DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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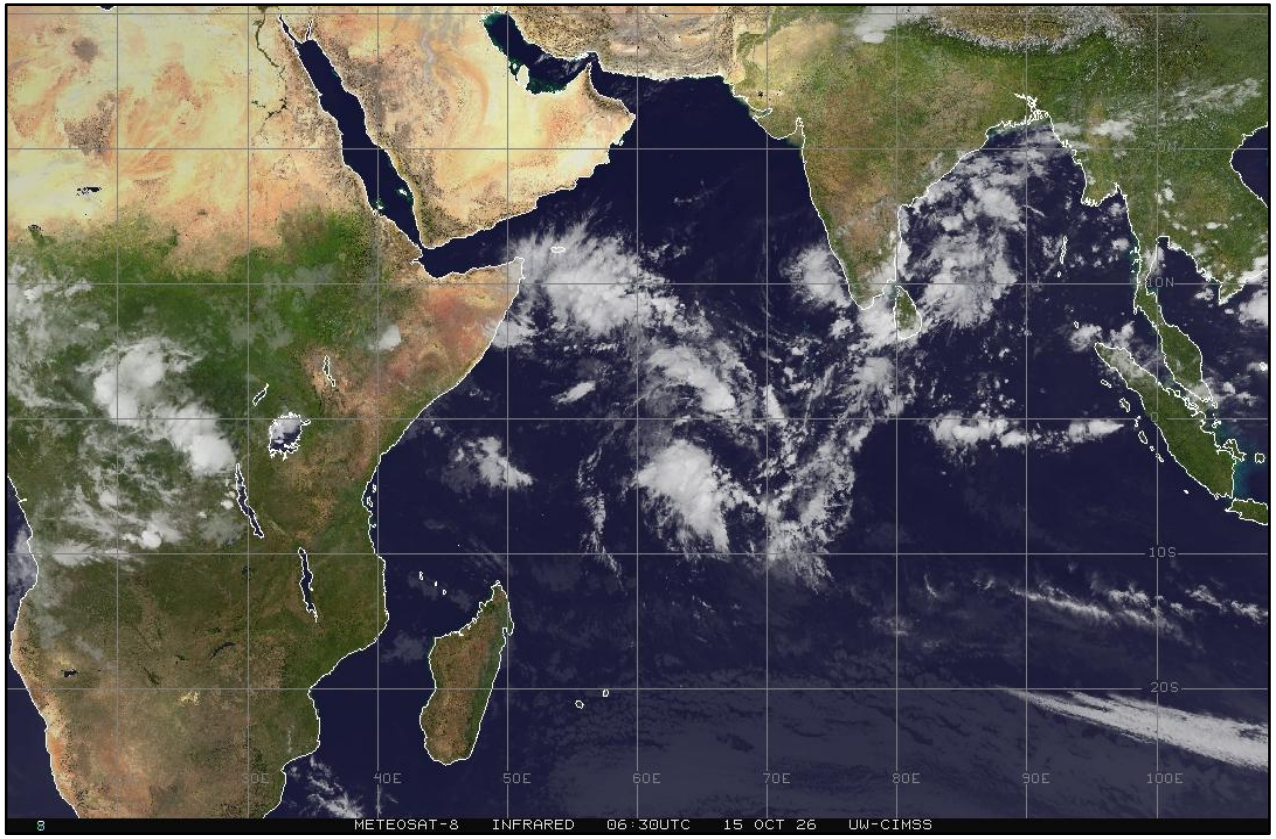


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Date 2026.10.15

WEATHER FORECAST

Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.
Valid period: 2026.10.15/0600UTC to 2026.10.15/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.15

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

Shear line is approximately along: 02S 60E, 03S 70E, 02N 80E, 08N 90E, 09N 100E.

Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 05, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 65, 85
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

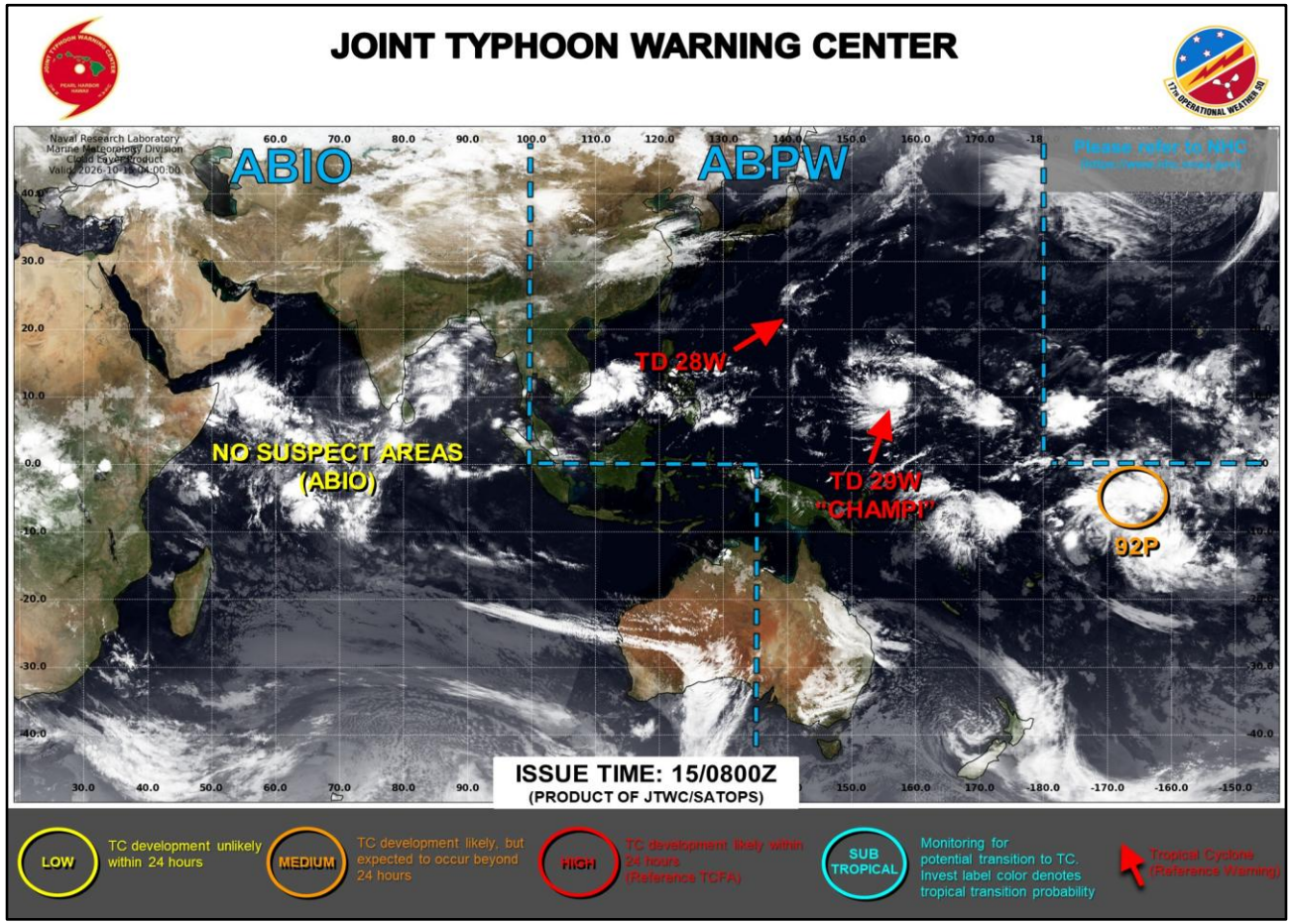
Winds:
North of Shear line:
West of 70E : SW'ly/ (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 00, 20
East of 80E : SW'ly or Variable/ (05-15) kt

South of Shear line:
West of 85E : SE'ly / (15-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 60, 65, 80.
East of 85E : SE'ly / (10-20) kt.

Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 20
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 60, 65, 80
Moderate in sections : 40, 45, 50, 55, 70, 75, 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

