

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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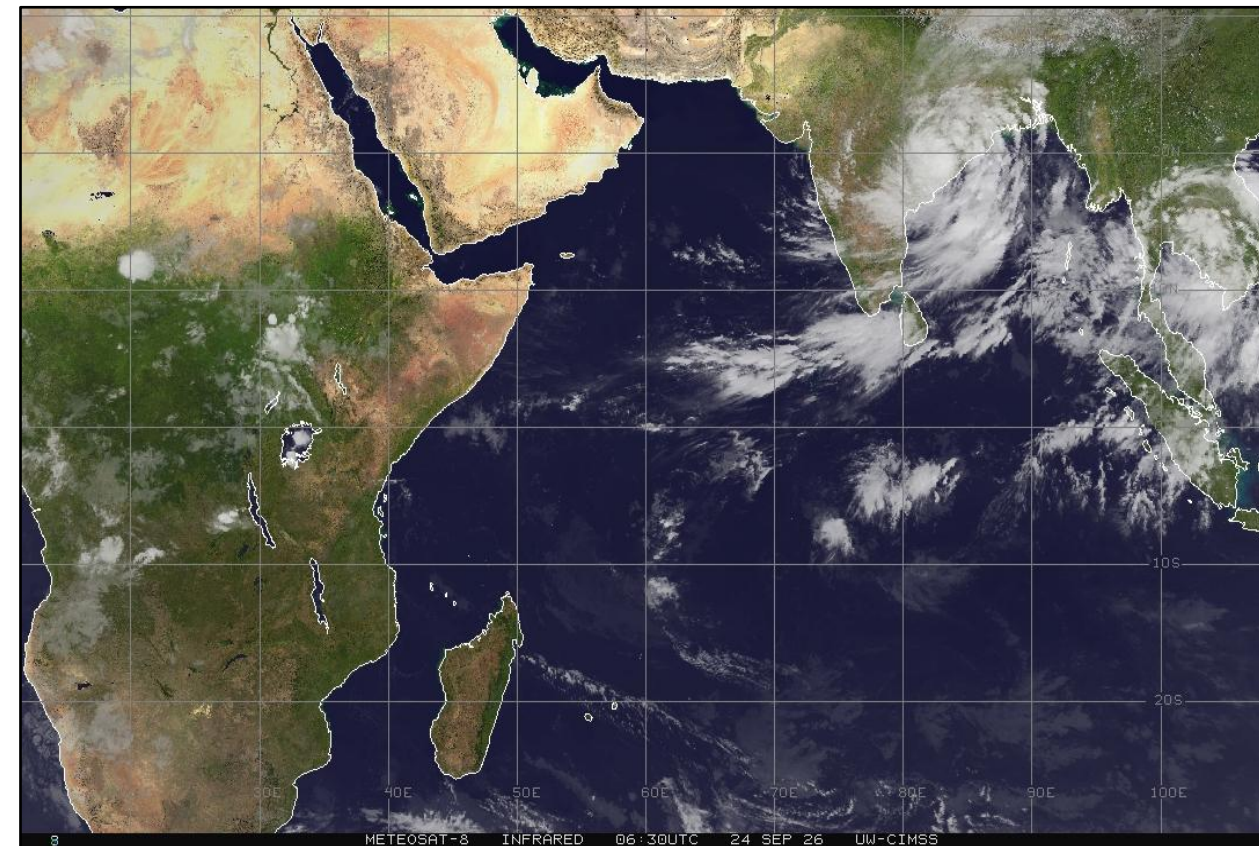
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Date 2026.09.24

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: 2026.09.24/0600UTC to 2026.09.24/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.24

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

The Deep Depression over the west-central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal is currently located around 1,020 km northeast of Kankasanthurai and it is very likely to move further west-northwestwards and is currently crossing the North Andhra Pradesh and adjoining South Odisha coasts of India. Naval and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the sea areas in between 7°N and 22°N latitude and 82°E and 90°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: 01S 60E, 01S 70E, 01S 80E, 04N 90E, 03N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 15, 50.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 25, 35, 40, 45, 65.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

From 70E to 80E : NW'ly to SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 05.

East of 77E : SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 10.

South of Shear line: SE'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 65, 70, 75, 80, 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 65, 70, 75, 80, 85.

