DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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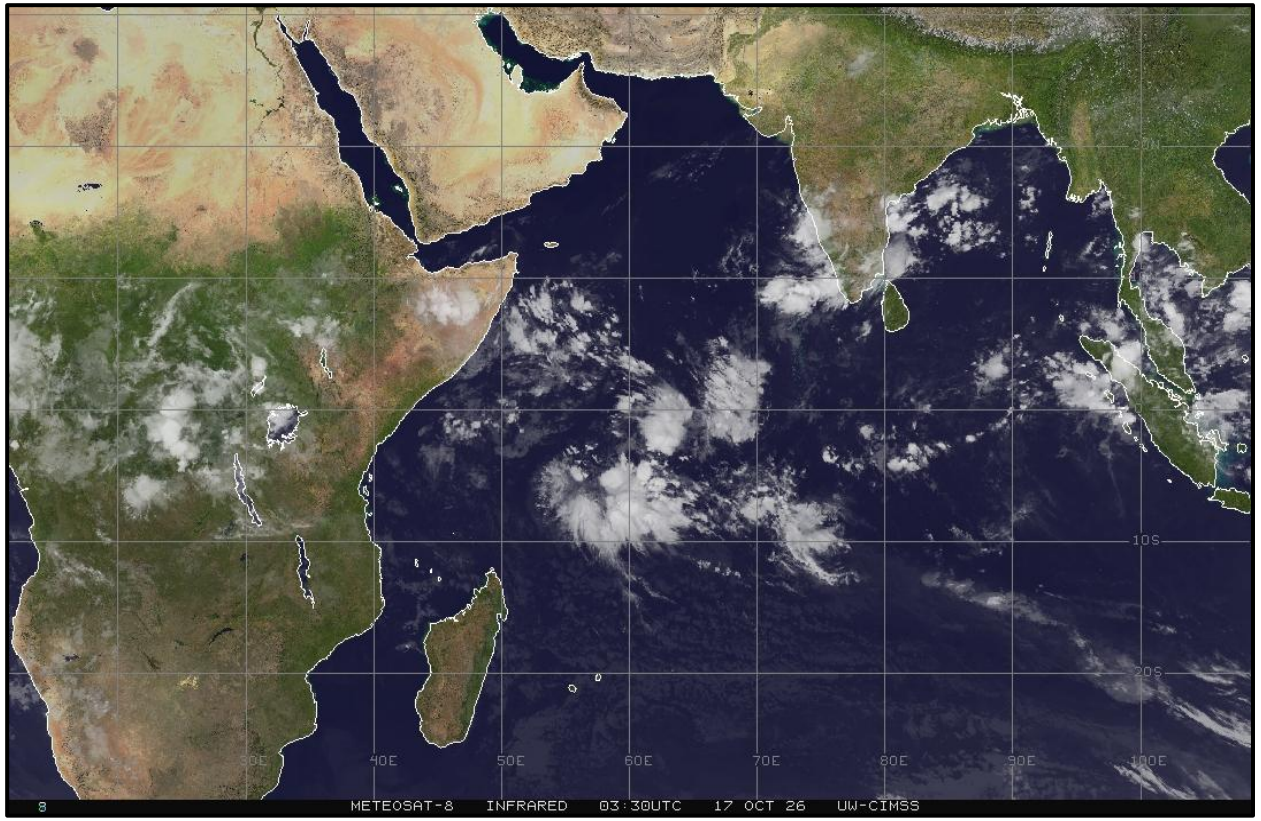


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Date 2026.10.17

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: 2026.10.17/0600UTC to 2026.10.17/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.17
To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard
Shear line is approximately along: 03S 60E, 03S 70E, 02N 80E, 02N 90E, 03N 100E.

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

Winds:

North of Shear line:
West of 72E : SW'ly to NW'ly or Variable/ (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 20.
East of 72E : SW'ly or Variable/ (05-15) kt; gusting up to 20 kt in sections 05.

