

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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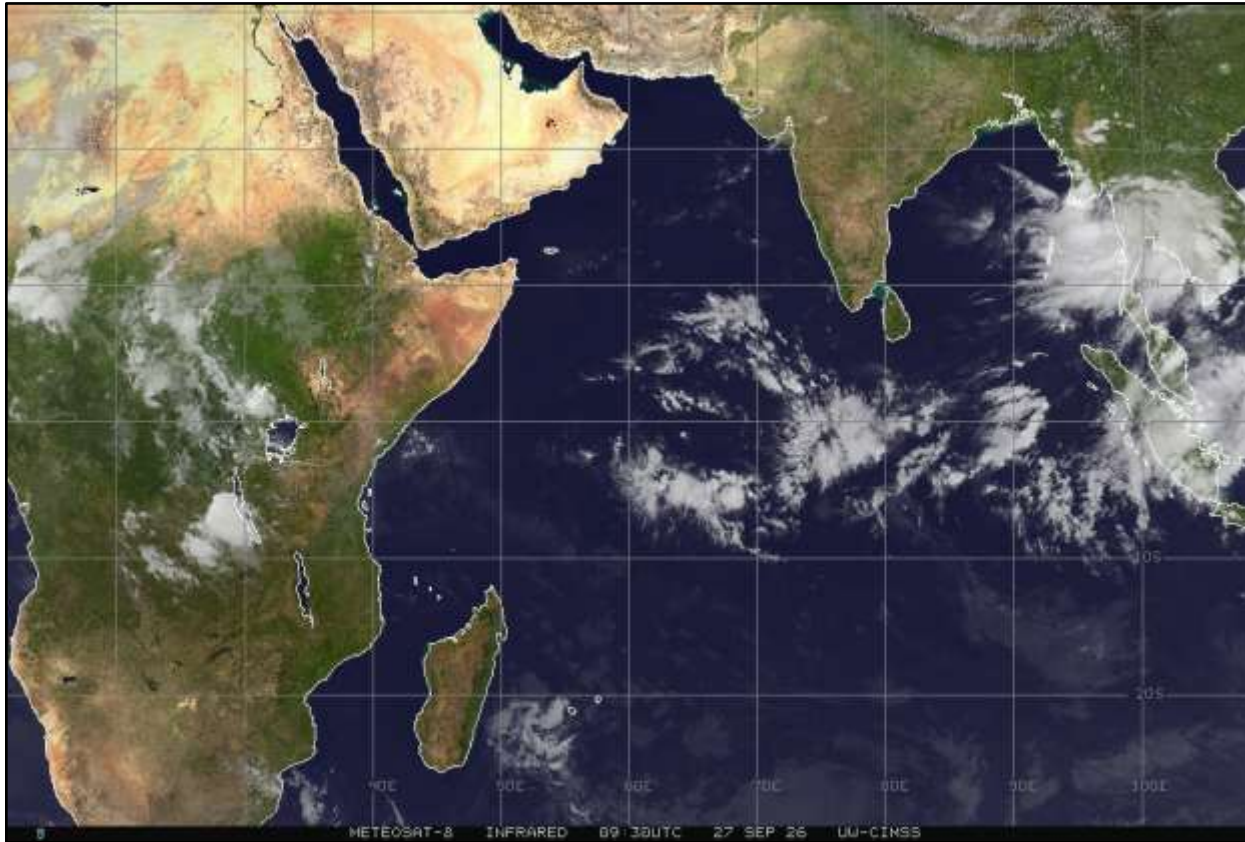
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Date 2026.09.28

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: 2026.09.28/0600UTC to 2026.09.28/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.09.28

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

Shear line is approximately along: 03N 60E, 02N 70E, EQ 80E, 01N 90E, 05N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 15, 30, 35, 55, 60

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 25, 40, 45, 50, 70, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 80E : NW'ly to SW'ly / (10-15) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05.

East of 80E : SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 10.

South of Shear line: E'ly to SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 80 and 85.