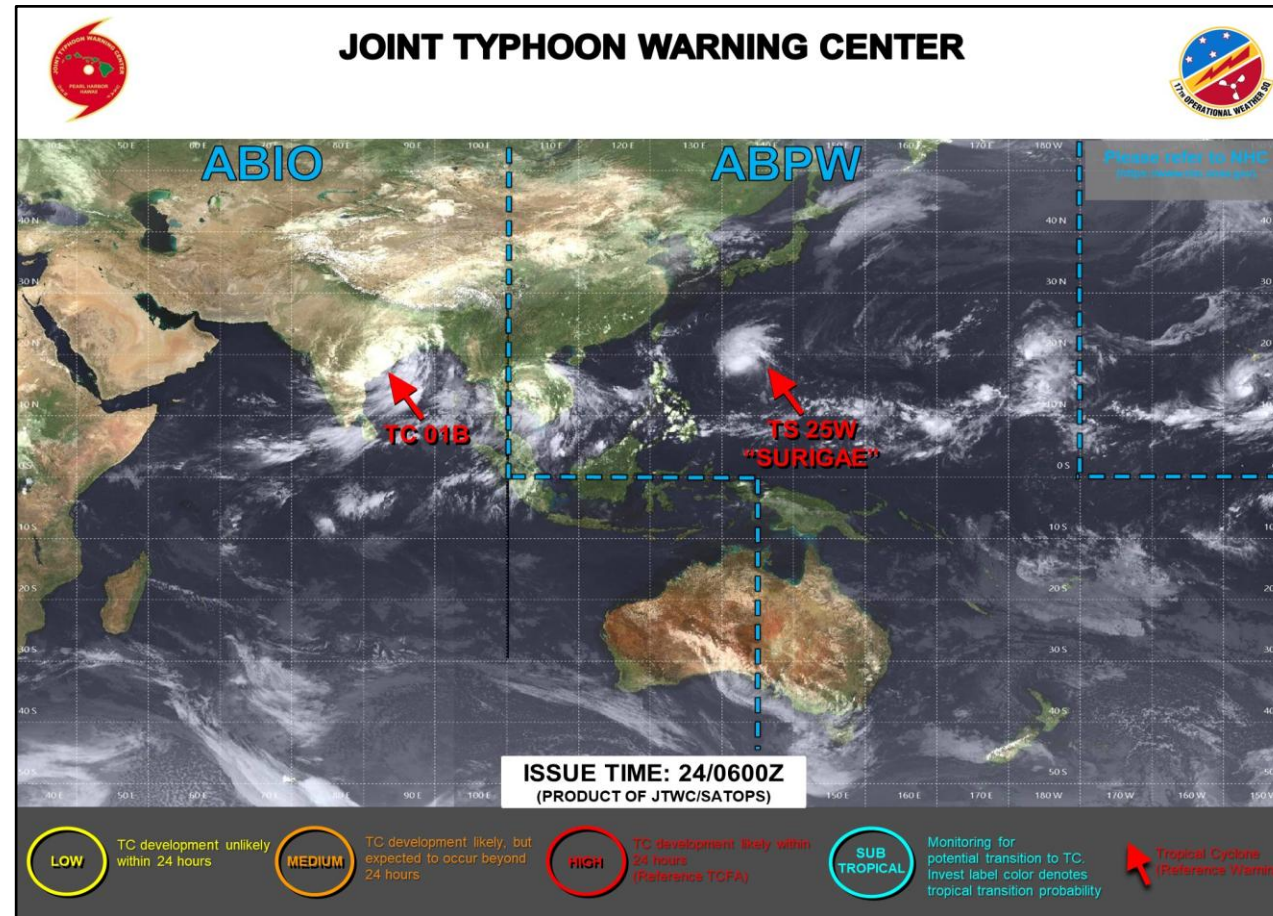
Moderate in sections : 55, 60.