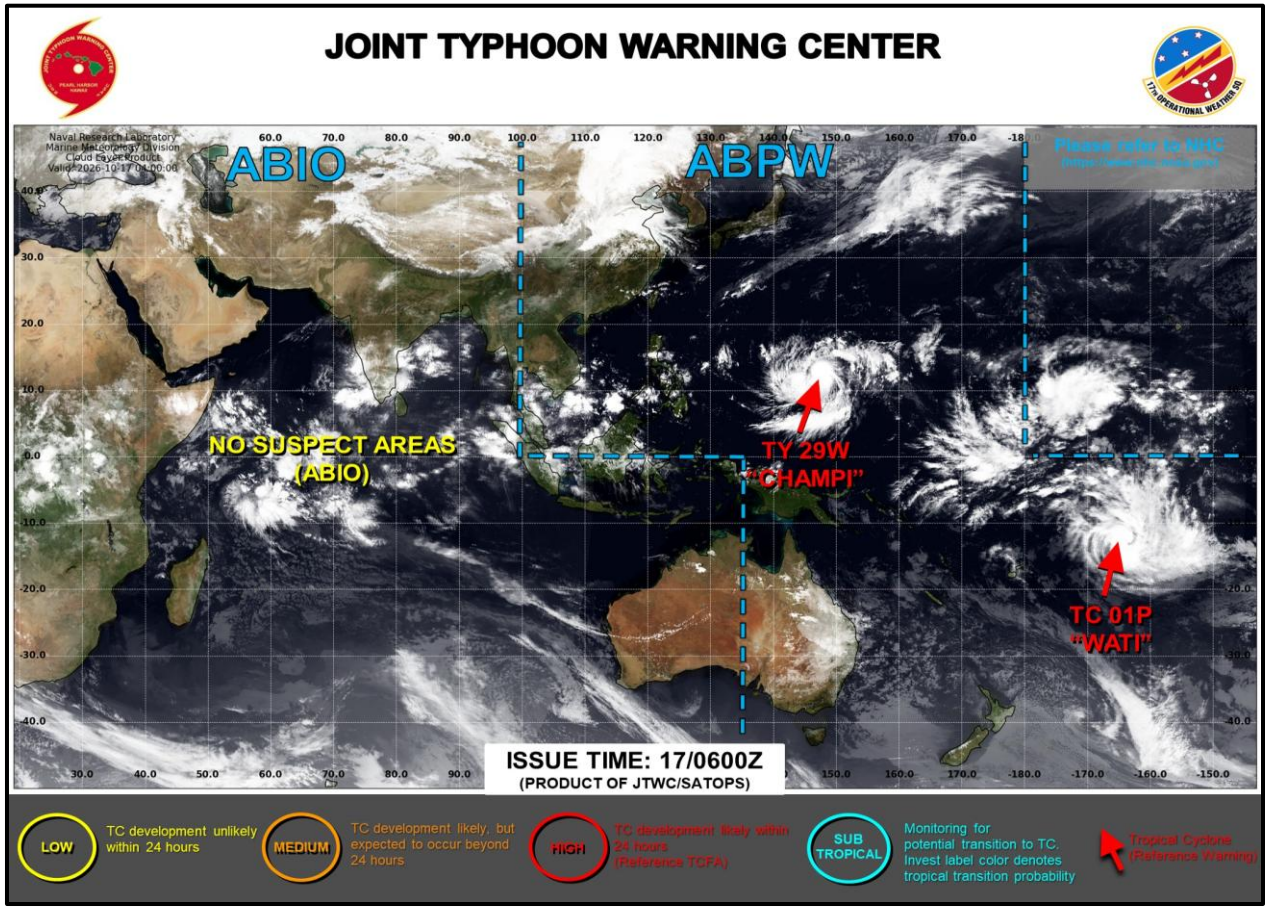
South of Shear line:
West of 86E : SE'ly / (15-25) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 60, 80, 85.
East of 86E : SE'ly / (10-15) kt; gusting up to 20 kt in sections 50, 55, 70, 75.

Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 40.
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 20, 60, 65, 80, 85.
Moderate in sections : 50, 55, 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

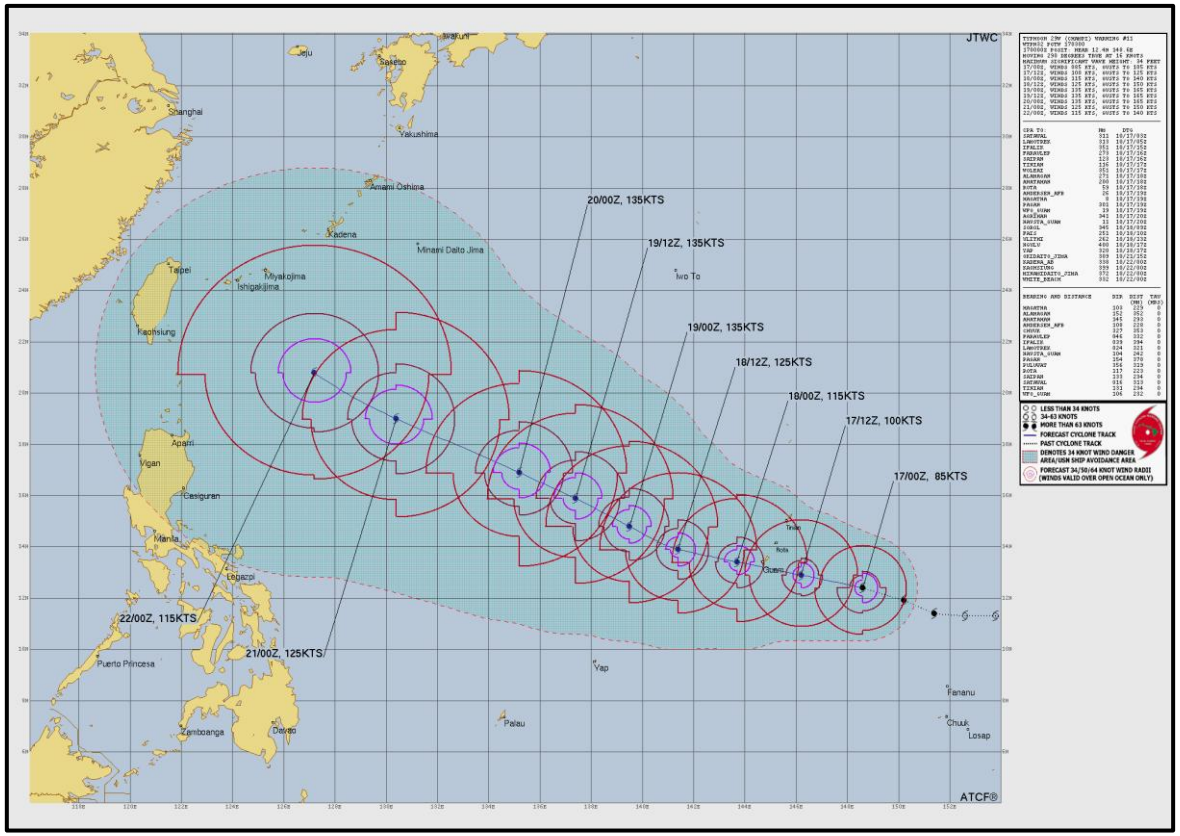
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "Champi"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS

17 Oct/Iranian fishermen searching for fish find floating iPhones, luxury perfumes in Hormuz/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.17	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Damage/Lost Cargo	-	The discovery of floating goods has garnered significant online attention, linked to a serious incident involving a cargo vessel that caught fire and sank in the crucial Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian fishermen recently found unexpected items such as iPhones and expensive perfumes while fishing, as these goods were floating in the sea near a shipwreck. Online videos captured the scene, prompting fishermen to collect the drifting cargo.





