

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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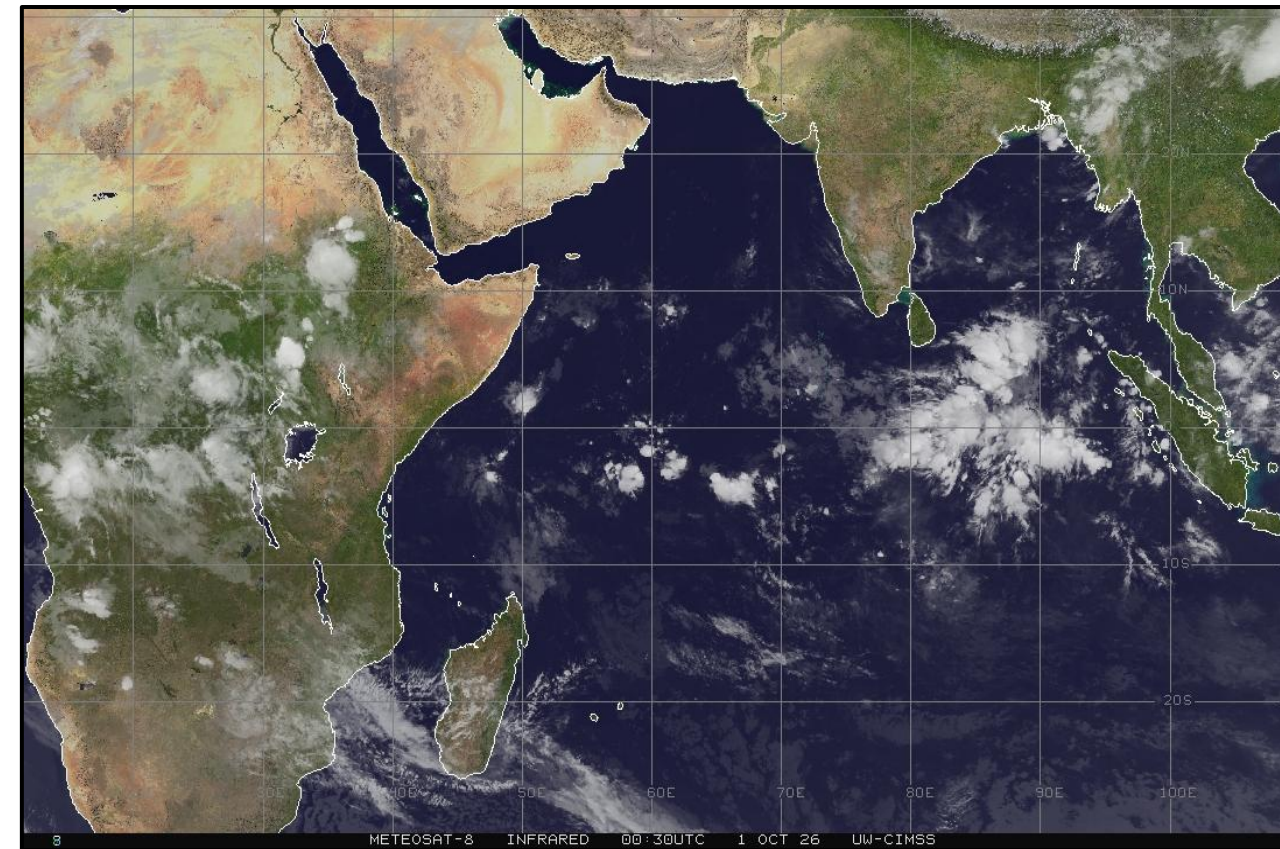
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Date 2026.10.01

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: 2026.10.01/0600UTC to 2026.10.01/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.01

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 30, 35, 40, 50, 55.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 20, 25, 45, 60, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E : N'yly to NW'yly / (05-10) kts

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

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

Seas:

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

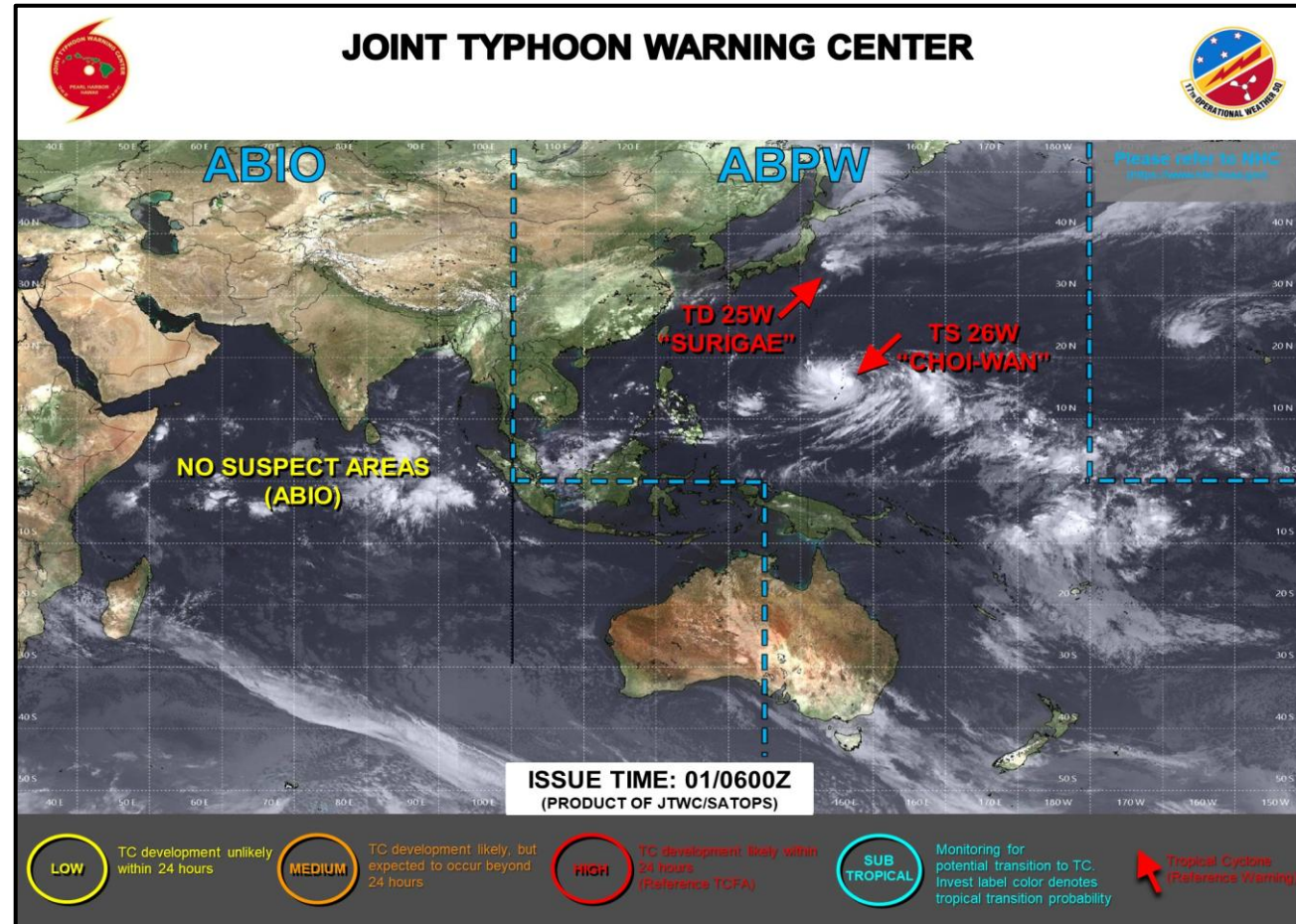
Moderate in sections : 10, 70, 75.

