO



MARITIME INCIDENTS

22 Sep/Indonesian Fishing Vessel Reported in Distress/Indian Ocean

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.22	Indian Ocean	Australian SRR	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Indonesian Fishing Vessel	The 25 Indonesian fishermen rescued by MV MOONSTONE were reported to be in good health. MV MOONSTONE is scheduled to arrive at Colombo OPL at 0400hrs on 24 Sep 26.

An Indonesian fishing vessel reportedly capsized on 22 September 2026 at 03°38.368'N / 082°38.795'E within the Australian SRR. Of the 33 fishermen onboard, 30 were rescued by SEEKER TIDE and MV MOONSTONE, while 03 remain missing. JRCC Australia coordinated the SAR response, with PACIFIC LIBERTY also assisting.



Source -: MRCC COLOMBO

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY



23 Sep/Seafarer Killed in Hormuz Attack as Trump Pushes Iran Deal at UN/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name- CAPE DAO	The mission is working with Omani authorities and the vessel's recruitment agency, maintaining contact with the deceased's family. UKMTO reported two casualties, and an investigation is underway, with no environmental impact noted.

An Indian seafarer was killed and another injured when the bulk carrier CAPE DAO was struck by an unknown projectile in the Strait of Hormuz. The incident occurred around 0630 UTC, leading to a fire and the crew abandoning the ship. The vessel, flagged in Antigua and Barbuda, was not listed as "non-compliant" by Iranian authorities. The Indian Embassy in Oman confirmed that among the 19 Indian crew members, one was lost, expressing condolences to the family of the deceased.



Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/seafarer-killed-in-hormuz-attack-as-trump-pushes-iran-deal-at-un/>

SMUGGLING



22 Sep/ Navy seizes over 900kg of smuggled Kendu leaves in Puttalam/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Sri Lanka	Puttalam	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The seized consignment of Kendu leaves was handed over to the Puttalam Excise Station for further legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy seized over 900kg of smuggled beedi leaves during a search in the Puttalam lagoon on 22 Sept 26. This operation, conducted by the Rapid Action Boat Squadron under the Northwestern Naval Command, followed credible information. The naval personnel found 24 suspicious sacks in scrubland, containing approximately 908kg of Kendu leaves, likely abandoned by traffickers amid increased surveillance.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-over-900kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-puttalam.html>

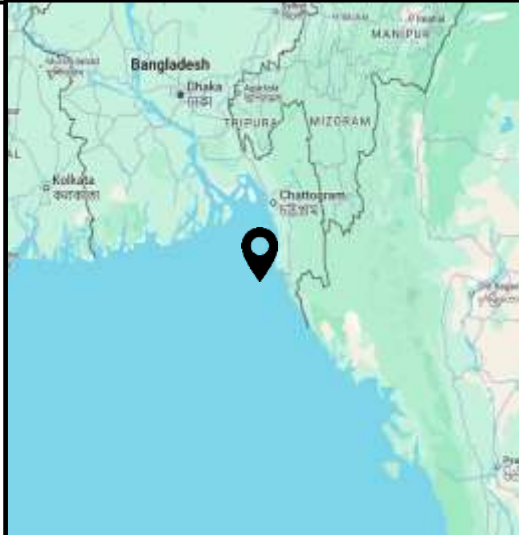
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



22 Sep/ Child, Woman Die As Boat Carrying Rohingya Refugees Sinks off Teknaf/ Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.22	Bangladesh	off the Teknaf coast	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Two Bangladeshi nationals were among the 16 survivors of a boat that sank near the shore after apparently colliding with an object. They were reportedly returning to Bangladesh after serving prison terms in Myanmar, according to Mohammad Abu Sayeed, inspector and in-charge of the Baharchhara Investigation Centre.

A boat with Rohingya refugees and two Bangladeshis sank off the Teknaf coast in Cox's Bazar. Coast Guard personnel rescued 16 individuals, while the bodies of a three-year-old child and a 25-year-old woman were recovered. One woman remains missing. The incident occurred at 0100 am at Karachi Para Sea Beach in Baharchhara Union.