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

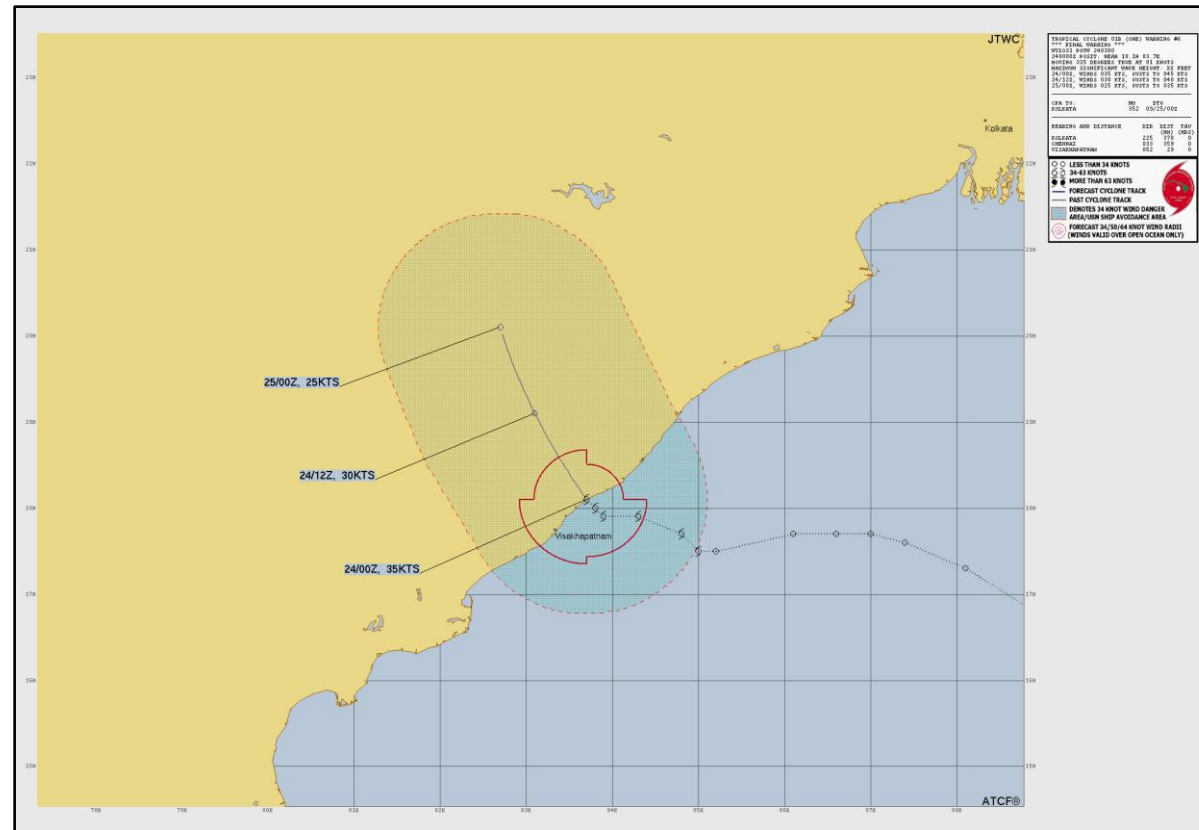


- Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "01 B"



