

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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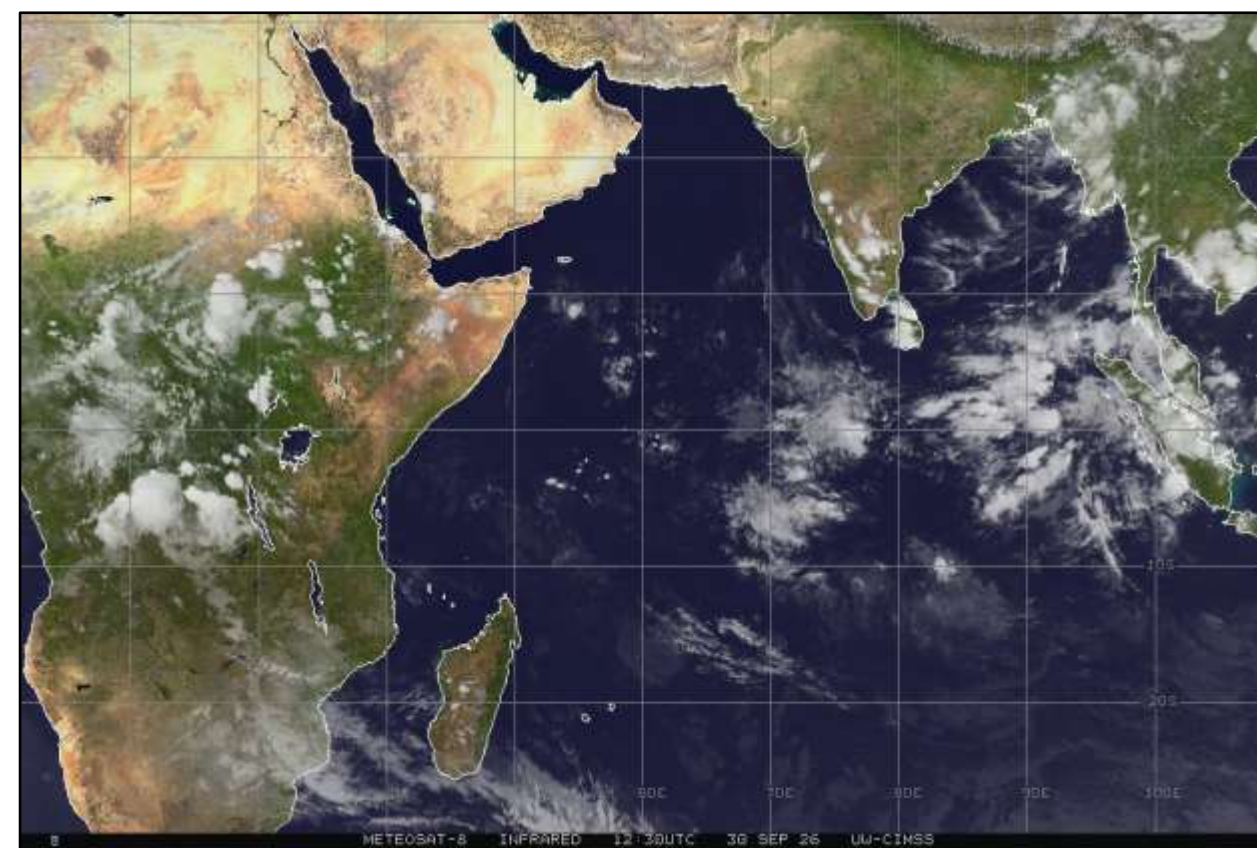
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Date 2026.09.30

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: 2026.09.30/1400UTC to 2026.10.01/0600UTC
Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.09.30

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 30, 50.
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 55, 85.
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E : N'y to NW'y / (05-10) kts.
East of 70E : W'y to SW'y / (10-15) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05.

