

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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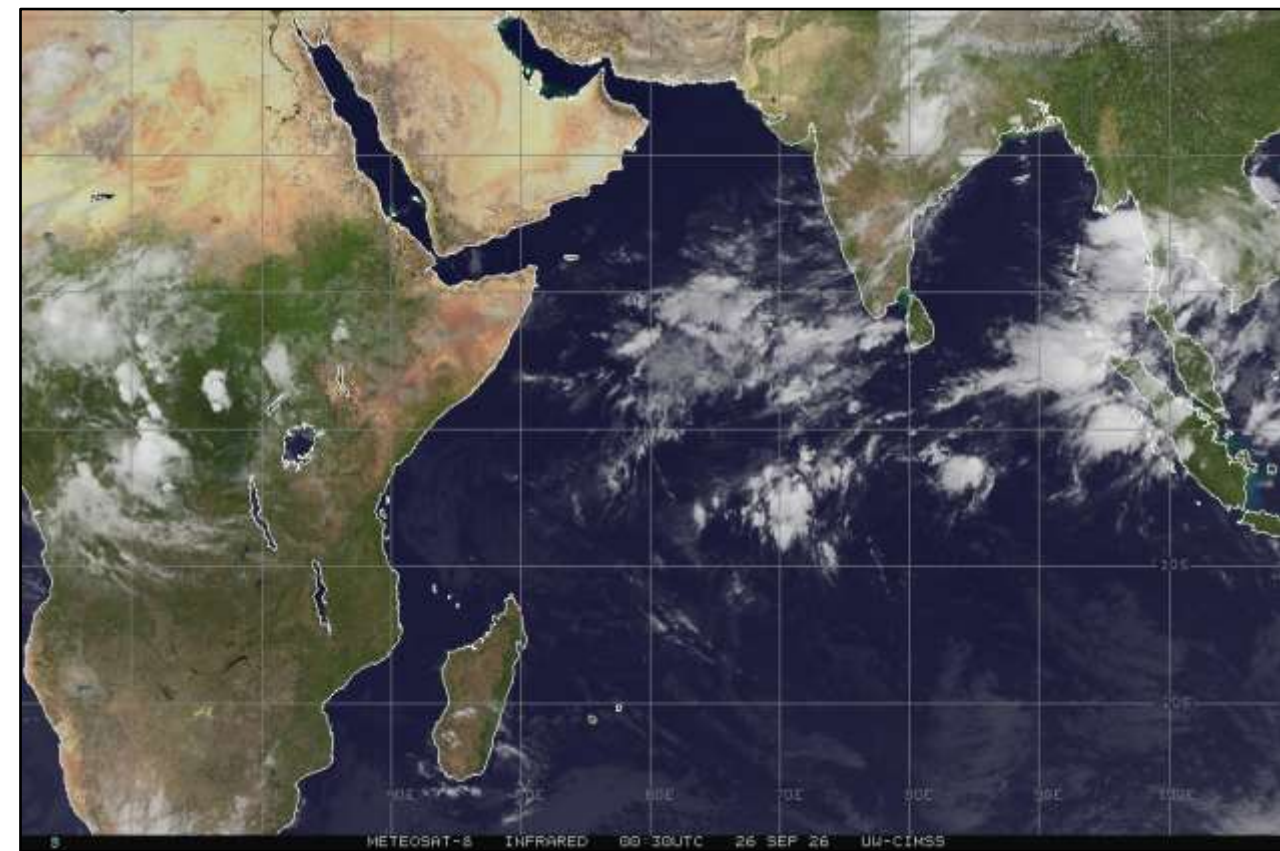
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Date 2026.09.26

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: 2026.09.26/0600UTC to 2026.09.26/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.26

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

Shear line is approximately along: 02N 60E, 02S 70E, EQ 80E, 02N 90E, 04N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 35, 55.
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 15, 30, 40, 45, 50.
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E : SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 00,05.
East of 70E : W'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 10.