Source -: https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/new-updates/iranian-fishermen-searching-for-fish-find-floating-iphones-luxury-perfumes-in-hormuz/articleshow/135014642.cms?from=mdr

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

16 Oct/Two Tankers Involved in Separate Incidents, All 24 Indian Seafarers Safe/Strait of Hormuz

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.16	Strait of Hormuz	Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk areas	Type-Tanker Flag-Marshall Islands	Indian authorities were overseeing the incident and collaborating with the vessel's management to ensure the crew's safety and well-being.

On 16 Oct 26, the Marshall Islands-flagged tanker ST3 was hit by a projectile in the Strait of Hormuz, but all 15 Indian seafarers onboard were reported safe, with no injuries or fatalities.





Source -: https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13319/two-tankers-involved-in-separate-incidents-all-24-indian-sea

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY

16 Oct/Fog of War Deepens in Hormuz as UKMTO Says Most Ship Attacks Go Unreported/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.16	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk Areas	Name-SPIRIT OF TOULOUSE Type-RoRo cargo vessel	UKMTO has warned that numerous attacks on merchant vessels in the Strait of Hormuz are unreported, complicating the assessment of maritime security threats in the region.

A report by gCaptain on October 16, 2026, reveals uncertainty regarding attacks on merchant shipping in the Strait of Hormuz. The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported that many affected vessels did not communicate incidents to them. Conflicting claims between the United States and Iran about control of the waterway, along with varying transit figures, have further complicated the assessment of maritime security in the region.





Source -: https://gcaptain.com/fog-of-war-deepens-in-hormuz-as-ukmto-says-most-ship-attacks-go-unreported/

SMUGGLING

16 Oct/Over 125kg of smuggled Kendu leaves seized in Puttalam/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.14	Sri Lanka	eriyapadu coastal area, Puttalam	Contraband/Goods Smuggling	-	Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard personnel seized approximately 125 kg of suspected smuggled Kendu leaves in Puttalam.

The Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard seized about 125 kg of suspected smuggled Kendu leaves in Puttalam on 16 October 2026. The SLNS Thambapanni recovered the leaves, which were handed over to the Department of Excise for legal proceedings.





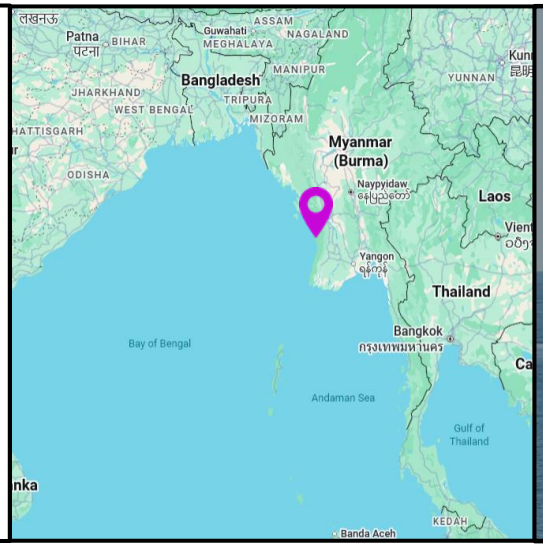
Source -: https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/duplicate-of-suspect-arrested-with-30-foreign-electronic-cigarettes.html

OTHER

16 Oct/Myanmar Military Conducts Drone Strikes on Arakan Army Positions off Rakhine Coast/Myanmar

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.16	Myanmar	Ngapye Island, near Pauktaw, Rakhine State	Naval Activities	-	The strikes targeted Arakan Army positions near Pauktaw, but casualties and damage have not been confirmed, and no formal statements have been issued by Myanmar's military authorities or the Arakan Army.

Myanmar's military conducted drone strikes against Arakan Army positions on Ngapye Island in Rakhine State on 16 Oct 26, amid ongoing conflict between the two factions.





Source -: https://hamerintel.com/data/articles/20742?utm



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