

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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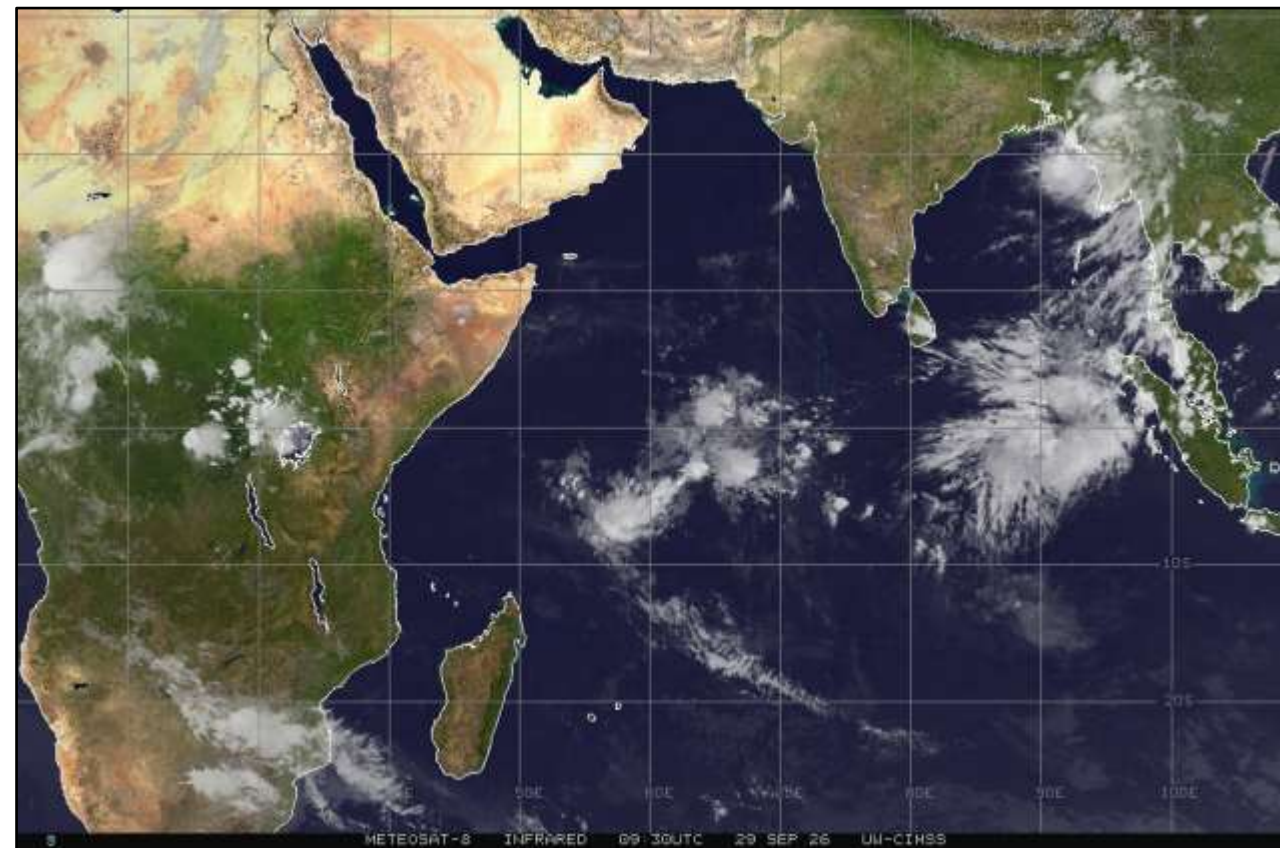
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Date 2026.09.29

WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



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FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.09.29/1400UTC to 2026.09.30/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.09.29

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

Shear line is approximately along: 06N 60E, 01N 70E, 01N 80E, 04N 90E, 02N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 35, 40, 55.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 25, 30, 45, 50, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 79E : NW'ly / (10-15) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05.

East of 79E : SW'ly / (10-20) kts.

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

Seas:

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

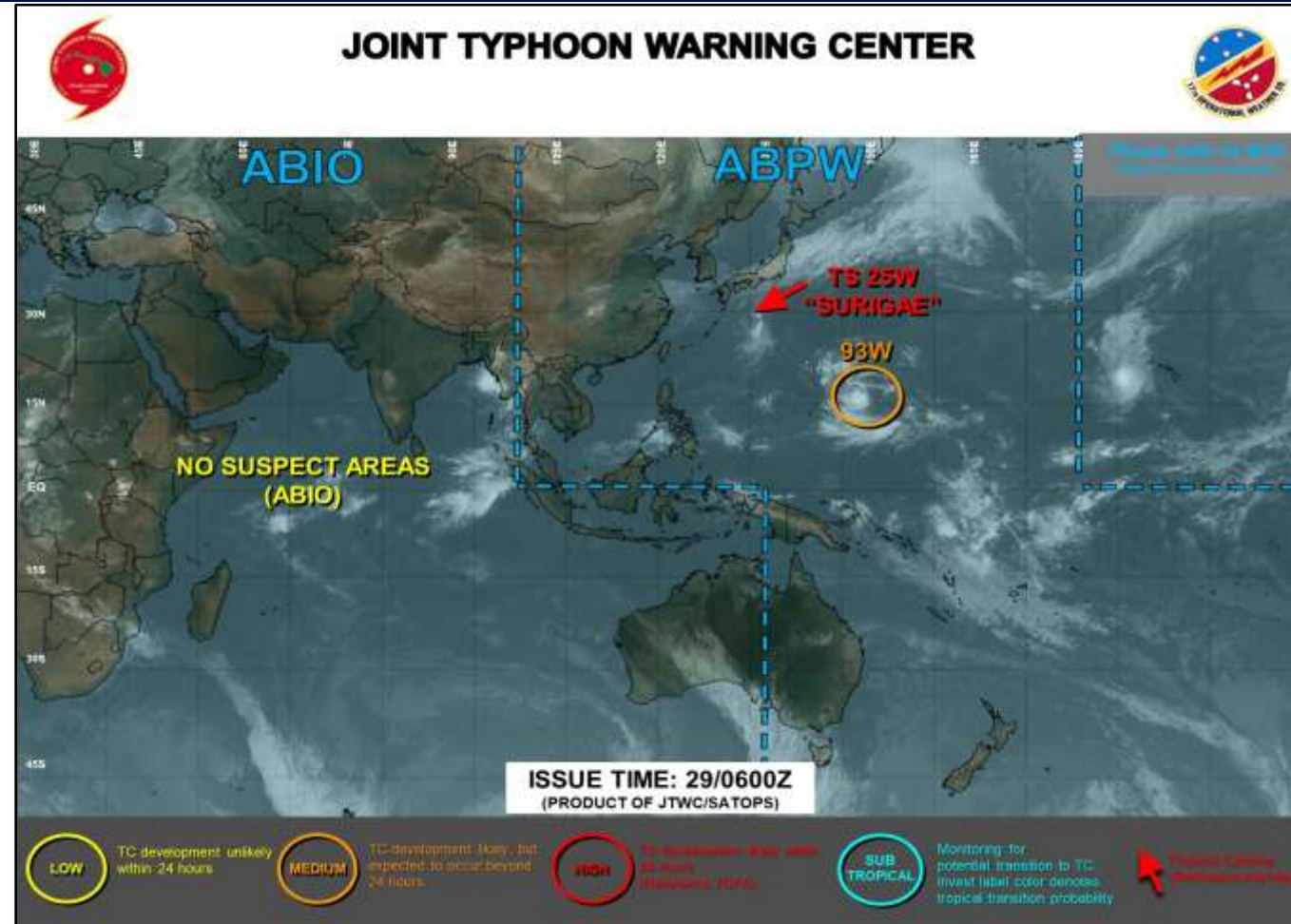
Moderate in sections : 10, 40, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75.