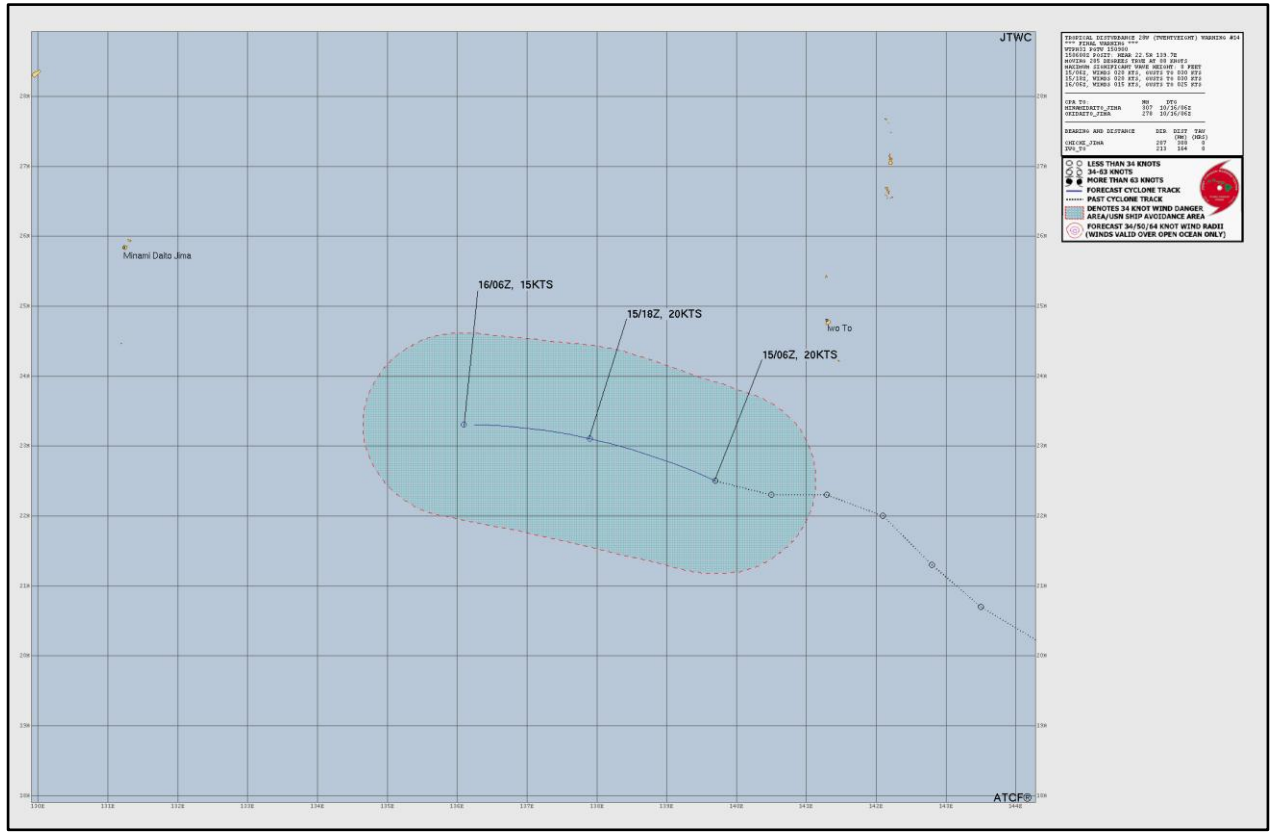
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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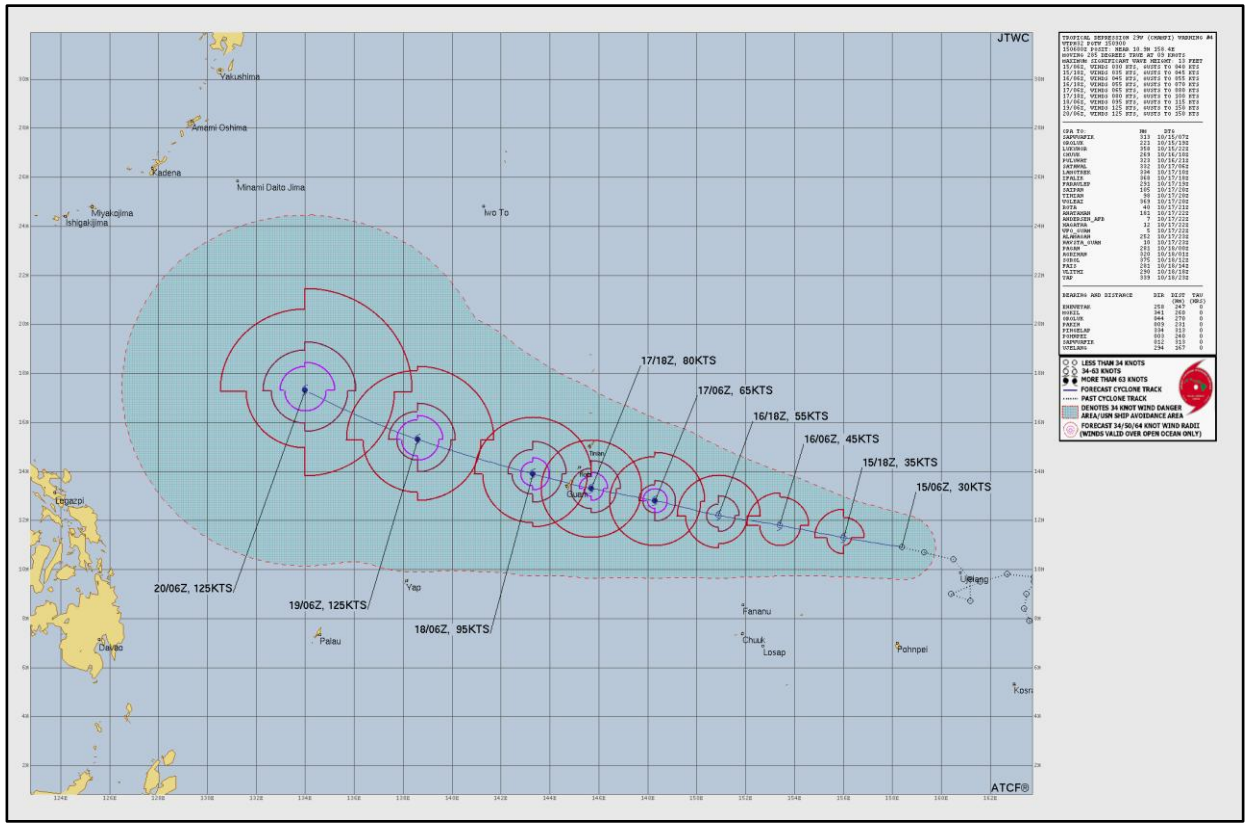
TROPICAL CYCLONE “Twentyeight”



- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "KOGUMA"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS

12 Oct/Fishing Boat Sinks on Tam Giang Lagoon, 1 person Die/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.12	Indonesia	Aru Island	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	All victims were retrieved by the USS Dobo ground team with a Rescue Car and transported to Dobo City for handover to their families.

At least four longboat passengers were reported missing near the Aru Islands due to thick fog. A joint search and rescue (SAR) team successfully evacuated them from Durjela Village. Glen Tehupuring, coordinator of the Dobo SAR Alert Unit, confirmed the longboat's position near Selimar Island. The SAR team was deployed at 0100 hrs WIT and covered approximately 13 nm in poor visibility, finding the passengers safe at 1355 hrs upon reaching Durjela Village.





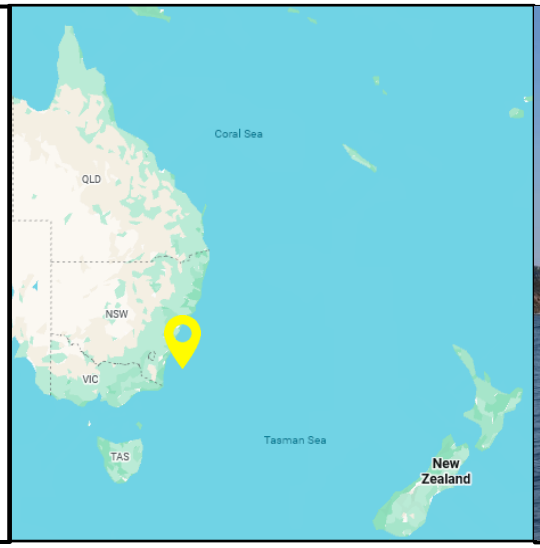
Source -: https://ambon.antaranews.com/berita/346893/tim-sar-evakuasi-empat-penumpang-longboat-hilang-kontak-akibat-kabut

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12 Oct/Two Anglers Rescued After Boat Capsizes Off NSW Coast/Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.12	Australia	Off Barragga Bay	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The incident underscores the importance of safety measures like carrying a PLB, wearing lifejackets, and logging trips with Marine Rescue NSW to enhance survival chances in emergencies.