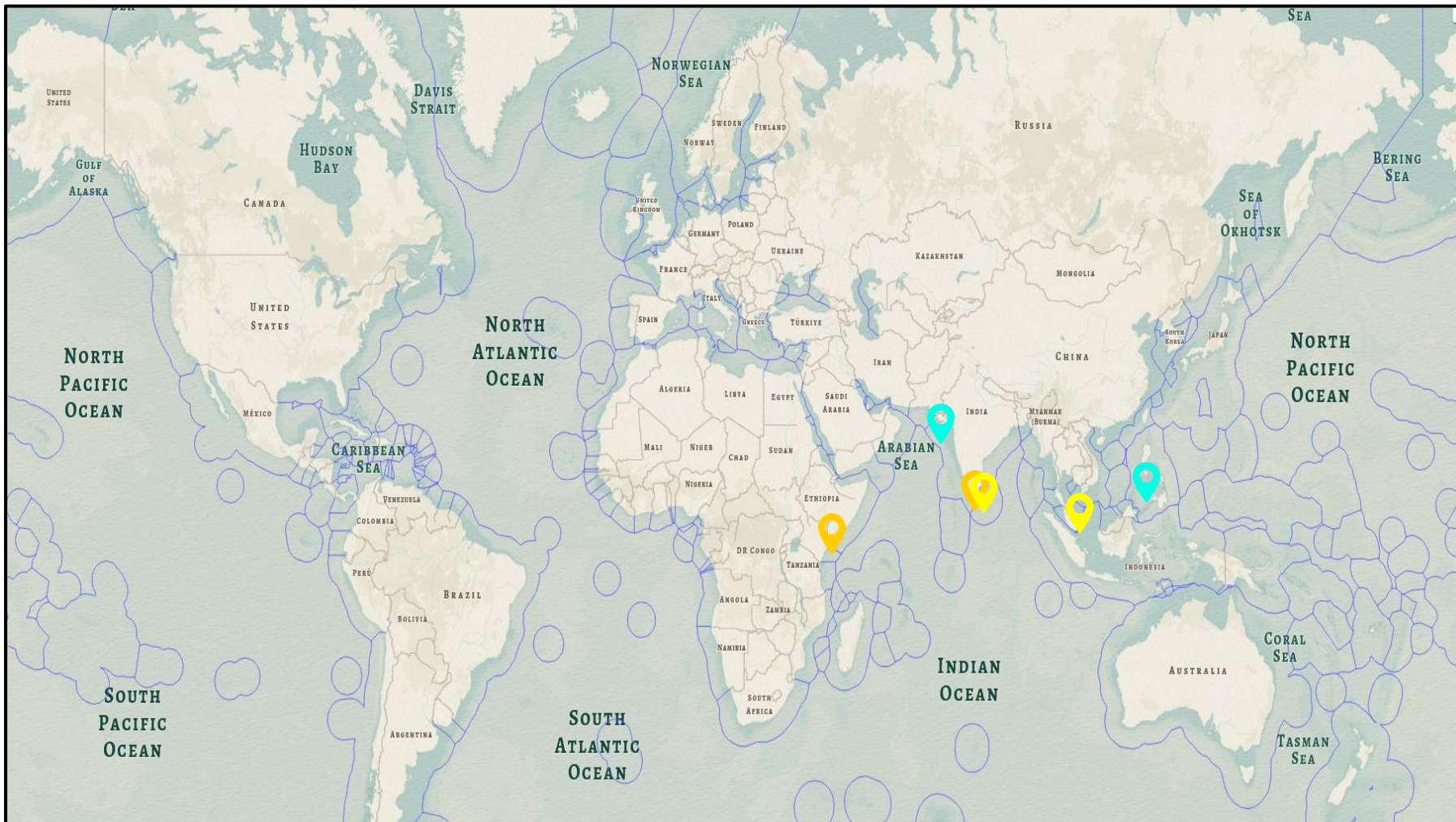
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TROPICAL CYCLONE "25 W"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	02
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	02
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	06

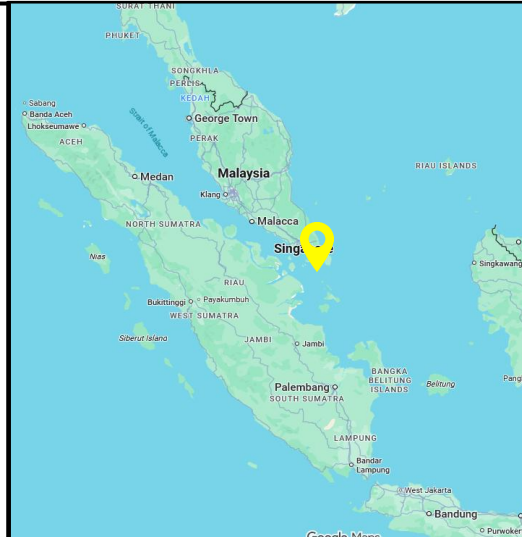
MARITIME INCIDENTS



23 Sep/ 40 Pinoy Seafarers Safe in Singapore Strait Ship Collision/ Singapore

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Singapore	Singapore Strait	Collisions	Name-First Margaux Flag -Panama Name-Lu Qing Yuan Yu Type -Fishing Vessel	The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) is investigating the collision on 17 Sep 26 between the vessel First Margaux and a China-registered fishing vessel, Lu Qing Yuan Yu, as announced in a press release on 22 Sep 26.

Approximately 40 Filipino seafarers on the Panama-flagged bulk carrier First Margaux were confirmed safe after a collision with a Chinese fishing vessel in the Singapore Strait. Department of Migrant Workers Secretary Han Leo Cacdac reported that none were injured, and further information is being collected from the manning agency.



