DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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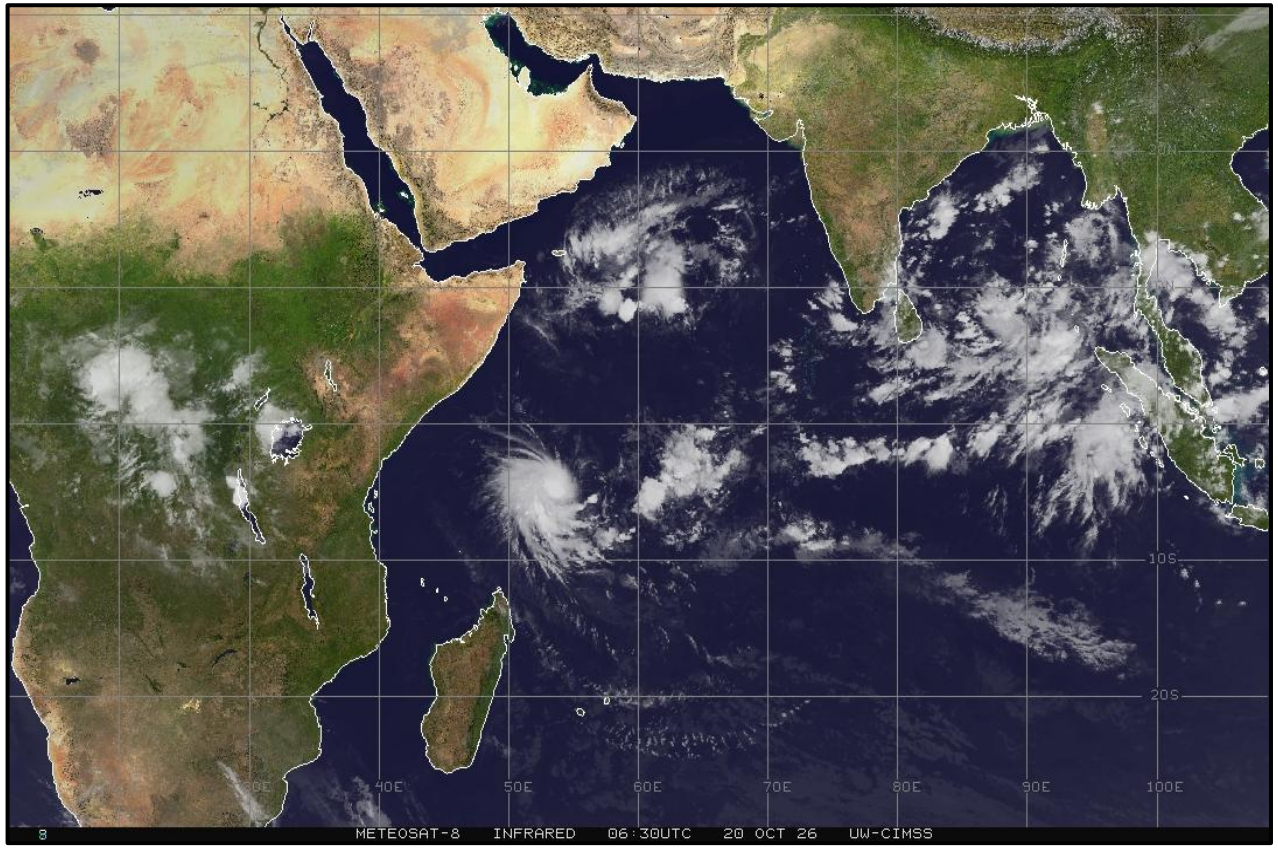


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WEATHER FORECAST

Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



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FLEET FORECAST
Fleet Forecast for Area - E