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



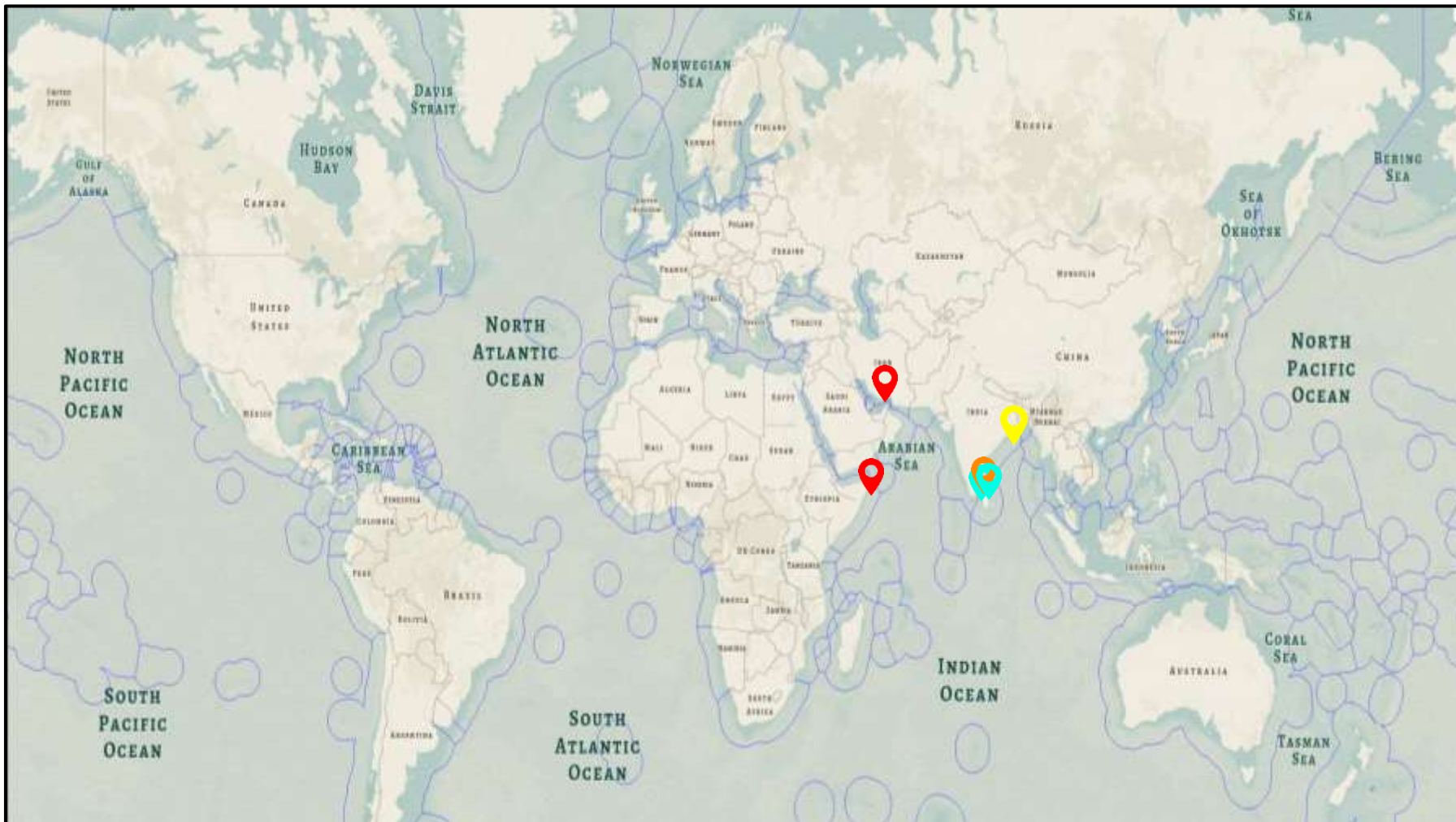
• Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



TROPICAL CYCLONE "SURIGAE"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	02
 Smuggling	02
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	06

MARITIME INCIDENTS



27 Sep/Indian Coast Guard Stabilizes Flooding Product Tanker off Paradip/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.27	India	Approximately 37 NM from Paradip, Odisha,	Mechanical Breakdown/Engine Failure	Name-MT Sea Gull 9 Type –Tanker	MT Sea Gull 9 experienced main-engine failure and ballast-tank flooding 37 NM from Paradip. The Indian Coast Guard performed damage control and dewatering operations, stabilizing the tanker before towing it to Paradip for repairs.

On 27 Sep 26, the MT Sea Gull 9 experienced a main-engine failure and rapid flooding of a ballast tank while traveling to Paradip from Malaysia. The Indian Coast Guard responded by deploying ICGS Vishwast, whose damage-control team carried out dewatering operations. They managed to seal two damaged seawater pipelines and contain a fractured line, stabilizing the vessel. The Paradip Port tug Dolphin towed the tanker to secure anchorage for repairs. An aerial survey by ICG detected an oil sheen, likely from palm oil, which dissipated by 28 Sep 26.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13269/indian-coast-guard-performs-damage-control-on-product-tanker>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

29 Sep/Puntland Forces Free MT Honour 25 After Five Months in Pirate Captivity/Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.29	Somalia	Puntland coastal waters	Piracy	Name-MT Honour 25 IMO-1099735 Type –Tanker	Puntland Maritime Police Forces rescued the MT Honour 25, which had been held by pirates for over five months, along with its 17-member crew. The operation resulted in two pirates being wounded and several others detained.

On 29 Sep 26, the Puntland Maritime Police Forces conducted an operation to rescue the MT Honour 25, a Palau-flagged tanker kidnapped by pirates since 21 Apr 26. The tanker had a crew of 17, mostly consisting of Pakistani nationals, as well as Sri Lankan and Indonesian members. Before the operation 03 Pakistani ,01 Indian and 01 Myanmar was found dead further two pirates were reported injured, and 16 pirates arrested. Ultimately, the vessel and its crew were freed.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/somali-forces-free-second-tanker-held-by-pirates-for-five-months>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

29 Sep/Commercial Vessel Struck by Unidentified Projectile in Strait of Hormuz/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.29	Oman	Omani waters	Attacked in High-risk areas	-	A commercial vessel was hit by an unidentified projectile in Omani waters during its passage through the Strait of Hormuz, causing a fire onboard. This incident is part of a series of recent attacks on commercial vessels in the same area.

