DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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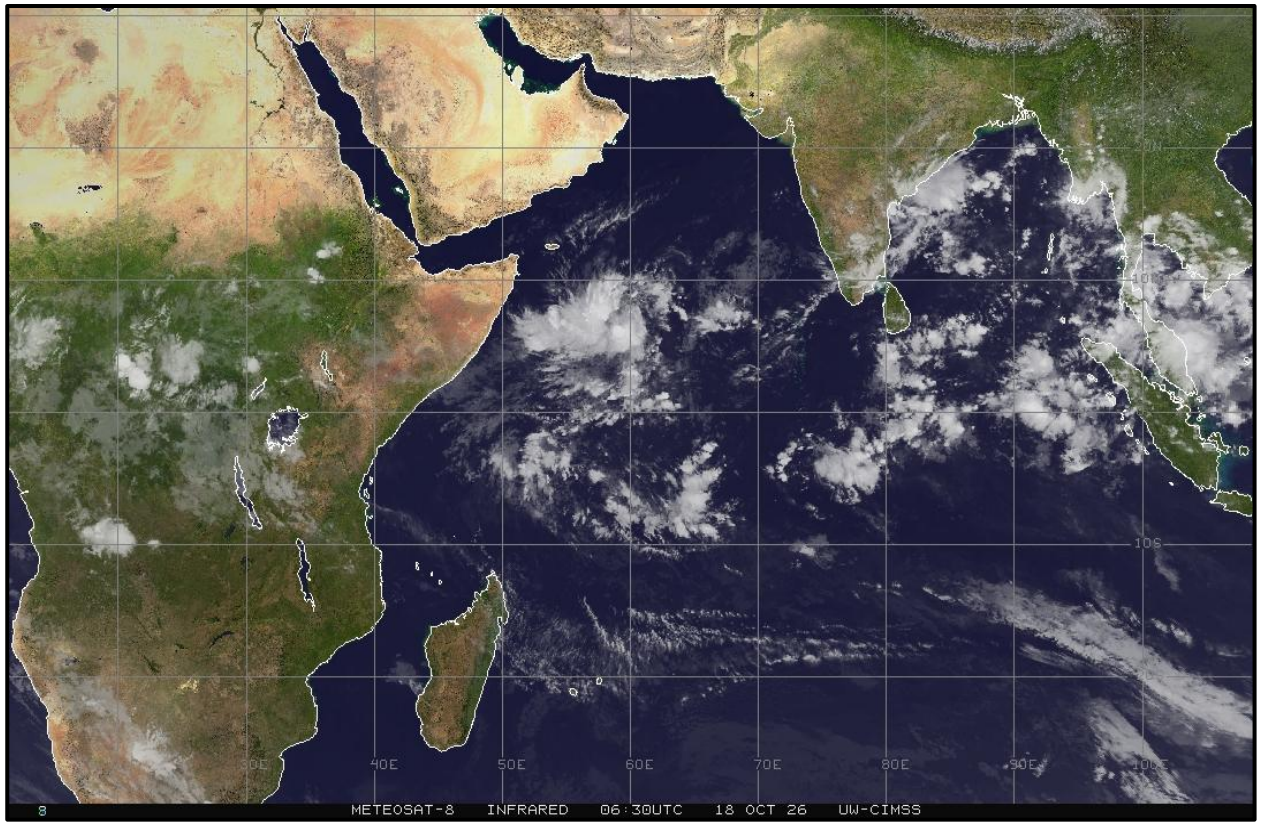


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Date 2026.10.18

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: 2026.10.18/0600UTC to 2026.10.18/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.18
To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard
Shear line is approximately along: 04S 60E, 01S 70E, 01N 80E, 02N 90E, 04N 100E.

Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 20, 35, 50.
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 30, 40, 45, 60.
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:
West of 75E : W'ly to SW'ly or Variable/ (10-15) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 00, 20.
East of 75E : SW'ly or Variable/ (05-15) kt.