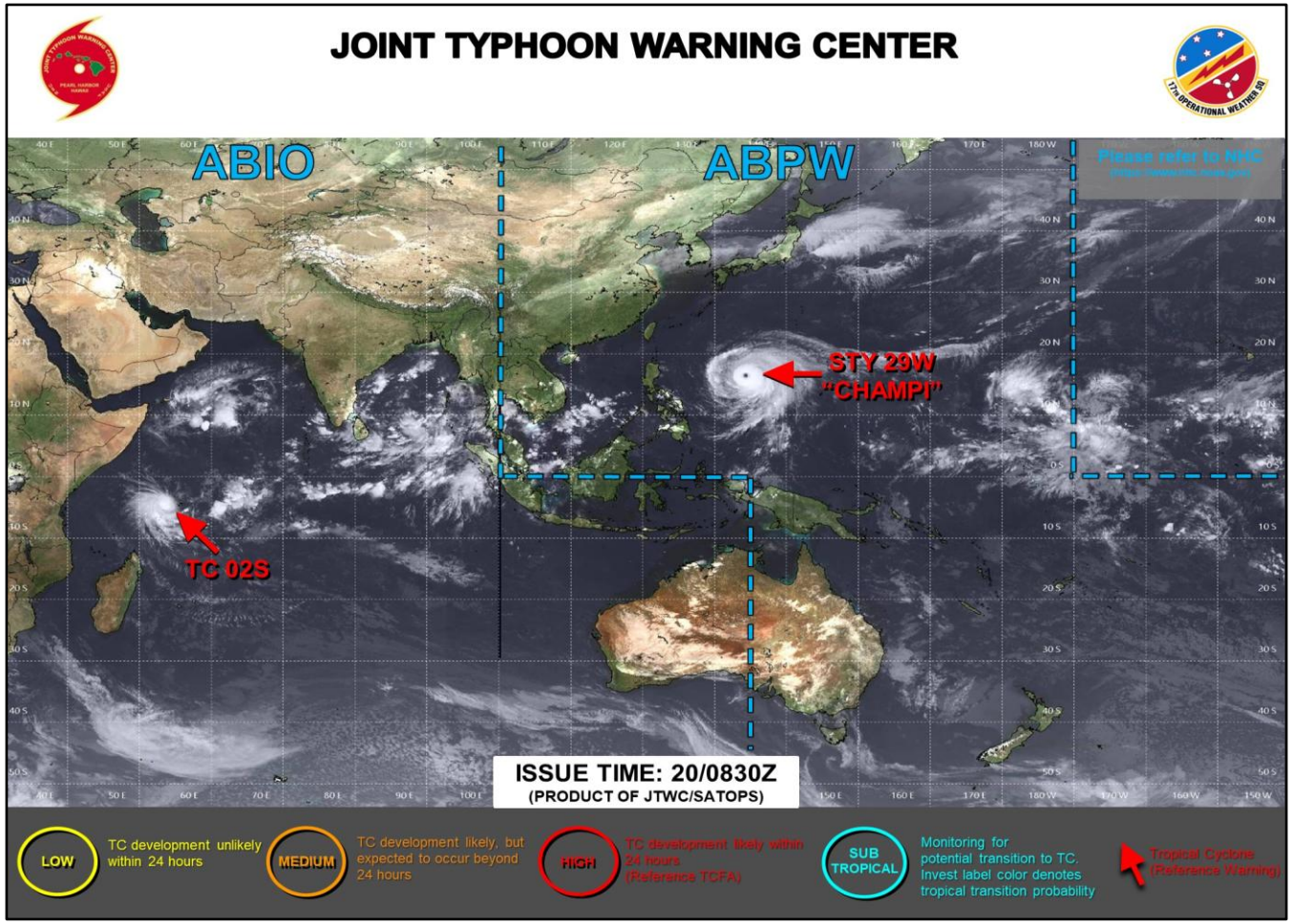
Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.
Valid period: 2026.10.20/0600UTC to 2026.10.20/1400UTC
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To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard

Northern limit of ITCZ is approximately along : 07N 60E, 08N 70E, 10N 80E, 11N 90E, 09N 100E.
Southern limit of ITCZ is approximately along : 04S 60E, 01S 70E, 01N 80E, 02N 90E, 01N 100E.
Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 10, 15, 35, 40, 60.
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 25, 30, 45, 50, 55, 65, 85.
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.
Winds:
North of Northern limit of ITCZ:
SE'ly or VRB/ (10-15) kt; gusting up to 20 kt in sections 00.
In between ITCZ limits:
West of 70E : NW'ly to SW'ly/ (10-20) kt; gusting up to (20-25)kt in section 40.
East of 70E : Sw'ly or VRB/ (05-15) kt; gusting up to 20 kt in section 15.
South of Southern limit of ITCZ:
SE'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 60, 80.
Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 40, 60, 80.
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 15, 20, 65, 70, 85.
Moderate in sections : 10, 45, 50, 55, 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

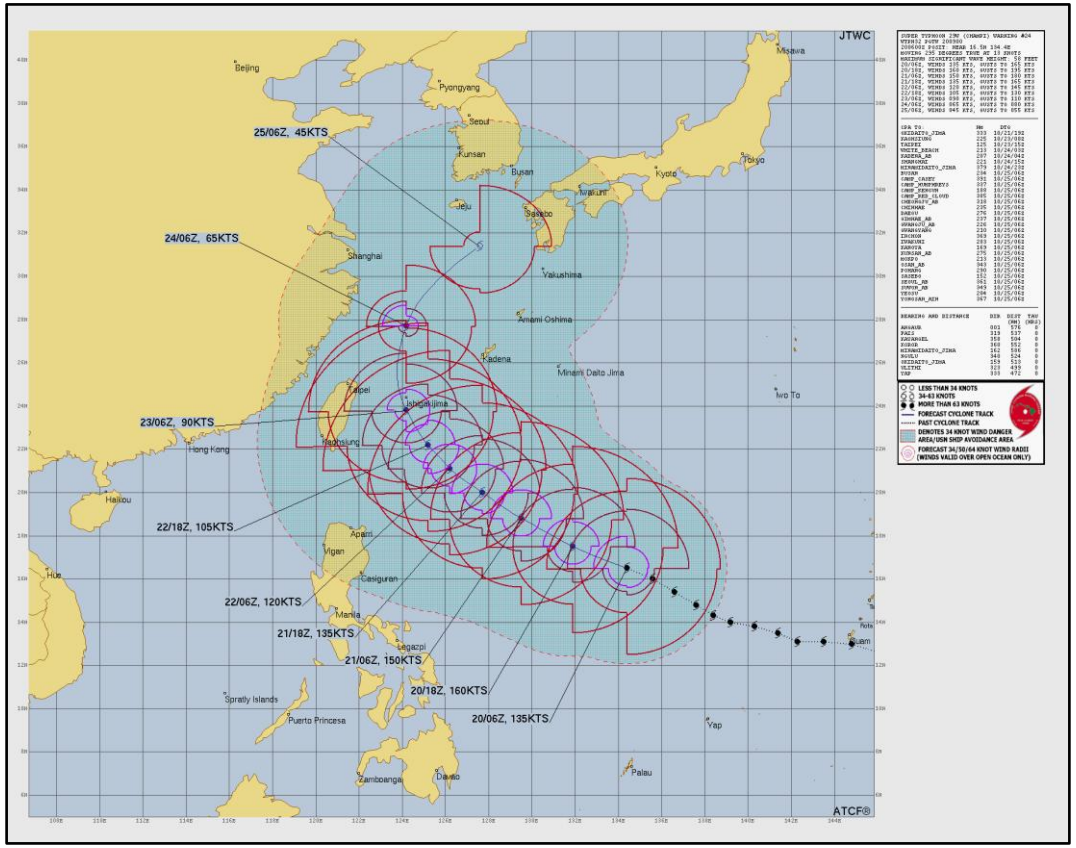
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "Champi"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	03
Total Incidents	06

MARITIME INCIDENTS

19 Oct/Customer Advisory:Fire Incident Aboard MV HMM PLATINUM/Indian Ocean

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.16	Indian Ocean	near southern Madagascar	Fire/Flooding/Explosion	Name-HMM PLATINUM Type-Container Ship	Approximately 2,300 containers were reported aboard the vessel during the incident. Salvors SMIT were engaged under Lloyd's Open Form terms. General Average is a possibility according to specialists, but there is no public confirmation of its formal declaration.

