DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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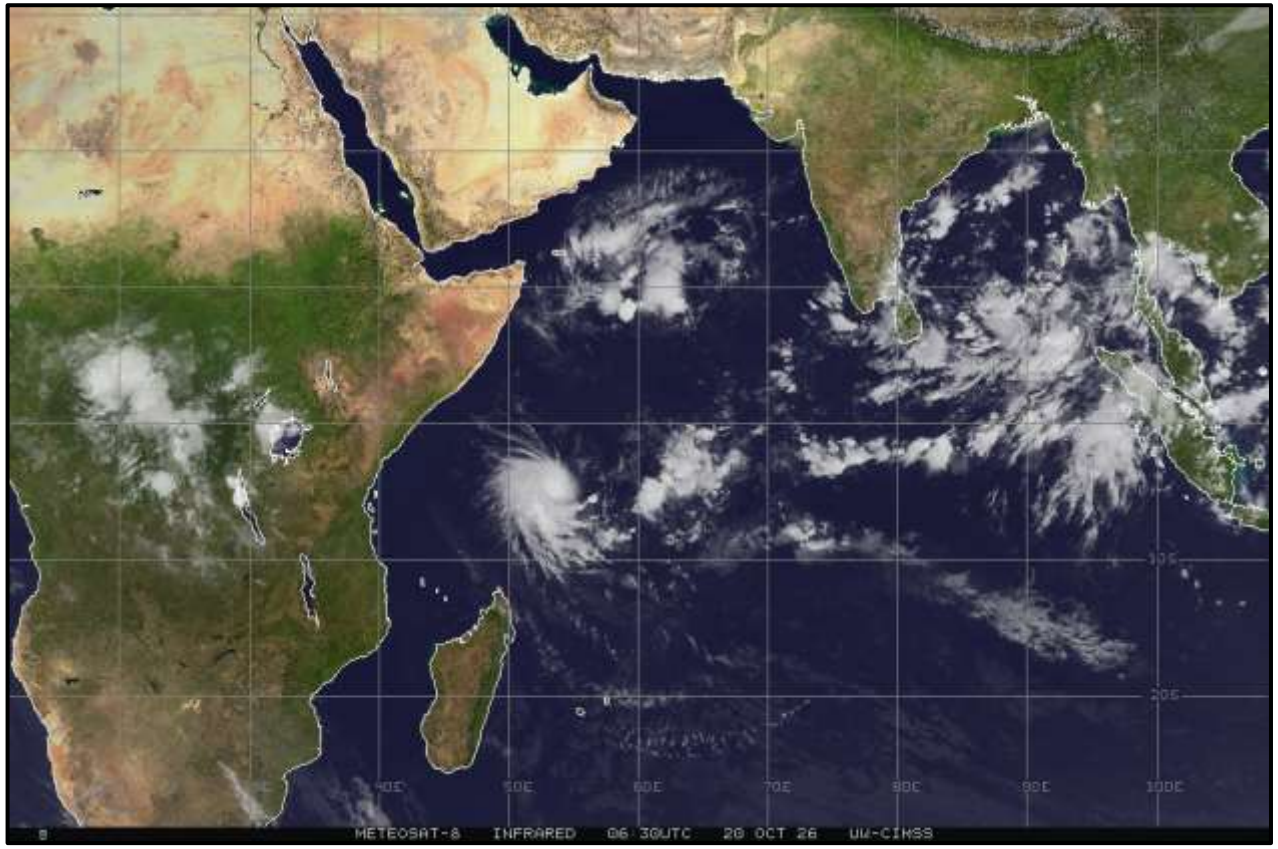


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Date 2026.10.21

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: 2026.10.21/0600UTC to 2026.10.21/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.21
To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard

Shear line is approximately along: 03S 60E, 02S 70E, EQ 80E, 03N 90E, 04N 100E.

Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15, 25, 30, 45
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 20, 35, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 85
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

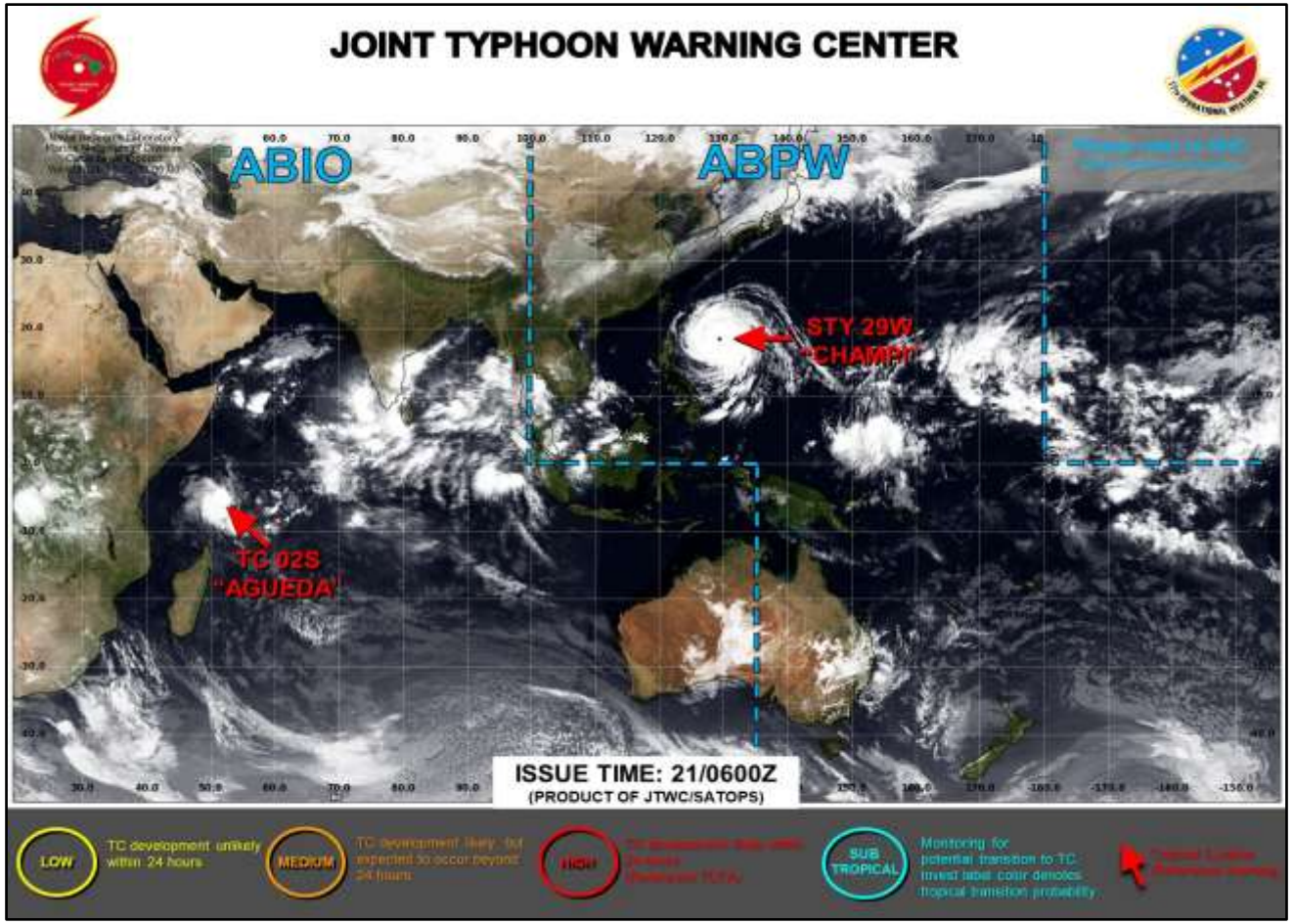
North of Shear line:
West of 80E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-15) kt; gusting up to 20 kt in sections 05, 25
East of 80E : SW'ly/ (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 10, 15
South of Shear line:
SE'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85.

Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 60, 75, 80, 85
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 10, 15, 65, 70
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

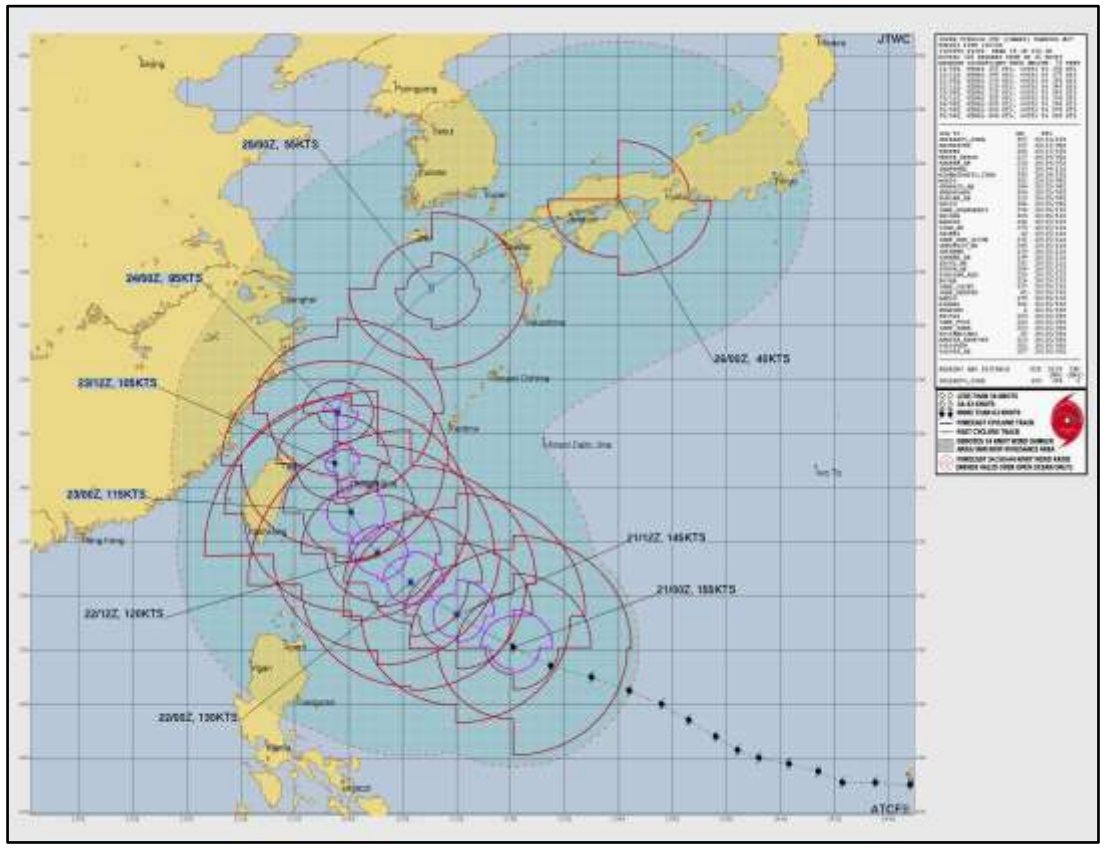
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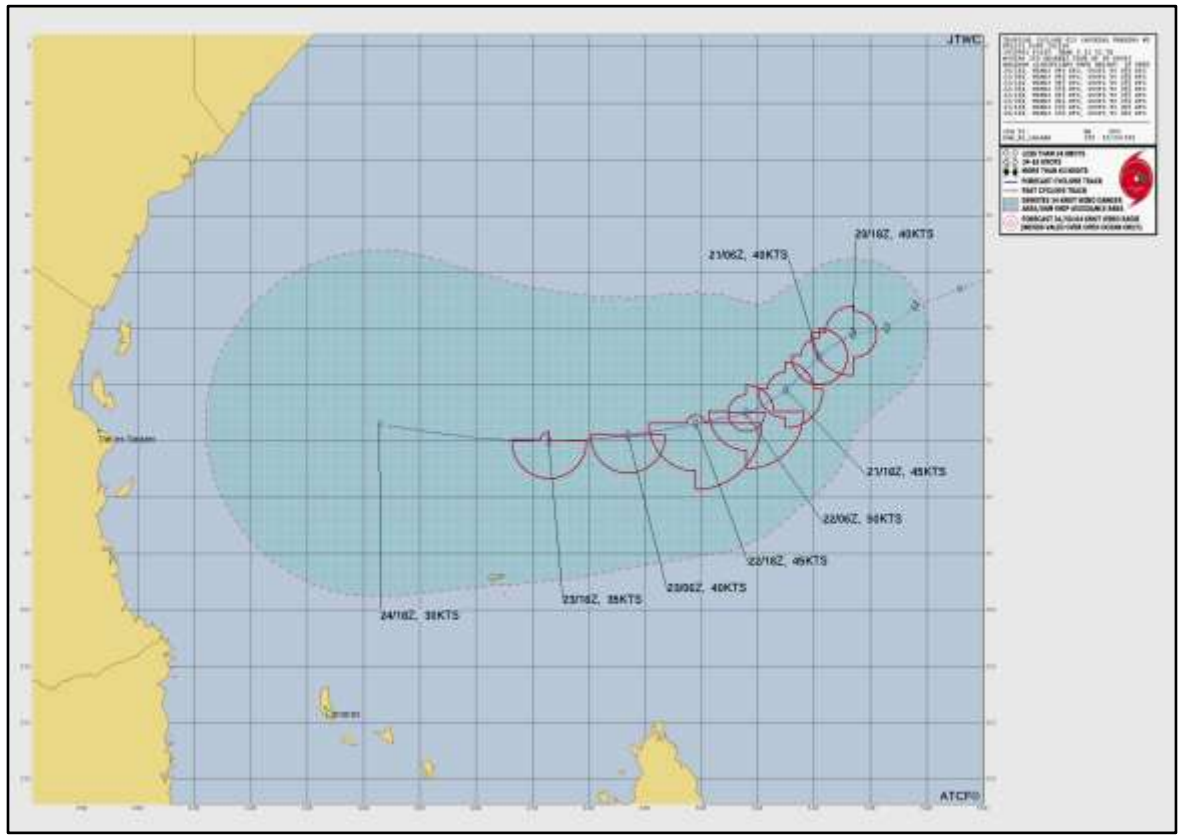
TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAMPI"