A commercial vessel was struck by an unidentified projectile in the southern route of the Strait of Hormuz, causing a fire onboard. Firefighting efforts were ongoing, but details about the vessel, including its name and crew condition, have not been disclosed, nor has the responsible party been identified.



Source -: <https://todaypress.tv/en/world/hormuz-bogazinda-daha-bir-gemiye-zerbe-endirildi>

SMUGGLING



29 Sep/Sri Lanka Navy Seizes Suspected Smuggled Spices and Conch Shells in Kalpitiya/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.29	Sri Lanka	Ilanthadiya Coastal Area	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The Sri Lanka Navy seized suspected smuggled goods, including dried turmeric, cardamom husks, and conch shells, during a search in the Ilanthadiya coastal area of Kalpitiya. The items have been handed over to Kalpitiya Police for legal proceedings.

On 29 Sep 26, Sri Lanka Navy personnel from SLNS Vijaya conducted a search operation in the Kalpitiya coastal area, discovering 15 suspicious sacks. The operation resulted in the seizure of 138 kg of dried turmeric, 80 kg of cardamom husks, and 370 suspected smuggled conch shells, which were handed over to the Kalpitiya Police for legal action.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-suspected-smuggled-spices-and-conch-shells-in-kalpitiya.html>

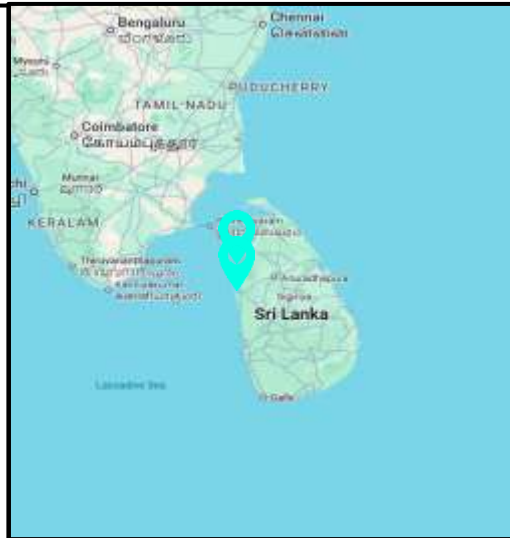
SMUGGLING



27 Sep/Sri Lanka Navy Seizes Over 898 kg of Smuggled Kendu Leaves/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.27	Sri Lanka	Puttalam Lagoon and Negombo Lagoon	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The Kendu leaves confiscated in Puttalam were delivered to the Kalpitiya Police Station, while those seized in Negombo were sent to the Katunayake Customs Preventive Office for legal action.

On 27 Sep 26, the Sri Lanka Navy seized over 898 kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during operations in the Puttalam and Negombo lagoons. SLNS Vijaya recovered 746kg from 20 sacks in Puttalam, while SLNS Kelani found 152 kg in 4 sacks in Negombo.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-over-898kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-separate-operations.html>

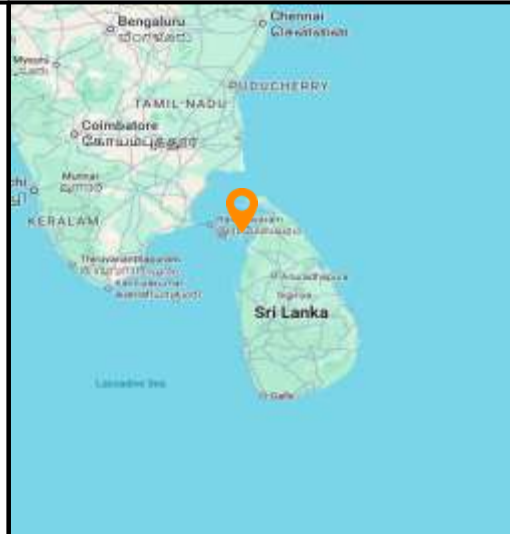
IUU FISHING



28 Sep/Three Suspects Arrested for Illegal Fishing Using Explosives in Mannar/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.28	Sri Lanka	South Bar Lagoon Area, Mannar	Illegal Methods	-	The three suspects, aged 20 to 64, were residents of Mannar and were handed over to the Assistant Directorate of Fisheries along with the boat and fish catch for legal action.

The Sri Lanka Navy detained three suspects and confiscated a small boat carrying approximately 300kg of fish, believed to have been caught using explosives, during an operation in the South Bar lagoon area of Mannar on 28 Sep 26. The operation was executed by personnel from SLNS Gajaba of the Northern Central Naval Command while the suspects were in the process of transferring the catch.



Source -: [https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/three-\(3\)-suspects-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-in-south-bar-mannar.html](https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/three-(3)-suspects-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-in-south-bar-mannar.html)



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