Source -: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2026/09/24/2558614/40-pinoy-seafarers-safe-singapore-strait-ship-collision>

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24 Sep/25 Fishermen Rescued by MV Moonstone Brought to the Port of Colombo/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.24	Sri Lanka	Port of Colombo	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Indonesian Fishing Vessel	The fishermen were handed over to the Indonesian Embassy for further necessary action

On 22 Sep 26, fishermen who were rescued by MV MOONSTONE within the Australian SRR were brought to the Port of Colombo at 1815 hrs on 24 sep 26. Subsequently, the fishermen were transferred ashore with the assistance of Sri Lanka Navy Craft P-432 and T-501 Tug.



Source -: MRCC COLOMBO

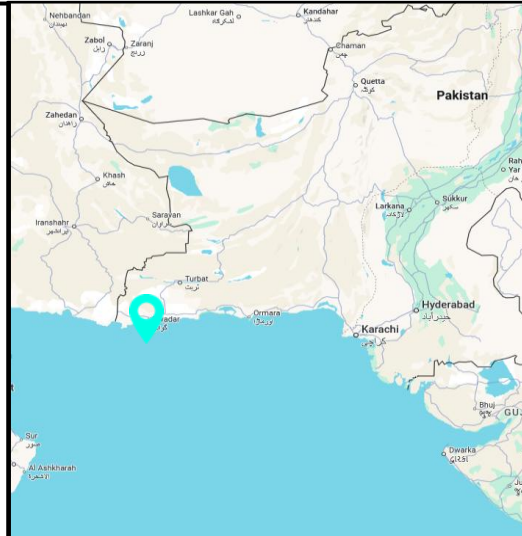
SMUGGLING



23 Sep/ Navy, PCG Foil Major Smuggling Attempt/ Pakistan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Pakistan	Pishukan area	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The joint operation led to the confiscation of a significant amount of liquor and illegal medicines, which were then handed over to the Pakistan Coast Guard for legal action.

The Pakistan Navy (PN) and Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG) successfully thwarted a significant smuggling attempt in Pishukan, Balochistan, seizing a substantial amount of liquor and illegal medicines. This operation was executed based on actionable intelligence and in collaboration with the Joint Maritime Information Coordination Centre (JMICC), as reported by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).



Source -: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/amp/40440921>

SMUGGLING



23 Sep/ P14-M Smuggled Cigarettes Recovered in Zamboanga/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Philippines	Zamboanga shore	Contraband/Goods smuggling	Motorboat	The information led to the recovery of abandoned suspected smuggled cigarettes and a motorboat linked to the contraband.

Authorities recovered approximately PHP14 million's worth of abandoned smuggled cigarettes along the shore of Zamboanga City. Brig. Gen. Elmer Ragay, director of the Police Regional Office – Zamboanga Peninsula, reported that the 2nd Zamboanga City Mobile Force “Seaborne” Company found the contraband in Sitio Stanvac, Barangay Campo Islam, following a tip-off about suspected smuggling activities.