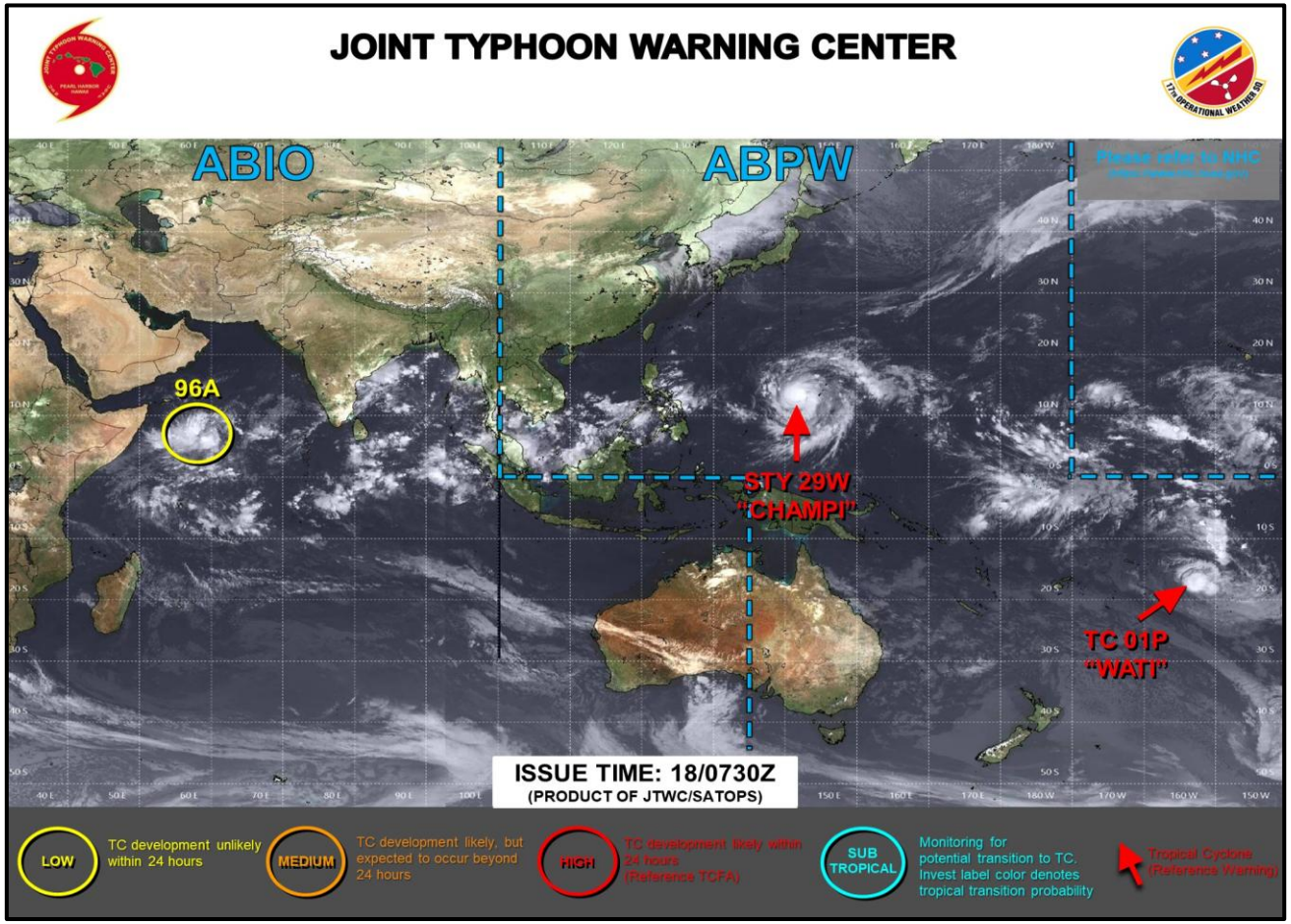
South of Shear line:
West of 85E : SE'ly / (15-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 60, 65, 80, 85.
East of 85E : SE'ly / (10-15) kt; gusting up to 20 kt in sections 50, 55, 70, 75.

Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 20, 60, 65, 80, 85.
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 45, 50, 55, 70, 75.
Moderate in sections : 05, 25.
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