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 60, 80, 85

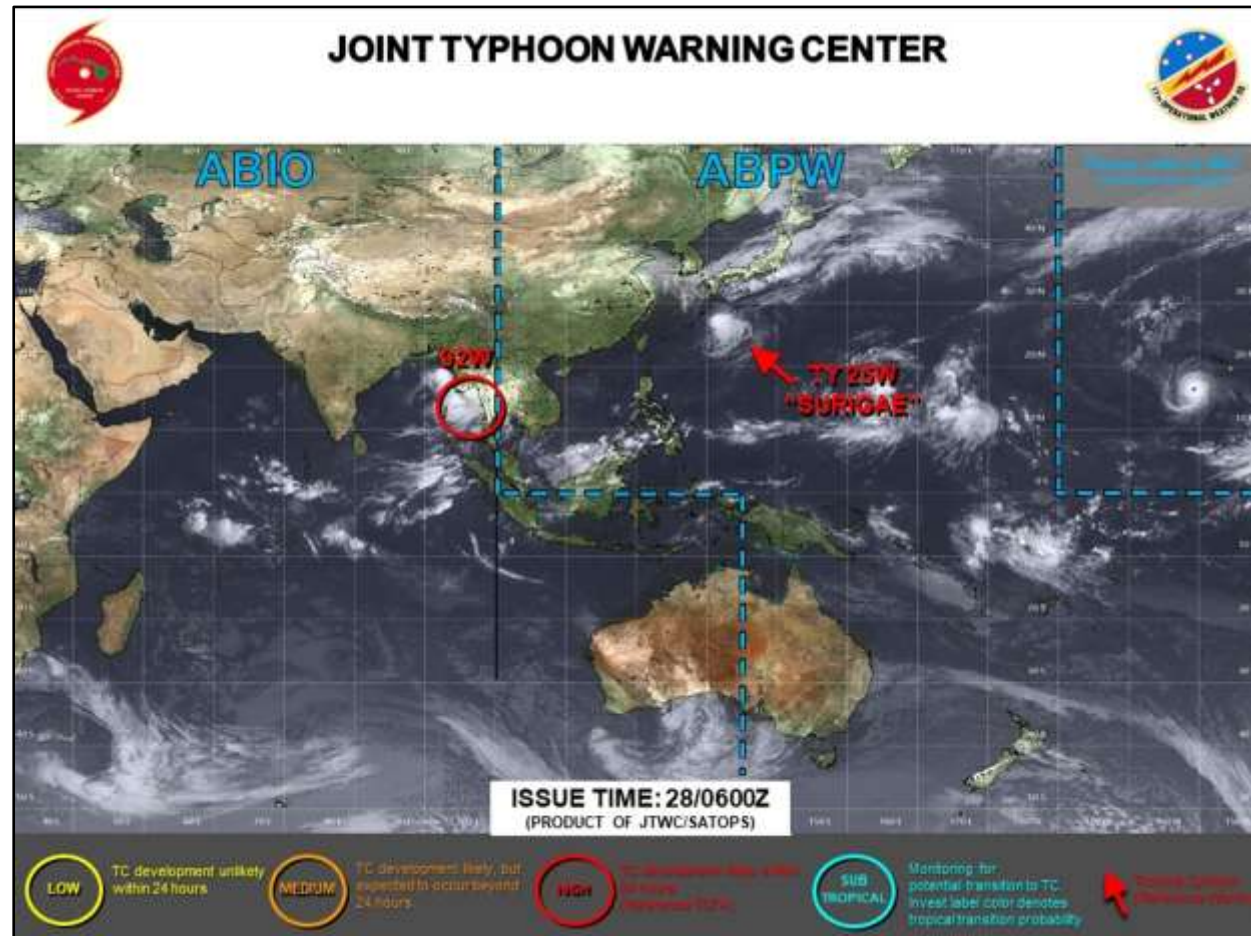
Moderate in sections : 15, 30, 40, 45, 55, 65, 70, 75