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

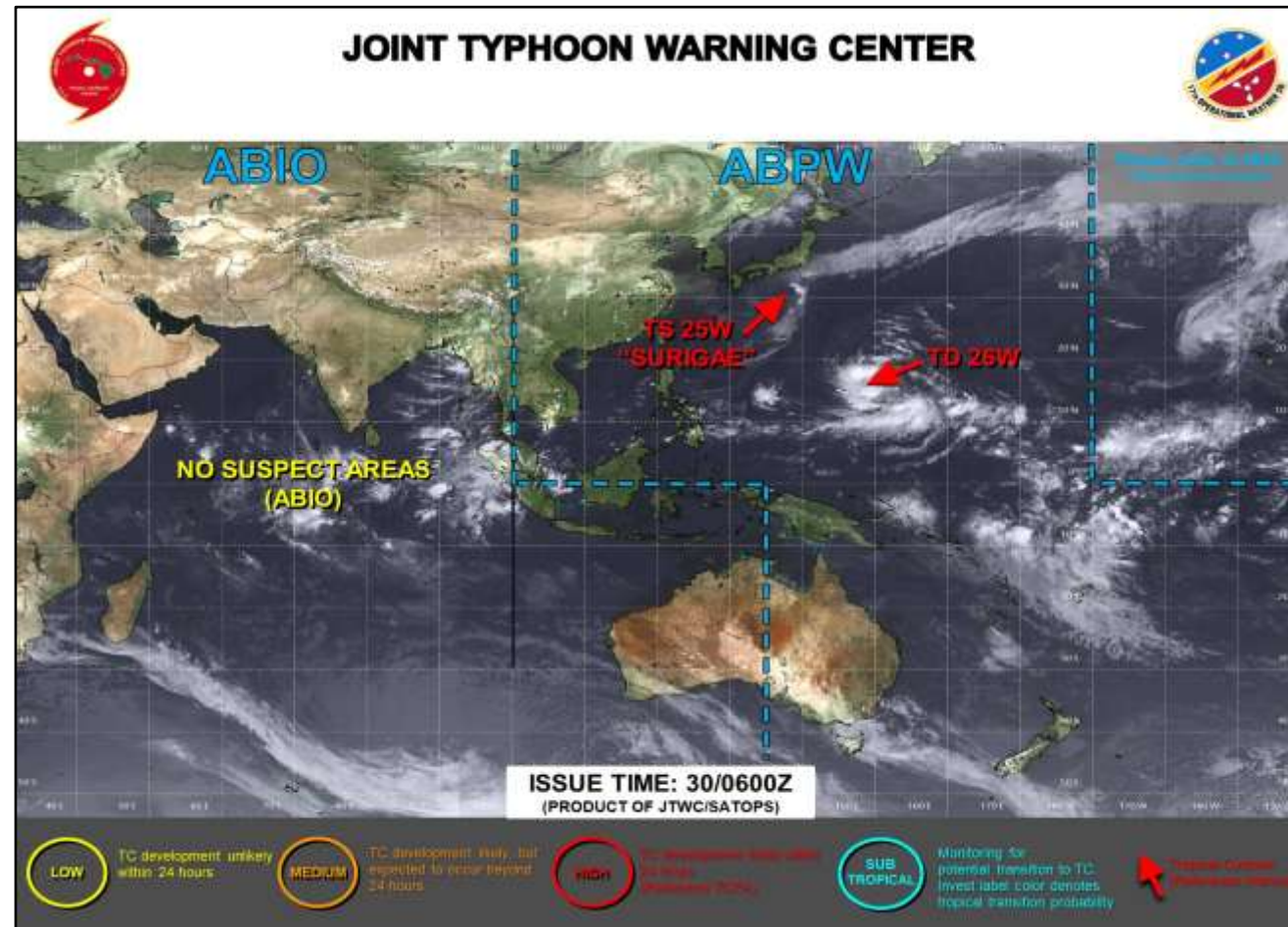
Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 80, 85.
Moderate in sections : 10, 50, 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

