DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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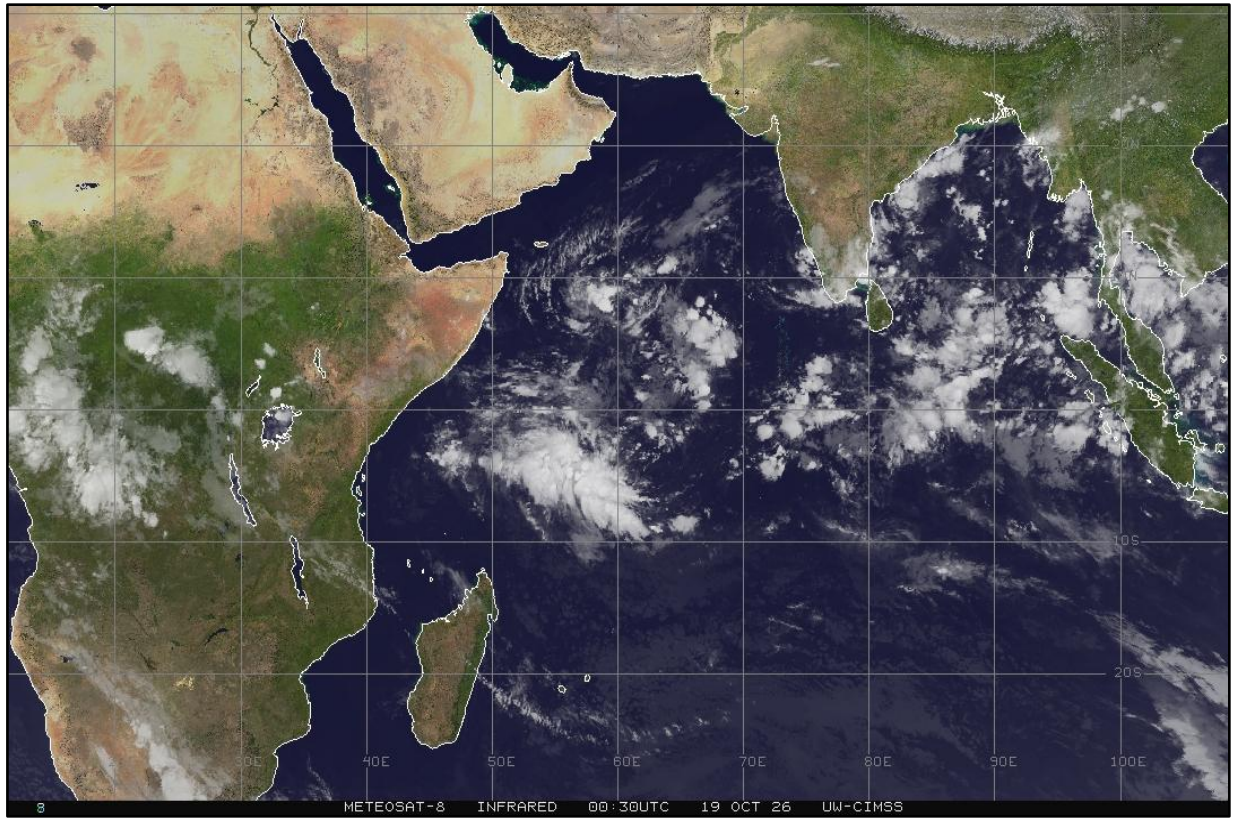


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Date 2026.10.19

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: 2026.10.19/0600UTC to 2026.10.19/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.19