On 16 Oct 26, a fire occurred on the container vessel HMM PLATINUM while en route from Kattupalli, India, to Santos, Brazil, in the Indian Ocean near southern Madagascar. The ship sought refuge in South Africa, and all crew members were reported safe with no injuries.





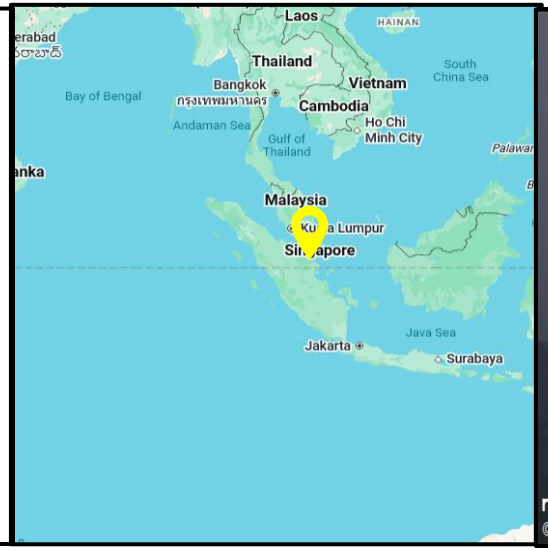
Source -: https://www.apllogistics.com/insights/customer-advisory-fire-incident-aboard-mv-hmm-platinum

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19 Oct/All Crew Evacuated After Bulk Carrier Catches Fire/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.16	Indonesia	Off the Western Coast of Sumatra Island	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name - PRIMA SENTOSA Type - Bulk Carrier Flag - Indonesia	The crew consisted of 23 Indonesians and three foreign nationals, taken to Pulau Baai Port, Bengkulu, for medical checks. The fire's cause and the vessel's damage are still unknown.

A fire occurred in the engine room of the Indonesian bulk carrier Prima Sentosa near Sumatra on 16 Oct 26, leading to the rescue of all 26 crew members by a nearby tanker and Indonesia's National Search and Rescue Agency.





Source -: https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13322/all-crew-evacuated-after-bulk-carrier-catches-fire-off-indon

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

19 Oct/Tug Attacked Near/Strait of Hormuz

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.19	Strait of Hormuz	Approximately 20 nautical miles Northeast of Khor Fakkan,	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name - JIF BARRACUDA Type -Tugboa Flag - Netherlands	Analyst Tom Bike noted 11 vessels on the "Hormuz Shuttle" route observed via satellite imaging on Oct 19, indicating ongoing oil flow from the Gulf.

Merchant ships, including tugboats, are at significant risk of attack in the Strait of Hormuz. Recently, a tug was hit by two projectiles near the Musandam Peninsula, resulting in minor injuries to one crew member. Despite the damage, the vessel continued its journey.





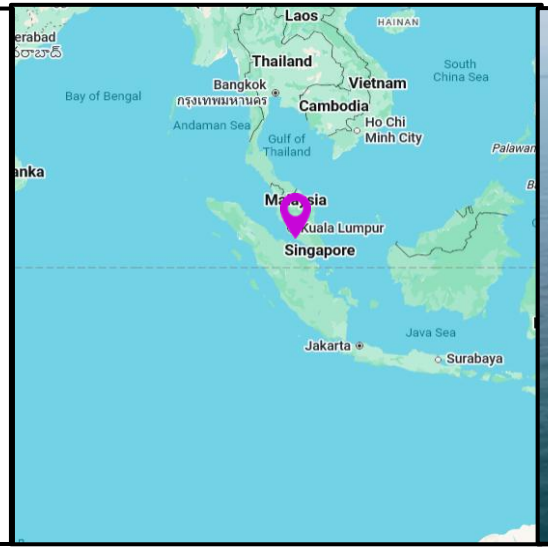
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19 Oct/Singapore Conducts Trilateral Oil Spill Response Exercise, Tests New Technologies/Singapore

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.19	Singapore	Singapore waters and the Straits of Malacca	Other Military / Coastguard activities	-	Singapore introduced its Maritime Digital Twin, designed to forecast oil movement and identify impacted regions, and explored the use of AI, UAVs, and USVs for surveillance, dispersant spraying, and oil containment efforts.

Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia participated in a trilateral ground deployment exercise aimed at enhancing coordination and mutual support for oil spill responses in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. The drill simulated an oil spill resulting from a vessel collision in Singapore's waters, with pollution impacting both Indonesia and Malaysia.





Source -: https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/singapore-conducts-trilateral-oil-spill-response-exercise-tests-new-technologies/

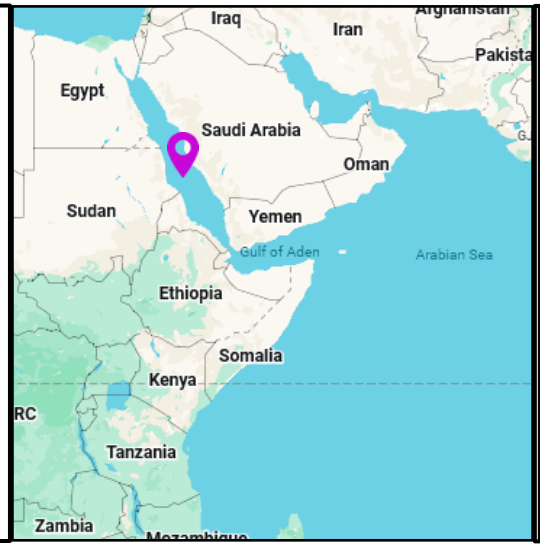
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19 Oct/Qatar LNG Cargo Makes Rare Red Sea Journey to Get Gas to Europe/Qatar

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.19	Qatar	Red Sea	Foreign affairs	Type- LNG Carrier	The incident concerns international energy trade and European gas supply security involving Qatar and Poland.

A Qatar-loaded LNG carrier is sailing North through the Red Sea on a rare voyage, potentially expediting the delivery of natural gas to European customers. The vessel is signaling Poland as its next destination, according to Bloomberg ship-tracking data.





Source - https://gcaptain.com/qatar-lng-cargo-makes-rare-red-sea-journey-to-get-gas-to-europe/

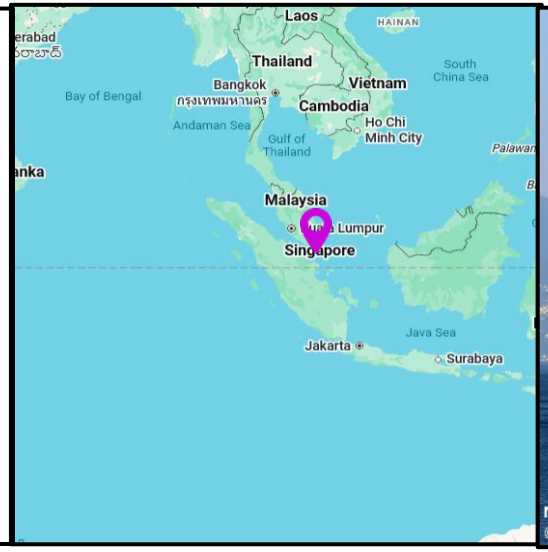
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19 Oct/World's Largest Ethanol Bunkering Carried Out by Maersk/Singapore

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2026.10.17	Singapore	Pasir Panjang Terminal	Geography Activities	Vessel-Maersk Halifax	The findings are expected to support the development of future ethanol bunkering safety standards and procedures.

The world's largest single ethanol bunkering operation occurred in Singapore on 17 Oct 26, transferring about 5,000 metric tones of ISCC-certified bio-ethanol from Golden Centaurus to Maersk Halifax, supervised by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).





Source - https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/16/general/2026/13321/worlds-largest-ethanol-bunkering-carried-out-by-maersk-in-si



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