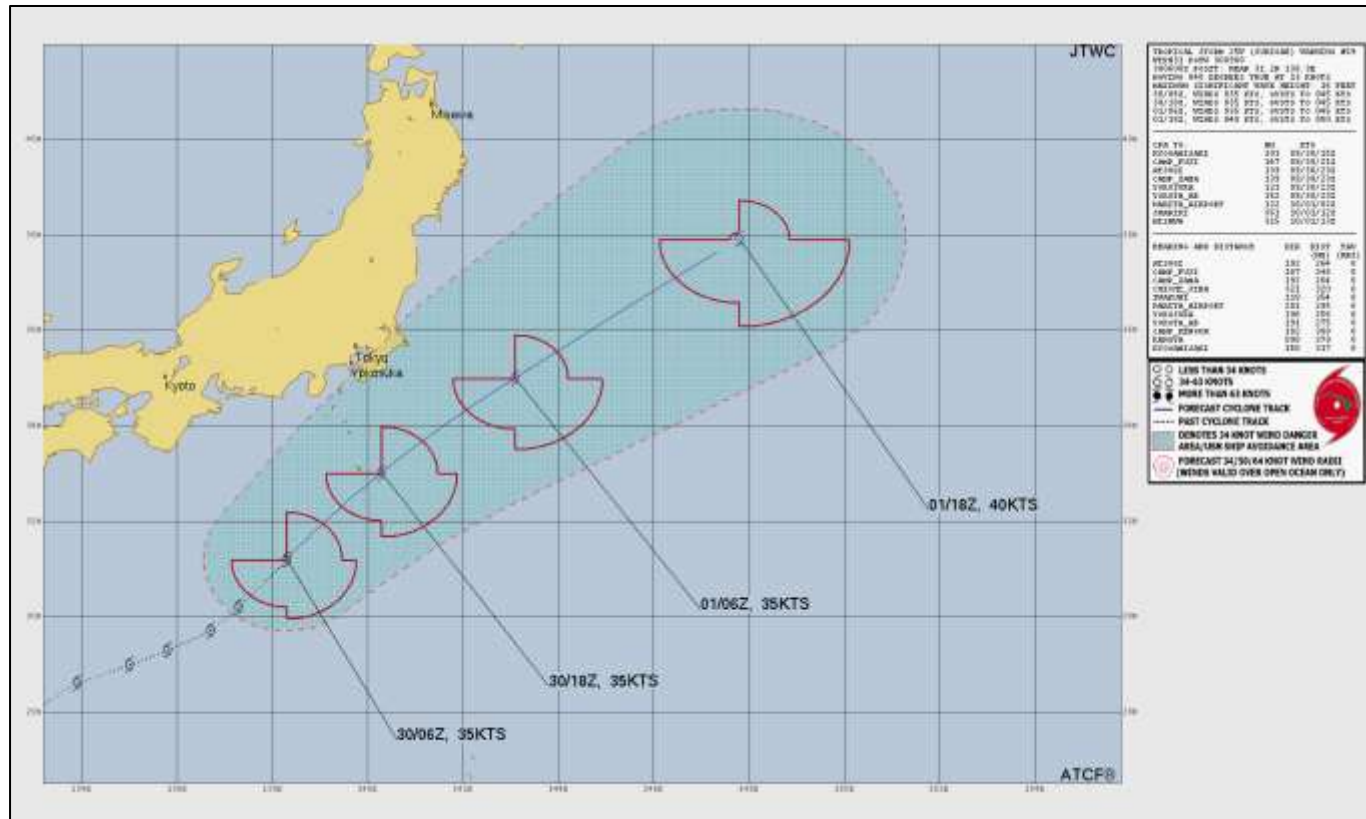


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "SURIGAE"