Marine Rescue NSW Inspector Steve Allan highlighted that the anglers' use of essential safety equipment, including a personal locator beacon (PLB), was crucial in their successful rescue after their boat overturned off Barragga Bay. They had logged their trip with Marine Rescue Bermagui and were located quickly after the PLB signaled distress. With deteriorating offshore conditions, the anglers could have faced serious danger without their safety gear.





Source -: https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/marine-rescue-nsw-urges-boaters-to-carry-lifesaving-equipment-after-vessel-overturns-46km-offshore/

SMUGGLING

12 Oct/MMEA Foils Attempt to Smuggle Motorcycle, Petrol Off Felda Sahabat/Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.12	India	Off Felda Sahabat	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	Dzulfikhar reported that a vessel and its goods, valued at RM50,000, were confiscated and taken to the Felda Sahabat Maritime base for investigation under the Control of Supply Act 1961 and the Customs Act 1967.

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) seized an unregistered boat off Felda Sahabat, which contained a Yamaha motorcycle and 240 litres of petrol. The vessel was spotted by patrol personnel during Operations Sejahtera and Tiris 4.0, approximately 0.35 nautical miles from Kampung Sinakut Tengah. Upon sighting the enforcement craft, the suspect fled towards the coastline, leaving the boat behind. An inspection revealed 12 containers of petrol and the motorcycle, believed to be intended for a neighbouring country.





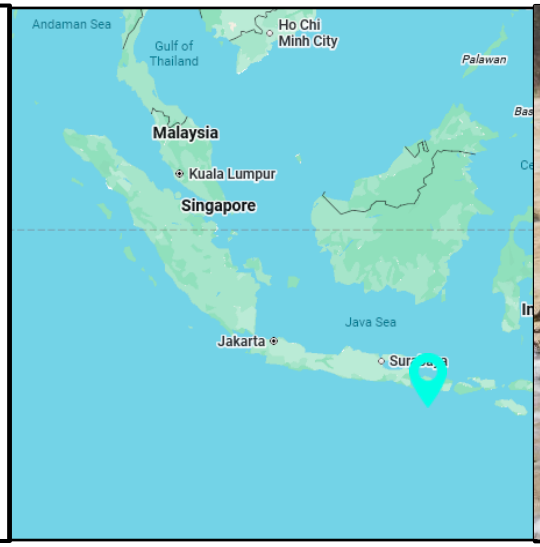
Source -: https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/289875/mmea-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-motorcycle-petrol-off-felda-sahabat/

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13 Oct/Indonesia Releases 20 Sea Turtles After Bali Smuggling Raid/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.13	Indonesia	Bali	Wild life and endangers species smuggling	-	Two of the 22 turtles found on a deserted boat are still ill and need treatment before their release. The turtles, protected species in Indonesia, were discovered alive while the suspected smugglers escaped. Gusti Agung Purnama Wirahadi expressed hope for no further attempts to capture or trade these animals.

On 13 Oct 26, 20 protected green sea turtles were released back into the ocean after being seized from an abandoned boat used by wildlife smugglers. Final checks were conducted at a conservation center on Serangan Island, Bali, before the turtles were transported to the shoreline. The smuggling attempt was thwarted by marine police on Saturday, who acted on reports from residents suspicious of turtle smuggling in the area.





Source -: https://apnews.com/article/indonesia-green-sea-turtles-smuggling-release-59ea1574cd61427628d51b4152e3f994

NARCOTIC

15 Oct/Six Sacks of Suspected Narcotics Seized Off Weligama Coas/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.15	Sri Lanka	Kapparathota coastal area	Seizure of narcotics	-	Meanwhile, five suspects detained by the Navy were transferred to the PNB for legal action. The Sri Lanka Navy, supported by the public and fishing community, is dedicated to anti-narcotic operations as part of the national initiative 'A Nation United', targeting coastal areas across the island.

On 13 Oct 26, the Navy seized a suspicious fishing trawler and five suspects off Dondra, Sri Lanka, acting on credible information. Following revelations from the suspects, a coordinated effort involving the Navy, State Intelligence Service, Police, and Coast Guard led to the seizure of six sacks suspected to contain narcotics, along with two satellite phones and an internet device at Kapparathota beach on 15 October..



Source -: https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/six-(6)-sacks-of-suspected-narcotics-seized-from-kapparathota-coastal-area-in-weligama.html



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