Source -: <https://asianews.network/child-woman-die-as-boat-carrying-rohingya-refugees-sinks-off-bangladeshs-teknaf/>



18 Sep/Taiwan Fires Hsiung Feng III Supersonic Missile To Sink Decommissioned Navy Frigate/Taiwan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.18	Taiwan	Jiupeng	Naval Activities	-	John Bradford, executive director of the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies and a former US Navy officer, indicated that the exercise demonstrated enhanced collaboration between Taiwan's coast guard and navy.

Taiwan conducted a military exercise on 18 Sep 26 sinking the decommissioned frigate Lan Yang with anti-ship missiles at Jiupeng Base. This three-day drill involved coordination among the army, navy, air force, and coast guard, testing various weapons including Hsiung Feng II and III missiles, Harpoons, and HIMARS rockets. For the first time, attack drones were also utilized. The exercise, modeled after a US RIMPAC-style sinking drill, enabled real-world targeting of a ship hull, showcasing large explosions and effective collaboration among military units. President Lai Ching-te observed the final day, with the coast guard's Anping-class patrol ship Qijin firing missiles from over 100 km away.



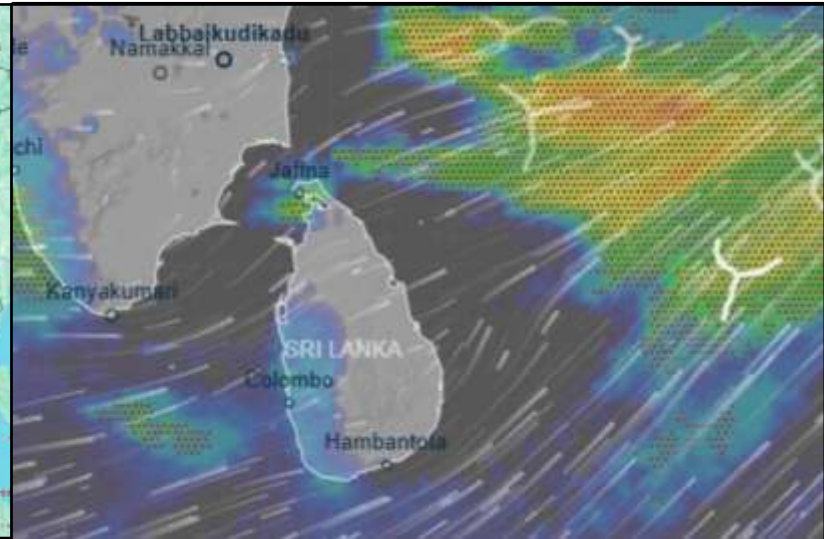
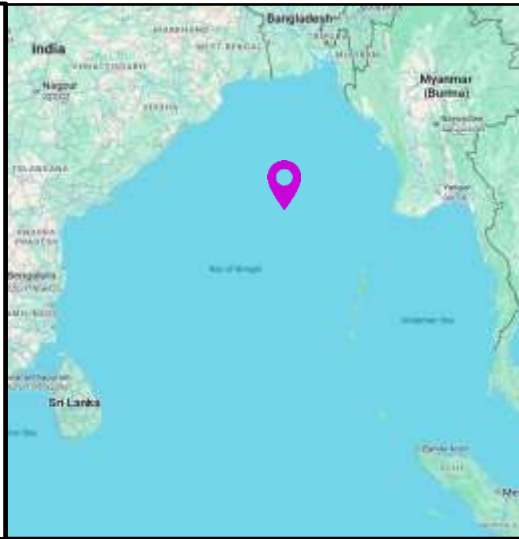
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/taiwan-fires-hsiung-feng-iii-supersonic-missile-to-sink-decommissioned-navy-frigate/>



23 Sep/ Low-Pressure System in Bay of Bengal Expected to Develop Further/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Sri Lanka	Bay of Bengal	Geography Activities	-	Merril Mendis advised residents in low-lying areas near river valleys and landslide-prone locations to stay alert, as rainy conditions are projected to persist until approximately 25 Sep 26.

Director of the Forecasting Division at the MET Department, Merrill Mendis, indicated that a low-pressure area in the Bay of Bengal is expected to intensify but will not directly impact Sri Lanka. The associated wind flow may increase rainfall in the southwestern regions of Sri Lanka in the coming days. The system could evolve into a depression and then a deep depression as it approaches the Indian coast.



Source -: <https://www.newsfirst.lk/2026/09/21/low-pressure-system-in-bay-of-bengal-expected-to-develop-further>



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