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>



TROPICAL CYCLONE "SURIGAE"

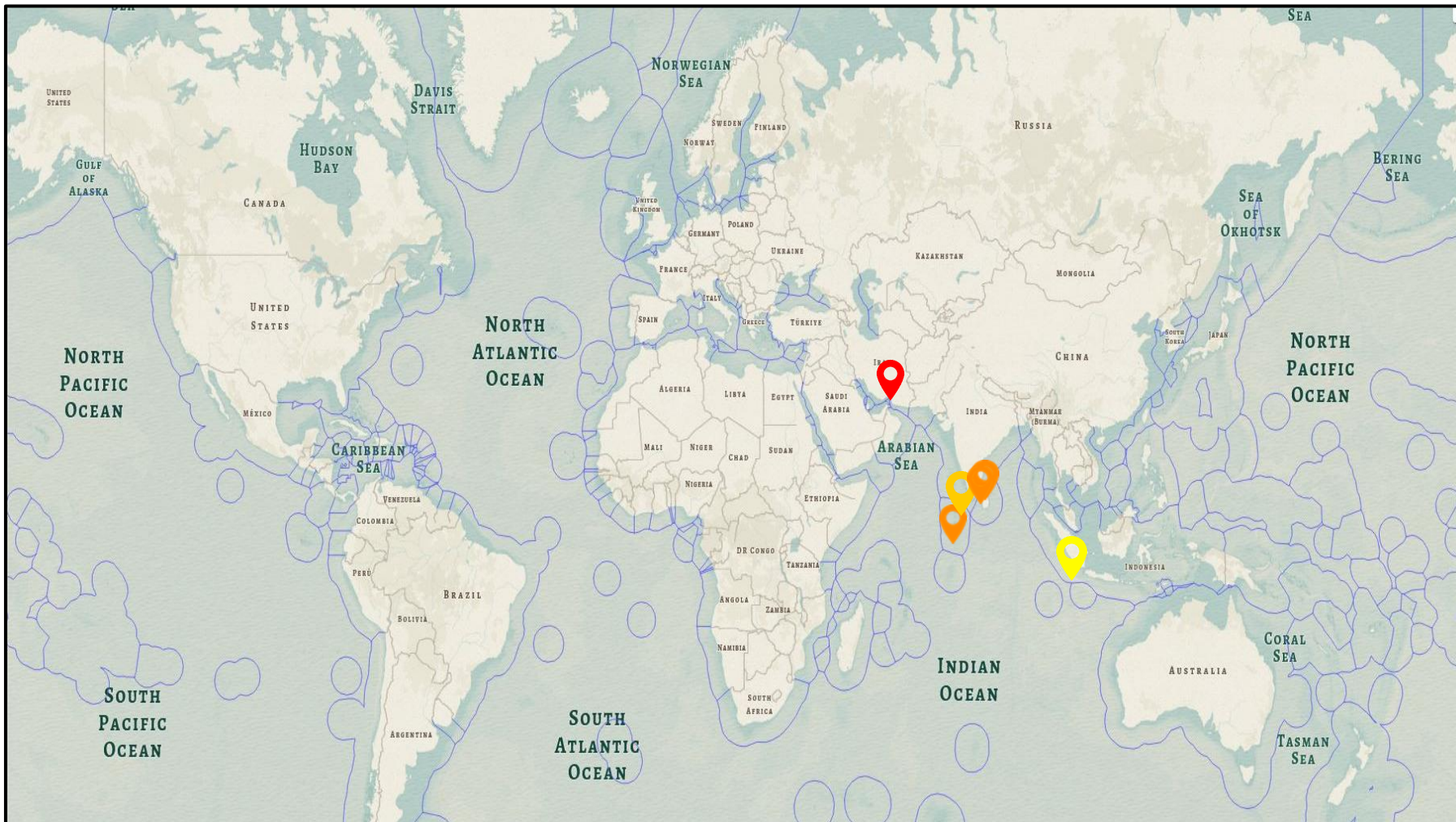




TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHOI-WAN "