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

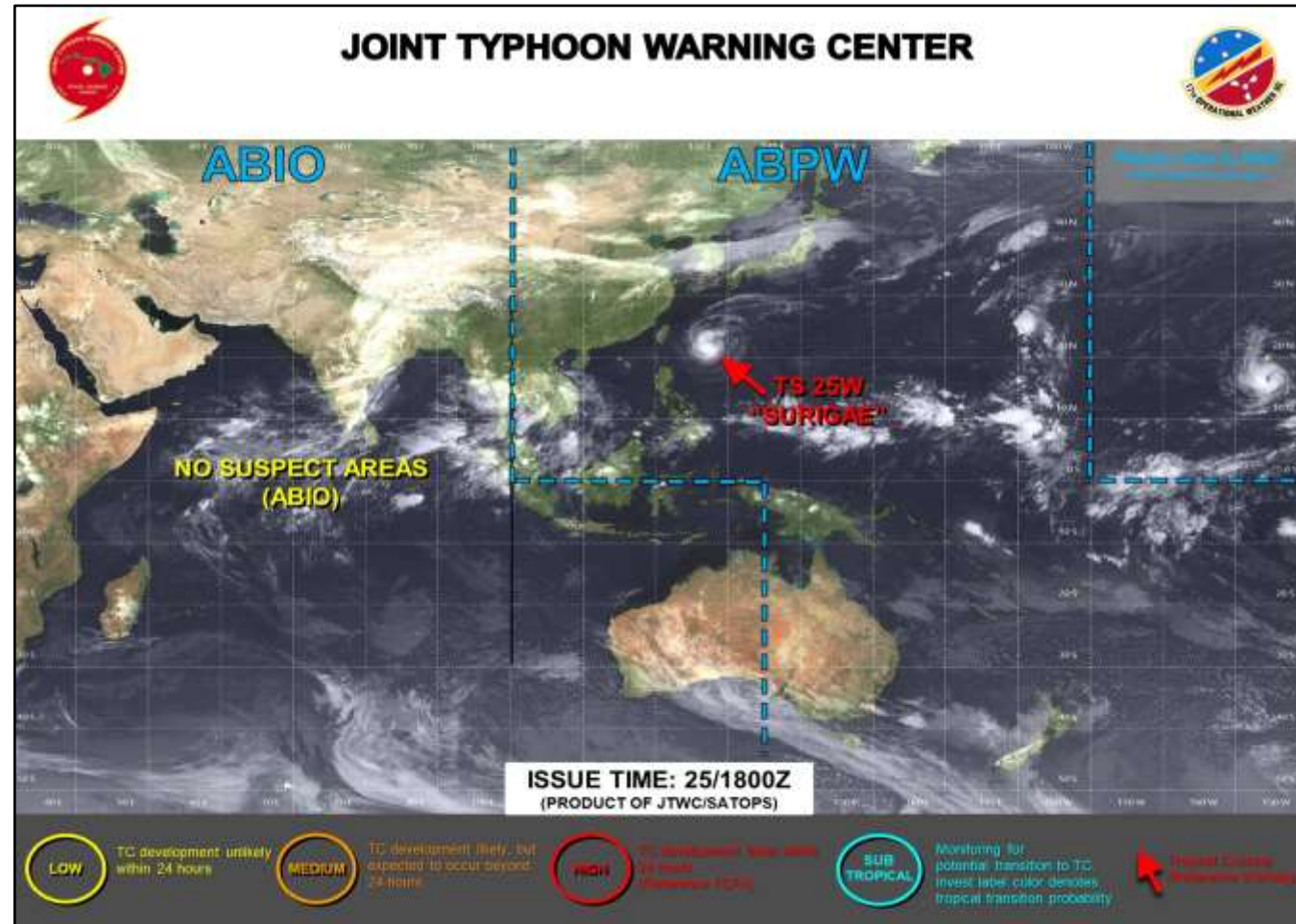
Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 05, 10.
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 65.
Moderate in sections : 60, 70, 75, 80, 85.
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