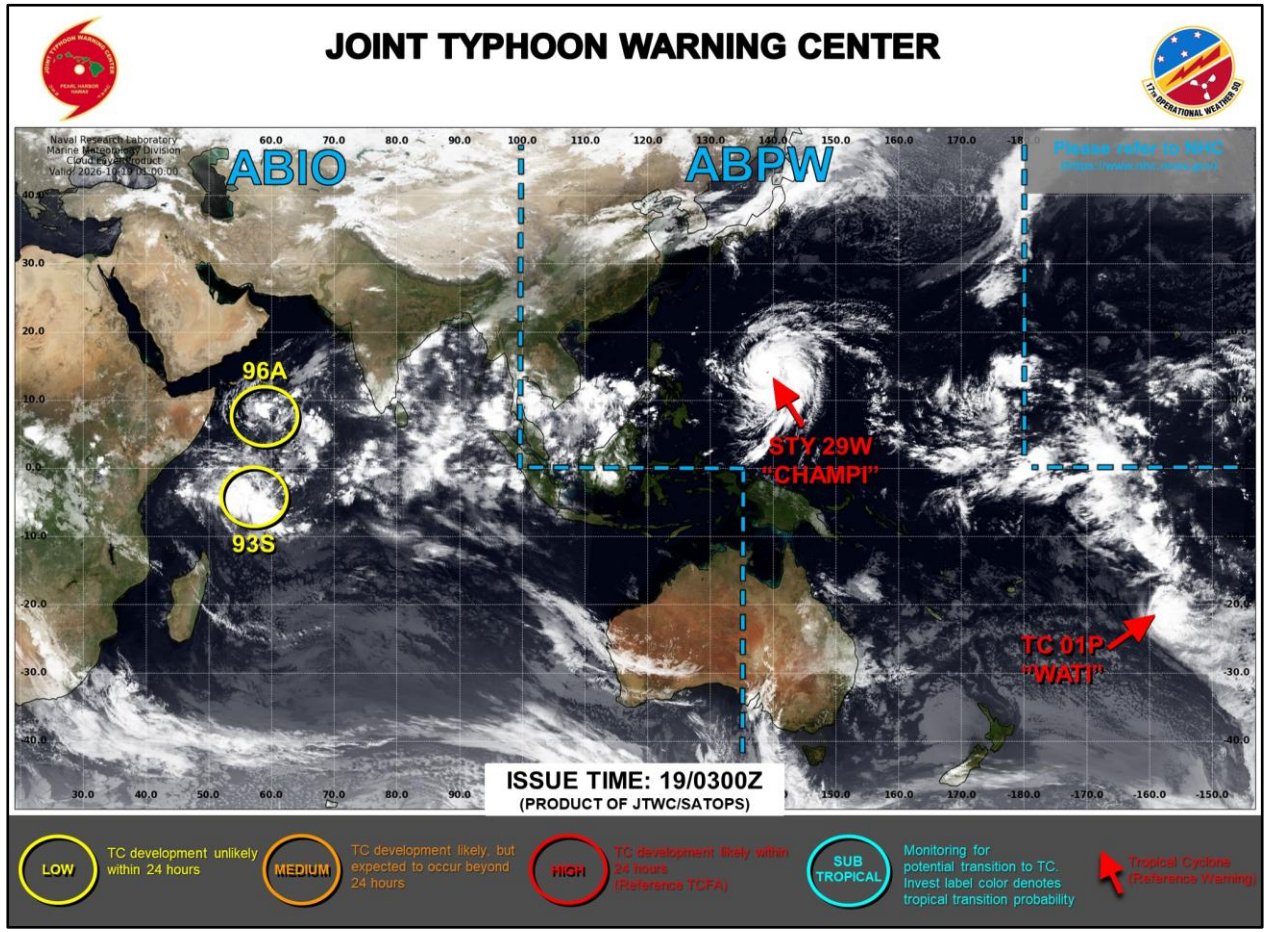
To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard
Shear line is approximately along: 02S 60E, EQ 70E, 05N 80E, EQ 90E, 04N 100E.
Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 60, 65, 85
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 25, 50, 55, 70
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:
North of Shear line:
West of 75E : Anticlockwise/ (10-15) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 00, 20, 40.
East of 75E : SW'ly / (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 55, 70, 75.
Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 00, 20, 40, 60, 65, 80.
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 85.
Moderate in sections : 55, 70, 75
Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