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

CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "AGUEDA"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	01
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marine Environment Pollution	01
Other	03
Total Incidents	07

MARITIME INCIDENTS

20 Oct/KMP Batumandi Ferry Fire Raises Concerns Over Maritime Safety/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.20	Indonesia	Approach channel to Merak Port	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name - KMP BATUMANDI Flag - Indonesia Type - Passenger	The ferry KMP Batumandi caught fire in the approach channel to Merak Port, Cilegon, Banten, on 20 Oct 26. All passengers and crew members were evacuated safely, with no fatalities reported.

The Head of the Class I Harbormaster and Port Authority of Banten, Yogie Nugraha, reported a fire on the KMP Batumandi vessel at approximately 1615 hrs (WIB) while it was en route from Bakauheni to Merak, having departed at 1452 hrs (WIB). The cause of the fire is under investigation, and PT ASDP Indonesia Ferry is cooperating with authorities. All passengers and crew have been evacuated, and the incident management is ongoing.





Source -: https://en.tempo.co/read/2121998/kmp-batumandi-ferry-fire-raises-concerns-over-indonesias-maritime-safety?tracking_page_direct

SMUGGLING

19 Oct/Recovery of Cigarettes Worth ₱3.847 Million Suspected of Being Smuggled/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.19	Philippines	Zamboanga City	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The recovered contraband and motorboat were brought to the 2nd ZCMFC "Seaborne" Headquarters along R.T. Lim Boulevard for documentation and further investigation. The seized cigarettes will be formally turned over to the BOC, Port of Zamboanga, for proper disposition.

On 19 Oct 26, personnel from the 2nd Zamboanga City Mobile Force Company, led by PLT Lanz L Danglapen, recovered suspected smuggled cigarettes in Stanvac, Barangay Campo Islam, Zamboanga City. Acting on a tip-off at approximately 0257 hrs, the team found cigarettes being offloaded from a motorboat, which the crew abandoned upon police arrival. In coordination with the Bureau of Customs, an inventory revealed 25 master cases and 35 reams of cigarettes valued at approximately ₱3,847,855.00.