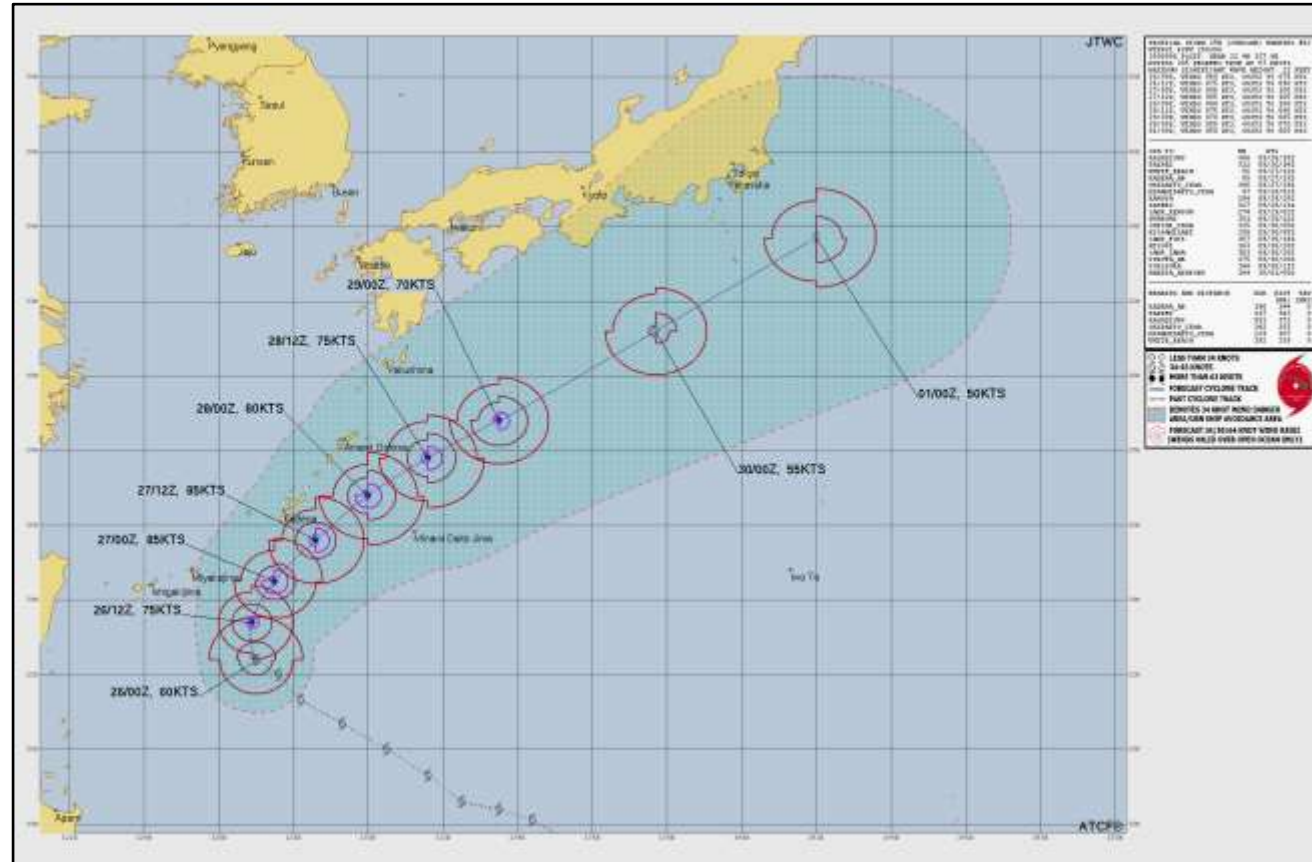


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "SURIGAE"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	02
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	05