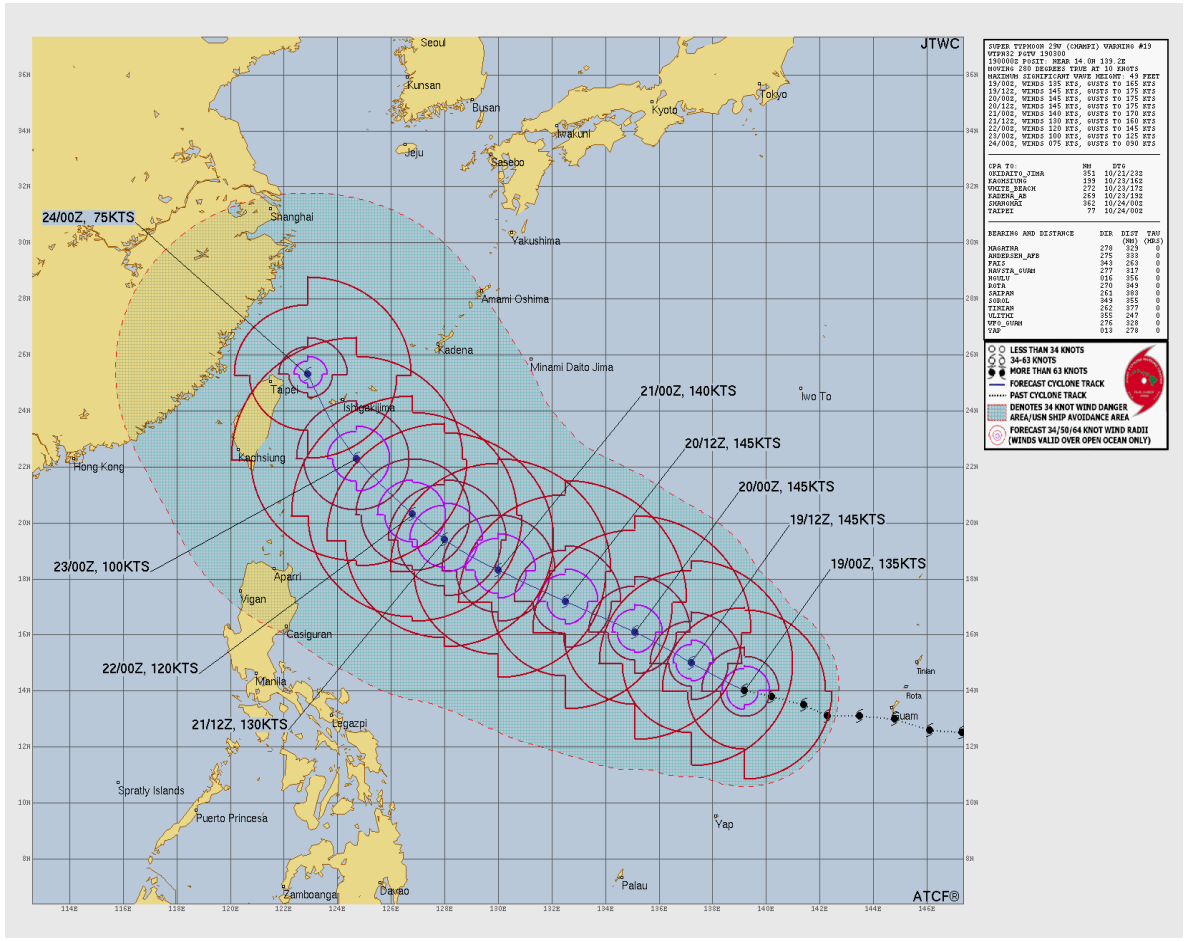
- Source: 1. https://meteo.gov.lk 2. https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm

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

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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS

19 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
2026.10.19	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.





Source -: https://www.chemanalyst.com/NewsAndDeals/NewsDetails/oil-tanker-catches-fire-after-mine-strike-in-strait-of-hormuz-45045

MARITIME INCIDENTS

17 Oct/Injured Filipino Seafarer Evacuated from Cargo Vessel off Cape Town/South Africa

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.17	South Africa	Port of Table Bay, Cape Town	Patient Onboard (POB)	Type-Cargo vessel	NSRI rescue personnel successfully transferred an injured seafarer to a rescue craft and transported him ashore for hospital treatment, despite rough sea conditions.