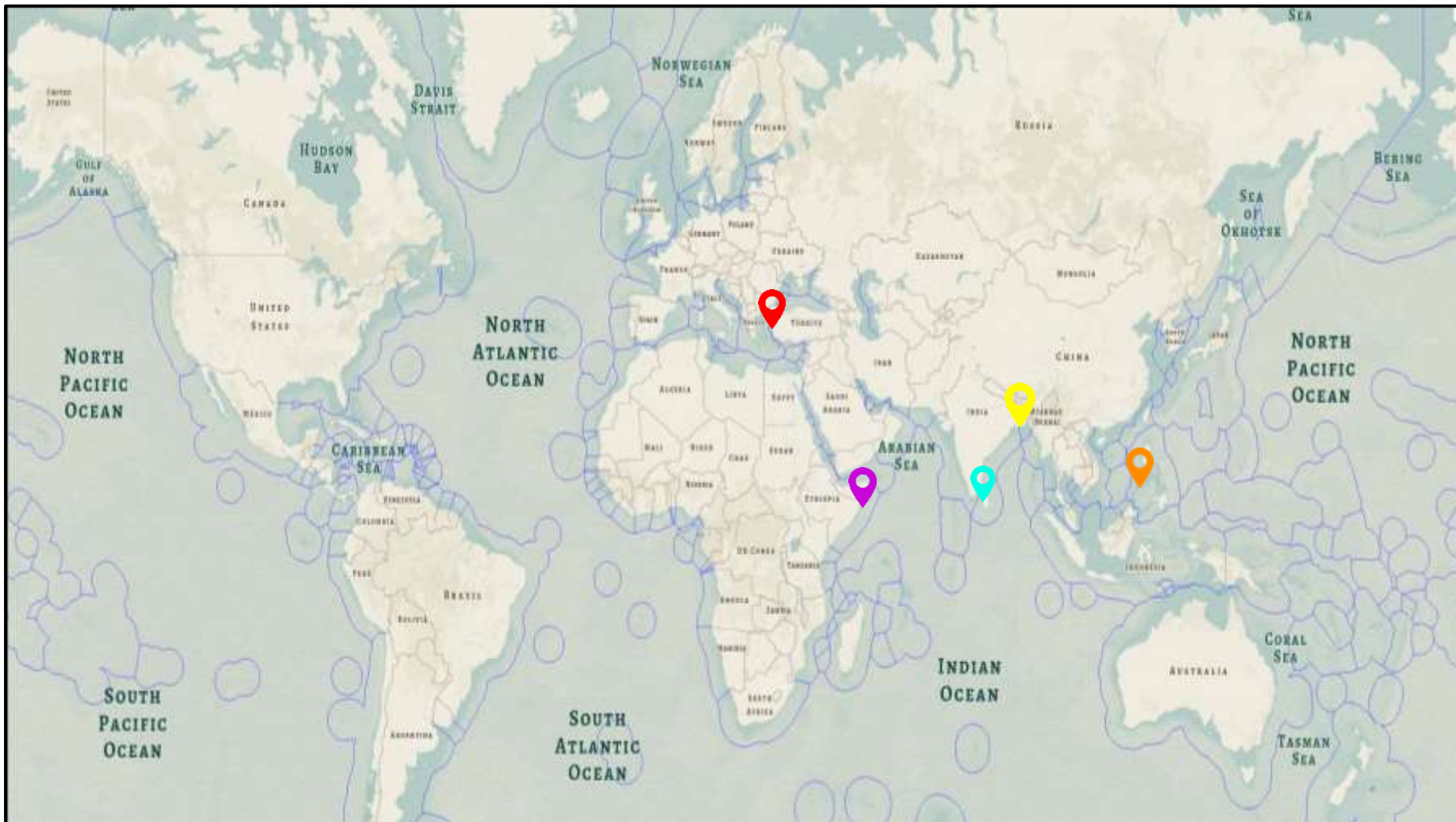
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TROPICAL CYCLONE "26W "



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS



29 Sep/Three Ships Damaged in Two Separate Collisions/Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.29	Bangladesh	Chittagong Port	Collisions	MV APJ Shirin MV HG Sydney	HG Sydney collided with APJ Shirin while a lighter vessel was positioned between the two bulk carriers, as reported by CPA officials and shipping agents.

The first collision occurred at approximately 0830 Hrs at Kutubdia anchorage between the Panama-flagged bulk carrier MV APJ Shirin and the Liberia-flagged MV HG Sydney. A second collision happened around 1130 Hrs in the Alpha Anchorage area of Chittagong Port's outer anchorage. MV APJ Shirin, which had arrived from Indonesia with 55,000 tones of coal, was anchored with a lighter vessel alongside. MV HG Sydney was transporting 51,000 tones of soybeans from Brazil and was approaching the anchorage after weighing anchor when the incident occurred.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/3-ships-damaged-in-two-separate-collisions-at-bangladeshs-chittagong-port/>

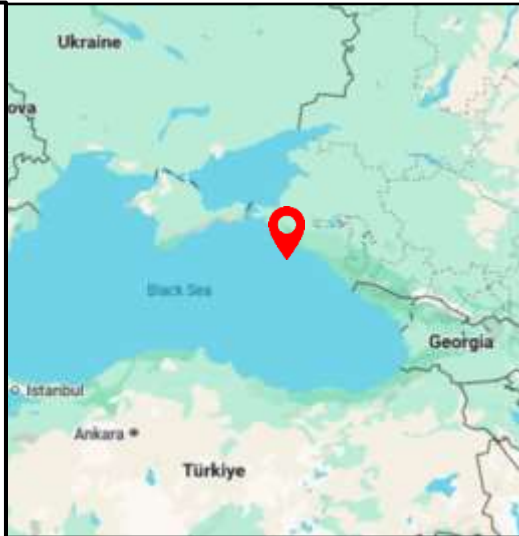


PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

27 Sep/Dry Bulk Carrier Attacked Near Novorossiysk/Russia

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2026.09.27	Russia	Approximately 37 NM from Paradip, Odisha,	Mechanical Breakdown/Engine Failure	Name: AROYAT Type: Cargo IMO: 9151395	Ukrainian authorities have not taken responsibility for the attacks on commercial vessels, which have led to protests from Turkey regarding the resulting casualties among seafarers.