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	03
 Narcotic	01
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	06

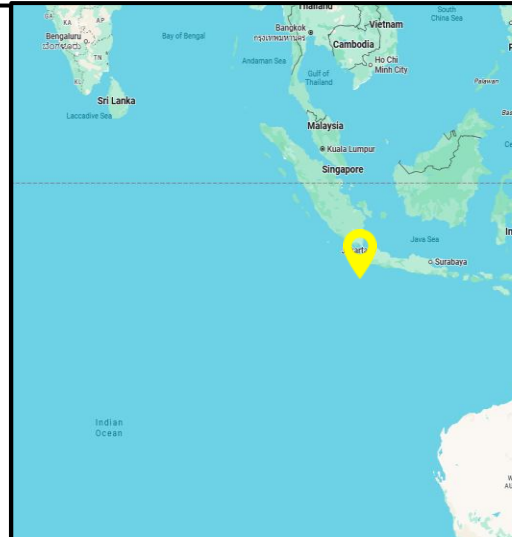
MARITIME INCIDENTS



30 Sep/Canadian Sailor Rescued by Australian Navy from Sinking Catamaran in Remote Indian Ocean/Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	Australia	southeast of Christmas Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The sailor was alerted at night when water flooded the starboard hull through an escape hatch. The flooding quickly destabilized the vessel, leading to its sinking. The sailor abandoned the catamaran and was later rescued by the Australian Navy in the remote Indian Ocean.

A 70-year-old Canadian sailor was rescued by the Australian Navy after his catamaran began taking on water in the Indian Ocean, about 1,000 km from land, southeast of Christmas Island and north of Western Australia.



Source -: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-09-30/james-ted-rutledge-rescue-australian-navy-indian-ocean-boat-sink/107182902>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

30 Sep/Three Oil Tankers Come Under Fire in Strait of Hormuz/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Assault violations	Name-AL Ruwais, mersin Prosperity, sinbad Type -Three Tankers Flag -Three Liberia	Three Liberia-flagged oil tankers were struck by unidentified projectiles in the Strait of Hormuz, causing fires on the vessels.

Three Liberia-flagged tankers were hit by unidentified projectiles in the Strait of Hormuz while their AIS transponders were off. AL RUWAIS conducted a ship-to-ship transfer near Sohar, Oman; MERSIN PROSPERITY transferred about 2 million barrels of Iraqi Basra crude; SINBAD loaded refined petroleum products at Jubail Industrial Port, Saudi Arabia, earlier in September.



Source -: https://ws15.marinelink.com/news/three-oil-tankers-fire-strait-hormuz-543387?utm_source=chatgpt.com

IUU FISHING



11 to 30 Sep/Navy apprehends 59 persons for involvement in illegal fishing activities/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
11 to 30 Sep 26	Sri Lanka	Around Sri Lanka	Illegal Methods	23 dinghies	The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended 59 persons and seized 23 dinghies during search operations carried out in multiple coastal areas across the island between 11 and 30 Sep 26.

The operations carried out by the Eastern, Northern, and North Central Naval Commands encompassed various coastal areas, including Vakarai, Muthur, and several locations in Trincomalee and Jaffna. During these operations, suspects, fishing boats, and prohibited fishing gear were confiscated and subsequently handed over to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources for legal proceedings.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-apprehends-59-persons-for-involvement-in-illegal-fishing-activities.html>