On 17 Oct 26, the NSRI Table Bay crew evacuated a seriously injured 30-year-old Filipino seafarer from a 229-metre cargo vessel located about 12 nautical miles offshore from Cape Town, as the vessel diverted towards Table Bay for the medical evacuation.





Source -: https://www.nsri.org.za/2026/10/nsri-table-bay-evacuates-injured-seafarer-from-cargo-ship-in-rough-seas/?utm_

IUU FISHING

03-17 Oct/Navy Nabs 55 Persons Over Illegal Fishing and Smuggling/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.03/17	Sri Lanka	Trincomalee, Jaffna and Puttalam	Fishing without license	-	Sri Lanka Navy Apprehends 55 Persons in Illegal Fishing and Suspected Narcotics-Smuggling Operations

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended 50 persons for engaging in illegal fishing during operations conducted in coastal areas between 02 and 17 Oct 26. The operations resulted in the seizure of 33 dinghies, one canoe and unauthorized fishing gear.





Source -:https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-nabs-55-persons-over-illegal-fishing-and-smuggling.html

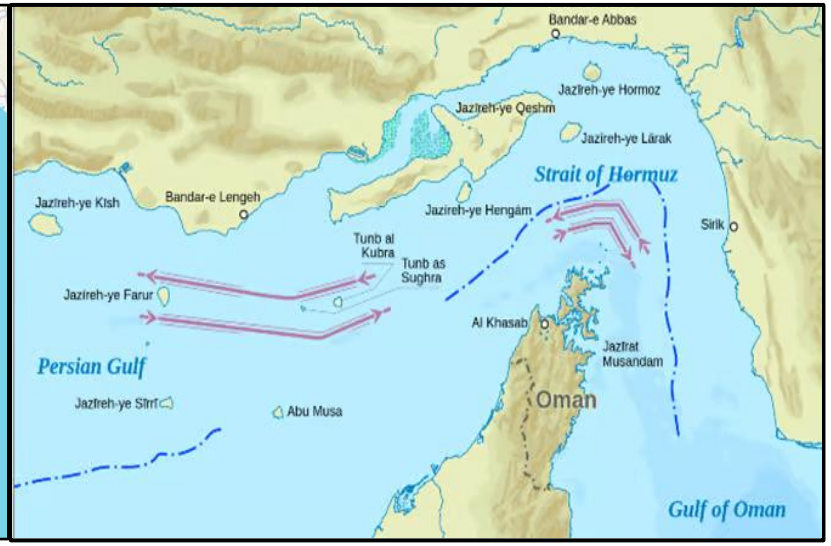
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18 Oct/Oman Signs EU No-Tolls Pledge on Freedom of Navigation/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.18	Oman	Strait of Hormuz and international maritime straits	Foreign affairs	-	Signatories like the UK, France, Singapore, Japan, Bahrain, and Yemen, all of which have maritime interests in important international straits and routes, support the pledge, which aims to protect freedom of navigation and strengthen international maritime law.

Oman has signed a pledge initiated by the European Union, alongside all 27 EU member states and 33 other countries, to uphold the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and oppose the imposition of fees and tolls on international maritime navigation.





Source -: https://maritime-executive.com/article/oman-signs-eu-no-tolls-pledge-on-freedom-of-navigation

OTHER

18 Oct/As CM Ports Exits Colombo Project, US Invests $17M in Port's Digitalization/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.18	Sri Lanka	Port of Colombo	Foreign affairs	-	US Pledges USD 17 Million for Port of Colombo Digitalisation as Chinese Firm Withdraws USD 350 Million Investment

The United States has pledged USD 17 million to support the digitalization of operations at the Port of Colombo in partnership with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). The project aims to improve port efficiency through the development of a Maritime Single Window and a Port Community System.





Source -:https://maritime-executive.com/article/u-s-invests-17-million-in-colombo-port-s-digital-upgrades



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