The bulk carrier Aroyat was attacked on 27 Sep 26 near Novorossiysk, Russia, as it approached the port from Poti, Georgia. The vessel was struck by an aerial drone, resulting in a major fire and rendering it disabled. Although an official casualty list has not been released, one Turkish sailor is reported missing. The ship was towed to Turkey for inspection and repairs.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13272/dry-bulk-carrier-attacked-near-novorossiysk-one-sailor-missi>

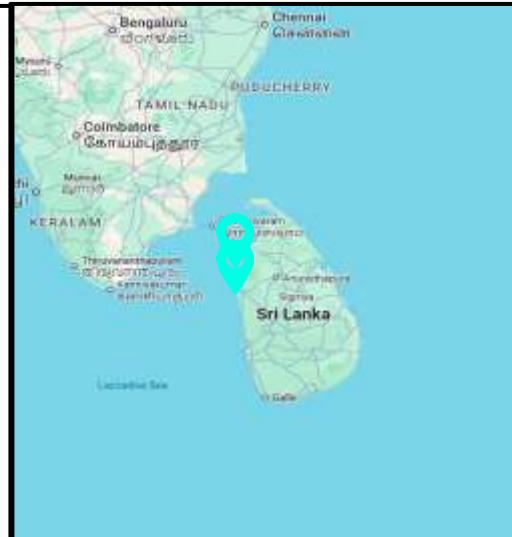
SMUGGLING



30 Sep/Navy Seizes More Than 2,360kg Of Smuggled Kendu Leaves /Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	Sri Lanka	Palliyawatta, Wattala; Pitipana Lagoon, Negombo; Kayakkuli, Silavathurai	Contraband/Goods Smuggling	-	The Palliyawatta operation, supported by Wattala Police, resulted in seized consignments being transferred to the appropriate authorities for legal action.

The Sri Lanka Navy confiscated over 2,360 kg of smuggled Kendu leaves in recent operations. On 29 and 30 Sep 26, more than 942 kg was found in suspicious sacks at Palliyawatta and Pitipana Lagoon. The following day, another 1,425 kg was recovered from Silavathurai's Kayakkuli coastal area. These leaves were believed to be abandoned by smugglers in light of heightened naval surveillance.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-more-than-2,360kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves.html>

IUU FISHING



28 Sep/PCG Drives away Chinese Maritime Militia vessel, 24 Boats Fishing Near Kota Island/Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.28	Philippine	Kota Island	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	-	A five-member PCG team challenged the vessels, which withdrew after ignoring radio communications and responding through hand signals. All coast guard personnel returned safely without incident.

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) successfully expelled a Chinese maritime militia vessel and 24 small fishing boats from the territorial sea of Kota Island in the Kalayaan Island Group. On Monday, the PCG monitored CMMV 9622 and its accompanying boats, which were illegally fishing near the island.



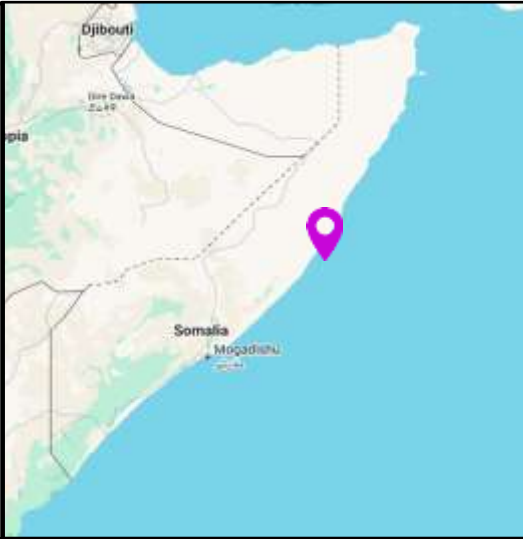
Source -: <https://www.abs-cbn.com/news/nation/2026/9/29/pcg-drives-away-chinese-maritime-militia-vessel-24-boats-fishing-near-kota-island-1040>



29 Sep/Five Tanker Crew Killed Before Rescue/Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.29	Somalia	Somalian Coast	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name: Honour 25	On 29 September, authorities retook the captured vessel Honour 25, resulting in the deaths of five crewmembers and injuries to four others during the operation.

The Paulao-flagged vessel was hijacked on 21 Apr 26 off Puntland and held for nearly five months. A rescue operation involving Puntland security forces led to the recovery of the vessel. During captivity, five crewmembers were killed and four injured, with reports suggesting the killings occurred as pirates resisted capture.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13271/five-crewmembers-of-tanker-killed-before-authorities-manage->



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