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>

CYCLONE

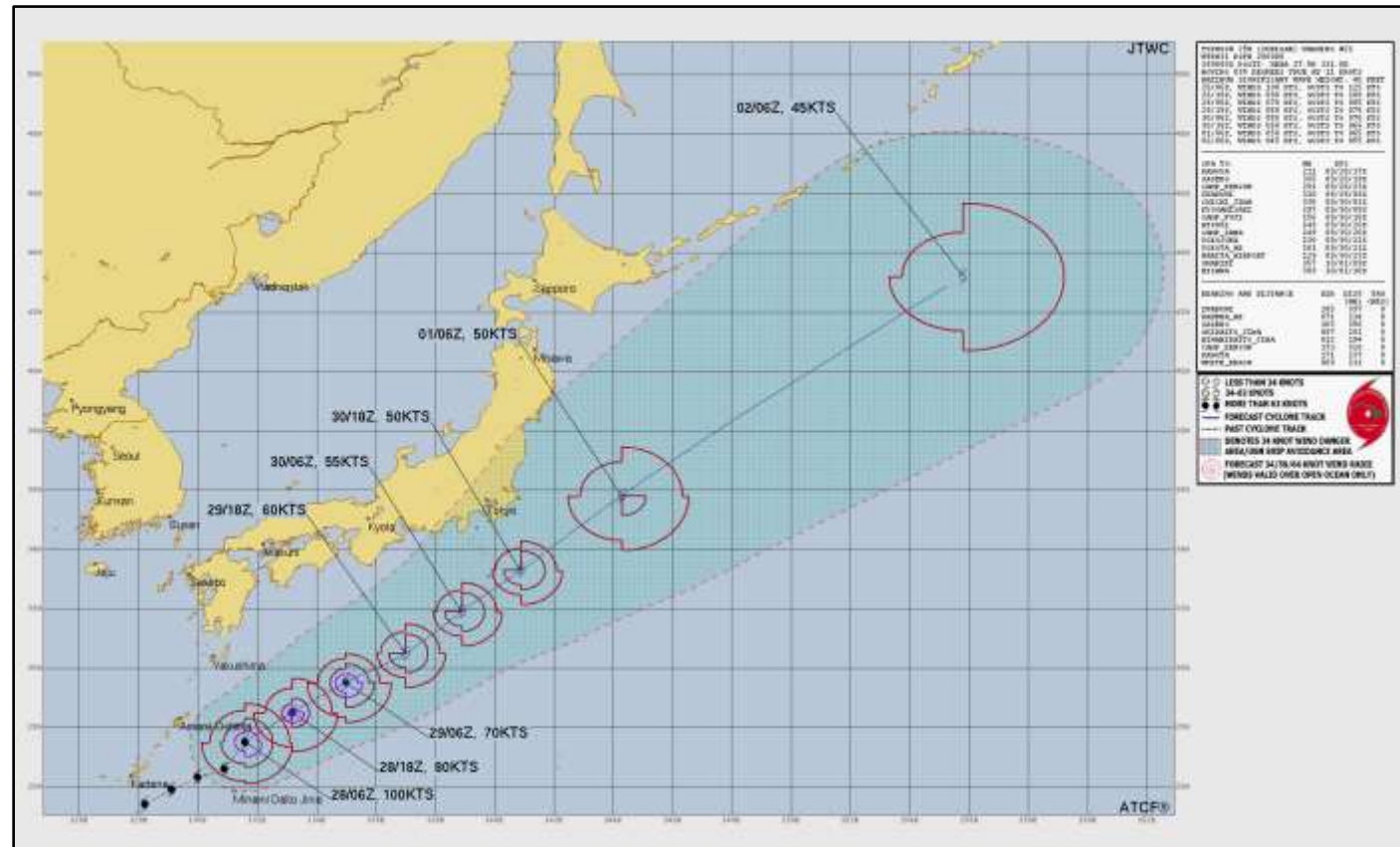


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



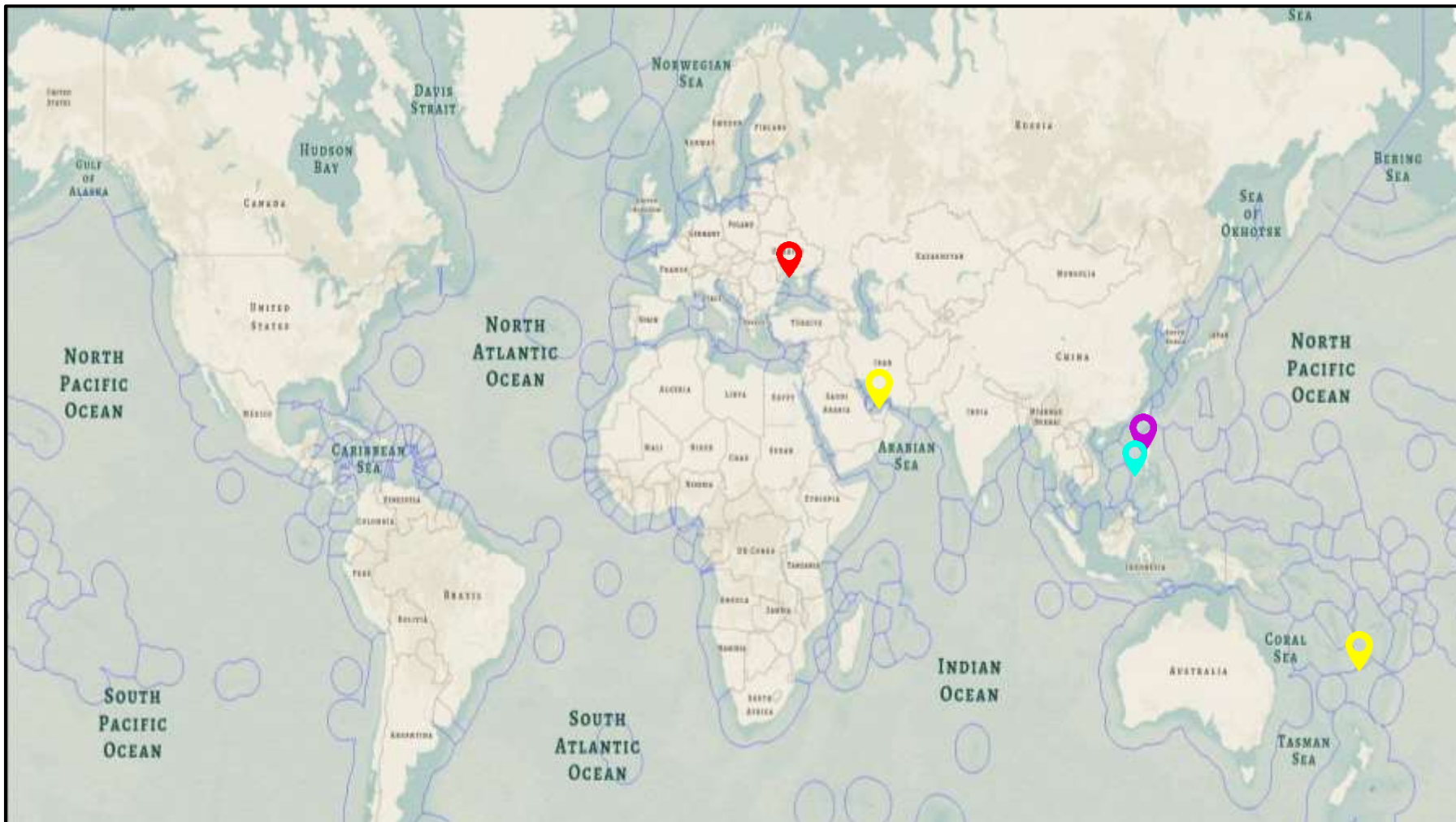
CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "SURIGAE"



Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.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	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	05

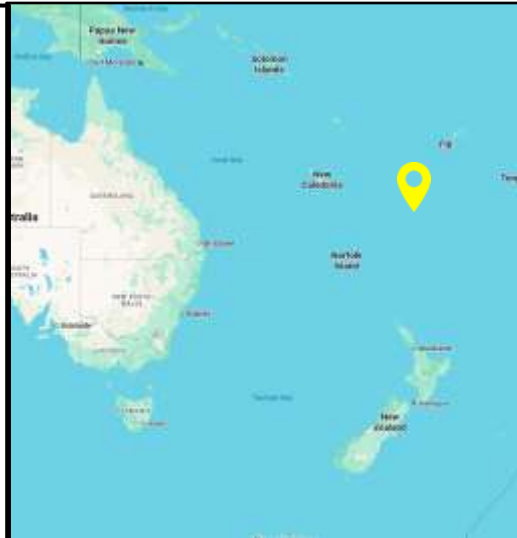


MARITIME INCIDENTS

26 Sep/ Crew on Aussie Yacht Forced To Jump Ship After 'Unfortunate' Incident With Ocean Giant/ New Zealand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.26	New Zealand	off Norfolk Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- Tai Tam Type - Yacht Flag - Australia	On Saturday at around 1pm local time, the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCCNZ) received an alert and subsequently rescued four sailors from a life raft near Norfolk Island.

Four sailors aboard the Australian-flagged yacht Tai Tam were forced to abandon ship and use a life raft after striking a large whale. Maritime New Zealand reported that two Australians, a New Zealand national, and a French national were on board when the 51-foot vessel began to sink approximately 250 nautical miles off Norfolk Island.