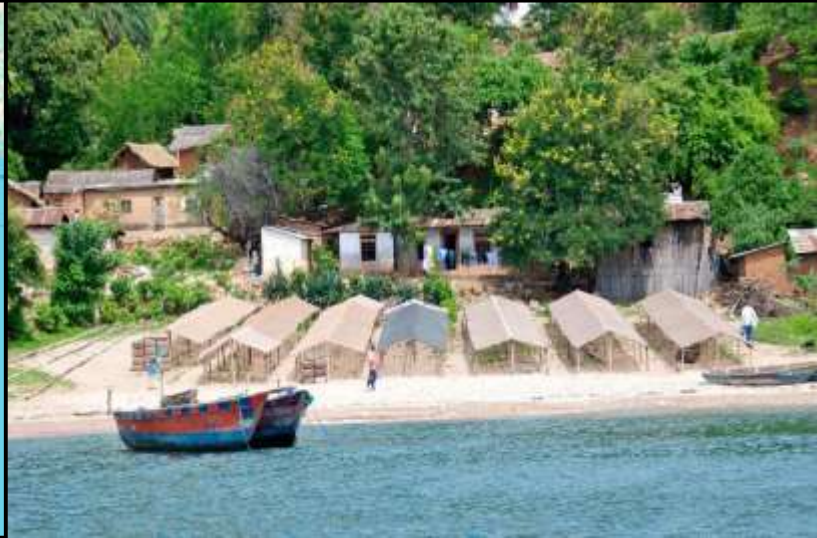
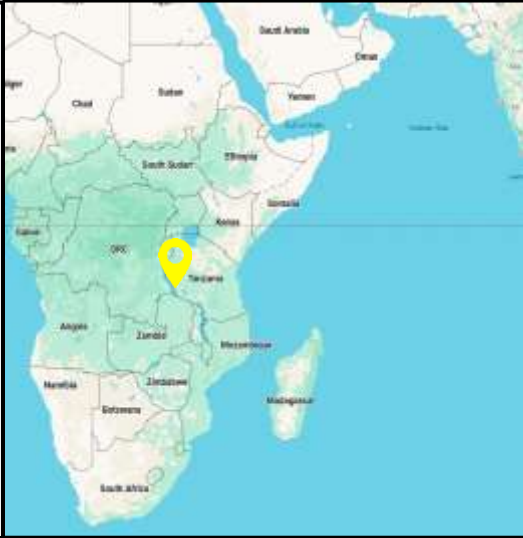


MARITIME INCIDENTS

25 Sep/41 People Dead After Boat Capsizes on Lake Tanganyika/Tanzania

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.25	Tanzania	Tanganyika lake	Capsizing/Sinking	-	Annie Moyoni, rescued by authorities, reported that passengers awoke around 0100 hrs. to find their vessel dangerously tilting, leading to panic and chaos. Authorities are investigating the cause of the incident, noting that fatalities have occurred in similar situations before.

A boat carrying approximately 100 people and cargo sank in Lake Tanganyika, Democratic Republic of Congo. The Minister of Transport for Tanganyika reported 49 survivors, 41 fatalities, and ongoing searches for the missing. The vessel capsized while traveling from Tanzania's Kigoma Port to Kalemie, off Mapera village.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/41-people-dead-after-boat-capsizes-on-lake-tanganyika-in-democratic-republic-of-the-congo/>

MARITIME INCIDENTS



24 Sep/Giant Bulker Cape Falcon Refloated After Six Days Aground/Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.24	Australia	Gladstone on Australia's East coast	Grounding/Stranding	Name- Cape Falcon Flag - Liberian Type - Cargo	The Cape Falcon which was constructed in 2022 ran aground in the Gladstone area on 18 Sep 26 while approaching a designated bunkering anchorage at the port.

A bulk carrier, the Cape Falcon, was refloated after being aground for six days near Gladstone, Queensland, on 24 Sep 26. The vessel, weighing 182,066 dwt and flagged in Liberia, was successfully floated during high tide following two unsuccessful attempts. Its grounding disrupted vessel movements, requiring harbour tugs and pilots for assistance. The ship is currently detained while inspections and investigations by authorities are ongoing.



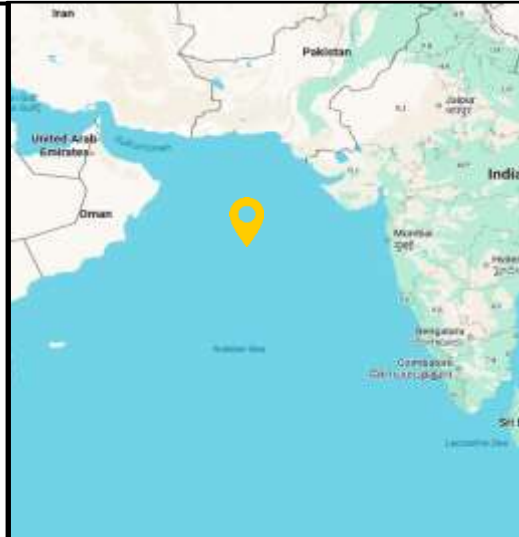
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/giant-bulker-cape-falcon-refloated-after-six-days-aground-off-australia/>



26 Sep/Navy Seizes Narcotics Worth \$750m in Major Arabian Sea Operation/Pakistan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.26	Pakistan	Arabian Sea	Seizure of narcotics	Name- HUNAIN Name- YARMOOK Type - Military	The Pakistan Navy has reiterated its commitment to maritime security and tackling illicit trafficking at sea. President Asif Ali Zardari commended Navy personnel for their effective counter-narcotics operation in the Arabian Sea.