IUU FISHING



30 Sep/Navy Seizes Over 1,270kg Of Smuggled Kendu Leaves In Kalaaru Seas/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	Sri Lanka	Kalaaru sea area off Baththalangunduwa	Contraband/Good s smuggling	-	The Kendu leaves that were seized were transferred to the Kalpitiya Police Station for legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy seized over 1,270kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during an operation in the Kalaaru sea area on 30 Sep 26. Conducted by SLNS Vijaya of the Northwestern Naval Command, the operation involved inspecting 26 suspicious sacks found at sea, which were believed to have been abandoned by smugglers due to increased surveillance.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-seizes-over-1,270kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-kalaaru-seas.html>

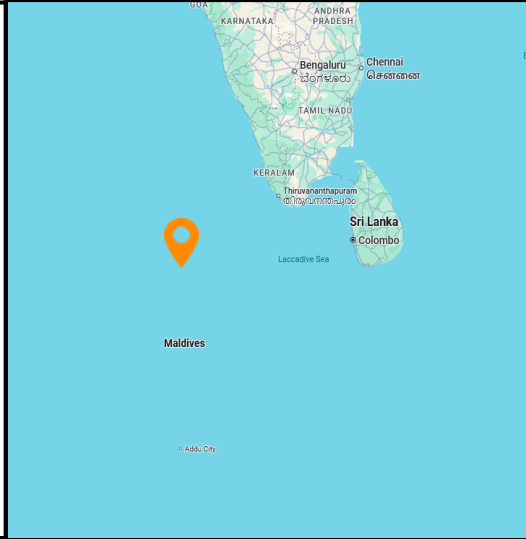
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30 Sep/MNDF Coast Guard Detains Foreign Fishing Vessel Operating Illegally Inside EEZ/Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	Maldives	46 NM northwest of HA. Thuraakunu	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	-	The MNDF Coast Guard intercepted a vessel during a special operation, and it is currently being transported to H.Dh. Kulhudhuffushi for further action. The vessel's name, registration, and nationality have not been disclosed.

A foreign fishing vessel with seven crew members was intercepted by the Maldives National Defence Force Coast Guard for alleged illegal fishing in the Maldivian EEZ, about 46 nautical miles northwest of HA. Thuraakunu, at 1834 hrs on 30 Sep 26, and was taken into custody.



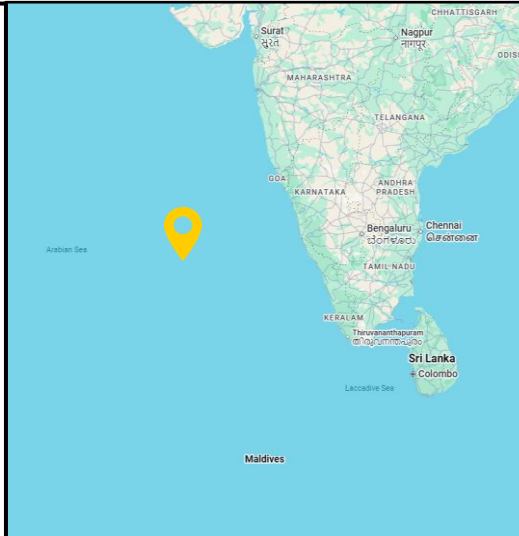
Source -: <https://english.sun.mv/109164?utm>



30 Sep/Five Tanker Crew Killed Before Rescue/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	India	Arabian Sea	Sea based Drugs Trafficking/Crystal methamphetamine/Cocaine	Iranian boat	The Indian Coast Guard successfully thwarted a significant maritime narcotics smuggling attempt in the Arabian Sea, west of Lakshadweep, seizing drugs worth over ₹3,000 crore in the international market.

The smuggling attempt involved an Iranian dhow and five Pakistani nationals. The intercepted dhow, crew, and contraband have been escorted to Mumbai for joint interrogation and legal proceedings. This operation was conducted in collaboration with the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) of Gujarat. The seized contraband includes 526 kg of heroin and methamphetamine.



Source -: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/iranian-boat-pakistani-crew-held-with-drugs-worth-rs-3-000-crore-as-coast-guard-busts-smuggling-bid-arabian-sea-101790735009134.html>



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