Source -: <https://au.news.yahoo.com/crew-on-aussie-yacht-forced-to-jump-ship-after-unfortunate-incident-with-ocean-giant-002137649.html>

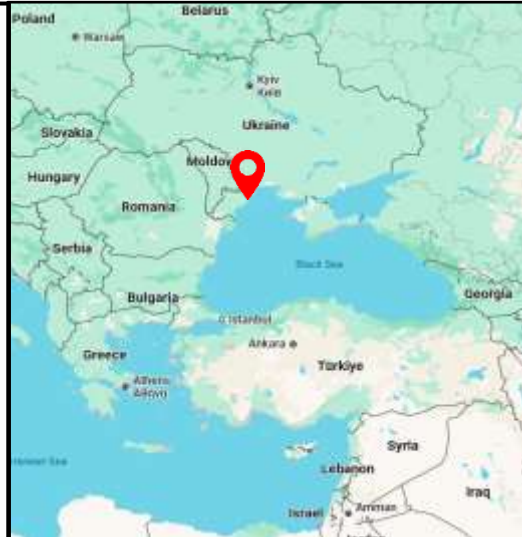


PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

27 Sep/ Russia Attacks Port Infrastructure, Ships With Drones/ Ukrainian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.27	Ukrainian	Kyiv and Odessa regions	Assault violations	-	The ministry announced that on Sunday, it conducted additional strikes targeting two data centers in Kyiv, a logistics hub in Odessa, and another cargo vessel en route to Odessa.

The Russian defence ministry announced that overnight drone strikes targeted logistics centres, port infrastructure, communications centres, and vessels associated with the Ukrainian military. Key locations struck included a data centre in Kyiv, logistic hubs in Kyiv and Odessa, drone storage facilities in Mykolaiv, the headquarters of a naval base and the State Border Guard Service, as well as military stores in Kiliya port.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/amp/story/security/incidents/acts-of-war/russia-attacks-ukrainian-port-infrastructure-ships-with-drones>

SMUGGLING



27 Sep/ Nearly P48-M Illicit Cigarette Shipment Seized off Palawan/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.27	Philippines	off Palawan	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	Authorities seized a motor launch reportedly transporting 38,041 reams of illegal cigarettes valued at P47.93 million and approximately 900 litres of suspected smuggled diesel worth around P106,200, according to the PNP.

A joint maritime operation off Palawan intercepted nearly P48 million worth of alleged illicit cigarettes and apprehended six individuals on 27 Sep 26. The operation involved multiple agencies, including the PNP Maritime Group, the Philippine Coast Guard, the Bureau of Customs, the Philippine Marine Corps, and the Philippine Tobacco Institute, among others.



Source -: <https://tribune.net.ph/2026/09/28/nearly-p48-m-illicit-cigarette-shipment-seized-off-palawan>



25 Sep/ Indian Navy Concludes Admm-plus Maritime Exercise / Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.25	Philippines	Subic Bay	Naval Activities	Name- INS Sahyadri Name- INS Kulish Type – Military	The harbour phase included expert discussions on peace and security, an ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting, and Guidelines for Maritime Interaction, as well as senior enlisted leadership and marine environmental protection. The programme also featured sporting events, an International Day, and a cultural show.

The Indian Navy's INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish participated in the 23rd ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus on Maritime Security at Subic Bay, Philippines, from 21 to 25 Sep 26. Their involvement underscores India's dedication to regional maritime cooperation. The exercise was organised by the Philippine Navy and co-chaired by Japan.



Source -: <https://asianews.network/indian-navy-concludes-admm-plus-maritime-exercise-in-philippines/>



24 Sep/ Announces Maritime Defence Alliance to Secure Vital Waterways/ Saudi Arabia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.24	Saudi Arabia	Bab al-Mandeb Strait, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden	Foreign affairs	-	The states affirmed their commitment to safeguarding freedom of navigation and ensuring the security of international trade and energy supply routes through the strategic maritime corridor that connects the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean.

Saudi Arabia and 13 other nations have formed a maritime military coalition to protect navigation through the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, the Red Sea, and the Gulf of Aden. The Saudi Ministry of Defence announced the creation of the Multinational Maritime Defence Alliance to enhance collective maritime defence cooperation.



Source -: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/7/30/saudi-arabia-announces-maritime-defence-alliance-to-secure-vital-waterways>



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