Pakistan Navy ships HUNAIN and YARMOOK seized over 2,800 kg of narcotics worth approximately \$750 million during a joint counter-narcotics operation in the Arabian Sea. The operation began when the ships, on routine patrol, intercepted a suspicious boat and conducted a boarding operation, recovering drugs from concealed compartments.



Source -: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2631500/pakistan-navy-seizes-narcotics-worth-750m-in-major-arabian-sea-operation>

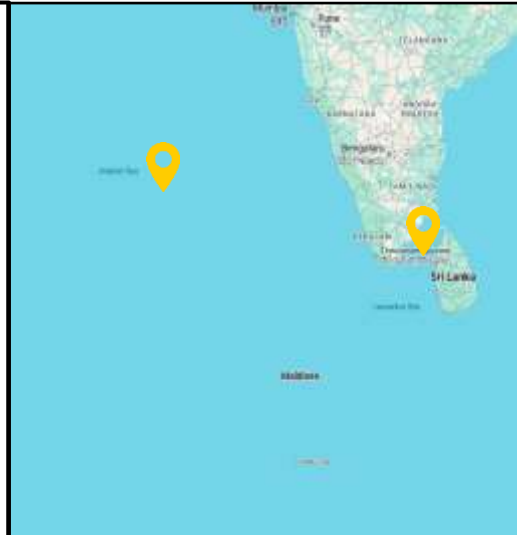
NARCOTIC



26 Sep/Northern Sea, Arabian Sea Used as Key Drug Smuggling Routes/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.26	Sri Lanka	Northern Sea and Arabian Sea	Seizure of narcotics	-	During recent operations, the Navy intercepted over 1,080 kg of heroin, 590 kg of crystal methamphetamine, and 256 kg of cocaine. Additionally, they confiscated over four million narcotic pills, 51 kg of hashish, and 55 tones of smuggled beedi leaves. An operation in the Gurunagar lagoon also detected around 800 kg of cannabis.

Drug trafficking networks are utilizing maritime routes, particularly the Northern Sea and Arabian Sea, to smuggle narcotics and contraband into Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka Navy has reported seizing drugs valued at over Rs. 55 billion through anti-narcotics operations this year, according to spokesman Commander Chaminda Walakuluge.



Source -: <https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Northern-Sea-Arabian-Sea-used-as-key-drug-smuggling-routes-to-Sri-Lanka/108-351175>

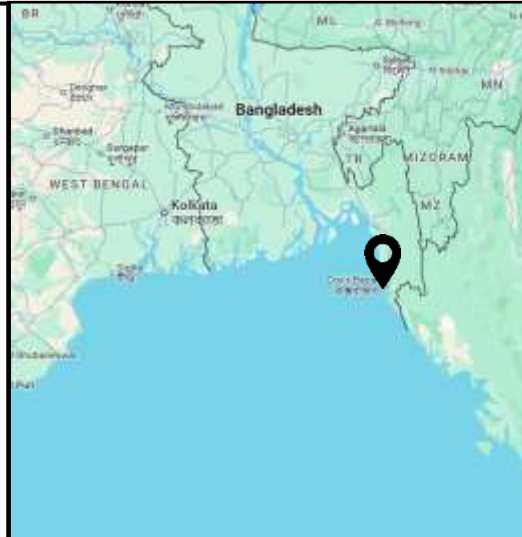
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



25 Sep/17 Bangladeshis Rescued From Human Smugglers Before Illegal Sea Voyage to Malaysia/Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.25	Bangladesh	Cox's Bazar	Detention of Migrations	-	Preliminary investigations into a maritime human smuggling syndicate have revealed key leads. The identities of the suspects remain undisclosed, while 17 rescued individuals have been sent to the Teknaf Model Police Station for legal processing.

The Special Armed Police Battalion (SARB) rescued 17 Bangladeshi nationals from human smugglers on 25 Sep 26 in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. They were preparing for an illegal sea journey to Malaysia.



Source -: <https://www.narinjara.com/news/detail/6ab718fdcf96b026e1a90904>



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