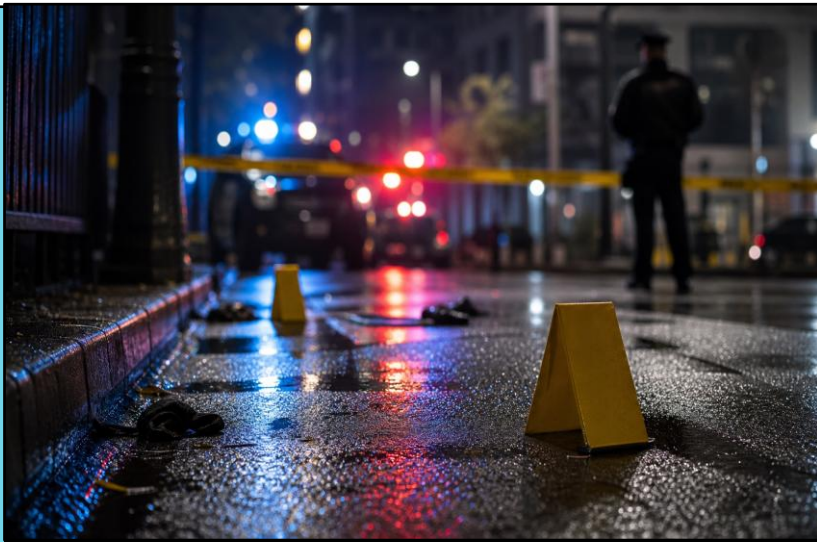
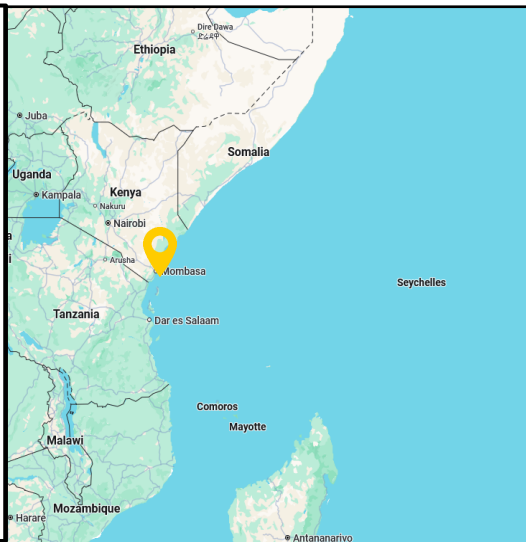
Source -: <https://balita.com/p14-m-smuggled-cigarettes-recovered-in-zamboanga-city/>



23 Sep/ Destroys KSh 8.2 Billion Methamphetamine Haul Following Major Indian Ocean Interception/ Kenya

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Kenya	Mombasa	Sea based Drugs Trafficking/Crystal methamphetamine/Cocaine	MV Mashallaah	The total weight of the narcotics reached 1,024 kilograms, marking a record haul for the region. The National Police Service estimated the street value at KSh 8.2 billion, connecting the shipment to advanced international trafficking networks along the Indian Ocean maritime routes.

Kenyan authorities are set to destroy over 1,000 kilograms of methamphetamine valued at KSh 8.2 billion, marking the end of legal processes related to one of East Africa's largest narcotics seizures. This follows a significant maritime interception in October 2025, where a joint task force, including the Kenya Navy and other agencies, intercepted a stateless vessel 630 kilometers off the coast, acting on shared intelligence.



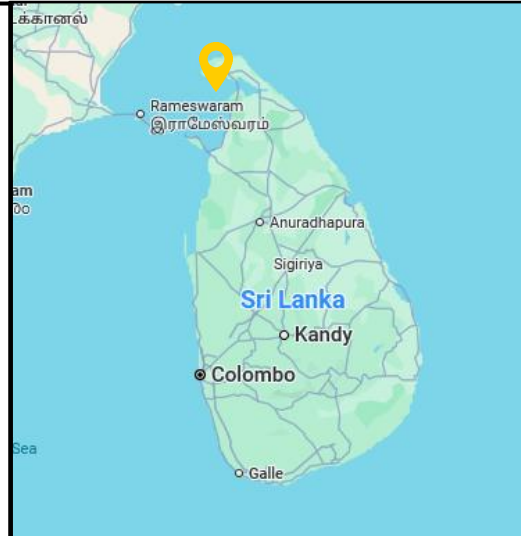
Source -: <https://streamlinefeed.co.ke/news/kenya-destroys-ksh-8-2-billion-methamphetamine-haul-following-major-indian-ocean-interception>



24 Sep/ Northern Naval Command seizes 192kg of cannabis off Gurunagar/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.23	Sri Lanka	off Gurunagar	Sea based Drugs Trafficking/Crystal methamphetamine/Cocaine	-	The suspect, seized cannabis and the dinghy were subsequently handed over to the the Jaffna Police Division Crime Detective Bureau for onward legal action.

The Sri Lanka Navy intercepted a suspicious dinghy in the Gurunagar lagoon area on 24 Sep 26, seizing over 192kg of cannabis packed into 88 parcels within 7 sacks. The operation, conducted by SLNS Welusumana personnel, was based on credible information, resulting in the apprehension of a suspect.



Source -: <https://streamlinefeed.co.ke/news/kenya-destroys-ksh-8-2-billion-methamphetamine-haul-following-major-indian-ocean-interception>



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