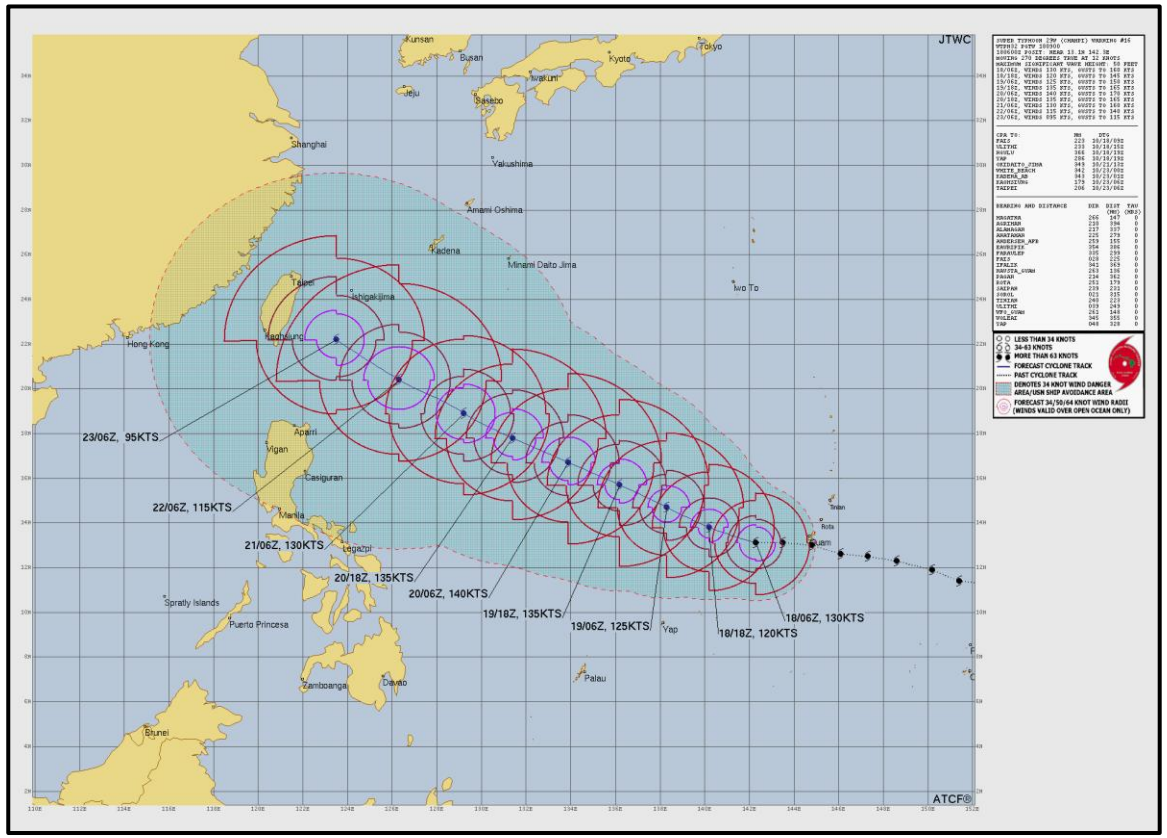
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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TROPICAL CYCLONE “Champi”



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS

18 Oct/Oil Tanker Catches Fire After Reported Naval Mine Strike in the Strait of Hormuz/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.18	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Fire/Flooding/Explosion	Type- Oil Tanker	IRGC reported that a tanker was on an unauthorized route and had turned off its navigation systems. Details about the vessel's identity, crew status, casualties, damage extent, and any oil leakage were not provided.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) reported that an oil tanker caught fire due to a naval mine in the southern Strait of Hormuz, resulting in an explosion in the engine room.





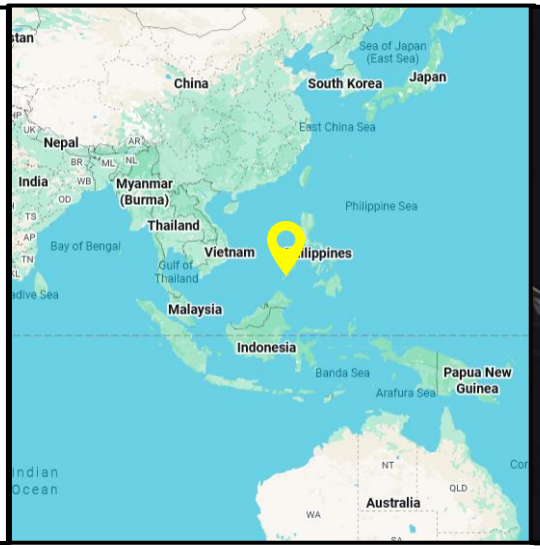
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MARITIME INCIDENTS

17 Oct/2 rescued from partially submerged fishing boat off Palawan/Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.17	Philippine	waters off Wedge Island in San Vicente, Palawan	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name –FBCA SUPER NOLJENN Type-Fishing Vessel	The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) conducted search and rescue operations in coordination with the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, successfully rescuing both individuals aboard a fishing boat following an incident.

Two individuals were rescued from the fishing boat FBCA SUPER NOLJENN, which was reported partially submerged off Wedge Island, San Vicente, Palawan, Philippines.





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PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

17 Oct/An Oil Tanker Targeted Near Saudi Arabia: UKMTO/Saudi Arabia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.17	Saudi Arabia	68 nautical miles northeast of Jubail	Attacked in High-risk areas	Type-Oil tanker	The supertanker carrying over 2 million barrels of crude oil struck a mine while attempting to transit the Strait of Hormuz via an unauthorized route, leading to an explosion and a massive fire.

An unidentified projectile struck an oil tanker approximately 68 NM northeast of Jubail, Saudi Arabia, on 17 Oct 26, as reported by the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO).





Source -: https://en.mehrnews.com/news/248637/An-oil-tanker-targeted-near-Saudi-Arabia-UKMTO

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

17 Oct/Gunfire Directed at LNG Tanker Southeast of Yemen, UK Maritime Authority Reports/Yemen

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.17	Yemen	Arabian Sea – Gulf of Aden	Attacked in High-risk areas	Type-LNG Tanker	The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) has reported an incident involving an unidentified small boat, urging vessels in the area to exercise caution and report any suspicious activity. Authorities are currently investigating the situation.

An unidentified small boat with seven people approached an LNG tanker 140 nautical miles southeast of Al Mukalla, Yemen, and fired two shots at it on 17 Oct 26. The tanker's armed security team fired two warning shots, causing the small boat to change course and retreat.





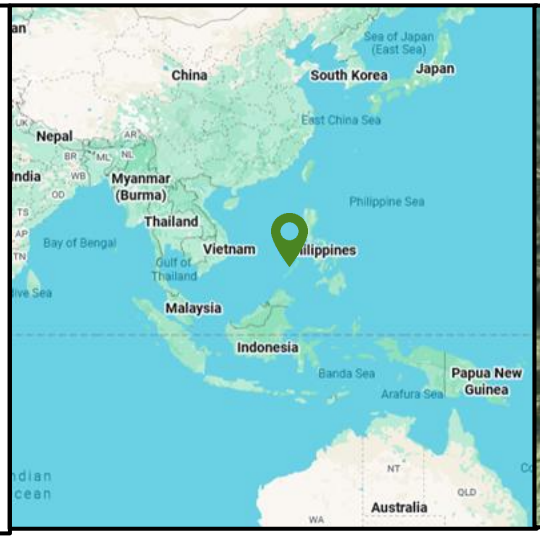
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MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

17 Oct/Divers Collect Underwater Waste in Palawan, Highlighting Marine Pollution/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.17	Philippines	El Nido, Palawan	Plastic and Waste Pollution	-	The activity promoted underwater cleanups and environmental awareness to protect marine habitats and maintain the health of El Nido's coastal waters.

The cleanup organized by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) in collaboration with the El Nido Marine Reserve Protected Area Office (ENMRPA-PAMO) and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) resulted in the recovery of various types of waste from underwater areas, including items likely originating from other countries.





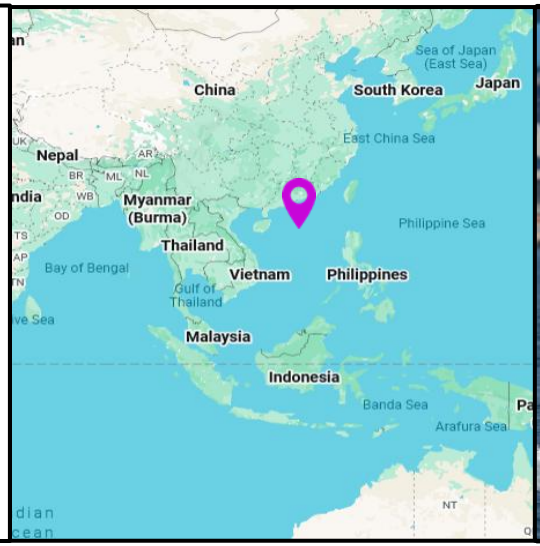
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OTHER

18 Oct/Taiwan Coast Guard Drives Away 16 Chinese Vessels Over Alleged Maritime Harassment/Taiwan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.18	Taiwan	Pratas (Dongsha) Island	Other Military / Coastguard Activities	-	Taiwan's Coast Guard characterized the coordinated operations as "maritime harassment" and "hybrid warfare," asserting that it promptly took action against the vessels.

Taiwan's Coast Guard reported driving away 16 Chinese coastguard, research and fishing vessels, including four fishing boats, operating around Taiwan's main island and Pratas Island on 18 Oct 26. Some vessels reportedly entered Taiwan's restricted waters.





Source -: https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/10/18/taiwan-drives-away-16-chinese-ships-accused-of-maritime-harassment



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