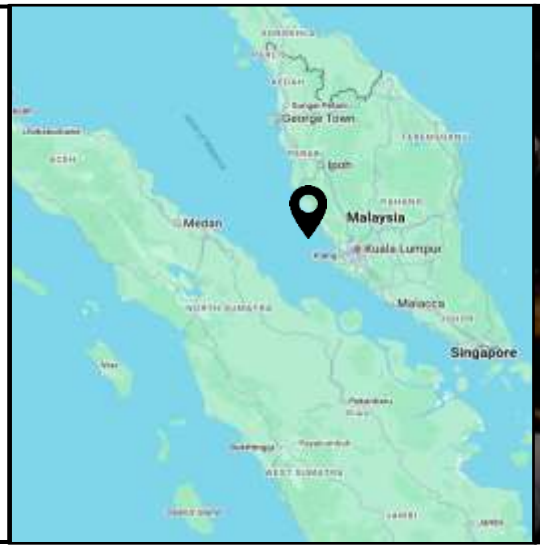
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IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION

20 Oct/Seizes 57 Illegal Foreign Immigrants in Tanjung Karan/Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.20	Malaysia	Waters of Tanjung Karang	Illegal broader crossing	Wooden Boat	Authorities in Selangor, Malaysia, thwarted an attempt to smuggle 57 illegal immigrants from Indonesia via an unauthorized sea route by seizing a wooden boat in Tanjung Karang. Maritime Captain Abdul Muhaimin Muhammad Salleh attributed the arrests to intelligence on human smuggling activities in the area.

On receiving intelligence, the Malaysian Maritime Patrol Boat detained an unregistered red and black vessel approximately 0.7 nautical miles Southwest of Tanjung Karang. The inspection revealed a 23 year-old skipper and two Indonesian crew members (Aged 18 and 28), along with 54 illegal immigrants from Indonesia, comprising 31 men and 23 women, aged between 18 and 60.





Source -: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DtPWgaQTt/

MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

20 Oct/Reviews Plan to Tackle Oil Spills and Marine Pollution/Kuwait

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.20	Kuwait	-	Marine Chemical Pollution and Ecosystem Degradation	-	The workshop is part of Kuwait's initiative to enhance its marine environmental protection framework and improve responses to environmental emergencies. It focuses on reviewing the national plan, assessing implementation requirements, and defining the roles of relevant authorities.

The Environment Public Authority (EPA) in Kuwait is committed to enhancing marine environmental protection and national readiness for marine pollution incidents. Dr. Lujain Al-Sayegh announced a two-day workshop focused on the "National Emergency Plan for Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents Involving Oil and Hazardous and Harmful Substances."





Source -: https://kuwaittimes.com/article/52015/kuwait/kuwait-reviews-plan-to-tackle-oil-spills-and-marine-pollution/amp/

OTHER

19 Oct/ICGS Shaunak Strengthens India and Indonesia Maritime Defence Ties During Successful Three Day Visit to Jakarta/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.19	Indonesia	Jakarta	Other military /Coastguard activities	Name - ICGS Shaunak Flag - India Type - Military	ICGS Shaunak was warmly welcomed by Bakamla officials upon its arrival in Jakarta, Indonesia, reinforcing Bilateral Coast Guard cooperation and India's commitment to regional maritime safety and partnerships.

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Shaunak visited Jakarta from 17 to 19 Oct 26, fostering cooperation between India and Indonesia. The visit involved professional interactions and mutual exchanges to strengthen bilateral maritime cooperation and enhance regional maritime security.





Source -: https://defence.in/threads/icgs-shaunak-strengthens-india-and-indonesia-maritime-defence-ties-during-successful-three-day-visit-to-jakarta.18913/

OTHER

21 Oct/Pakistan, Maldives Discuss Cooperation Against Human Trafficking, Organized Crime/Pakistan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.21	Pakistan	-	Foreign affairs	-	The security relationship between the two countries encompasses military training and counterterrorism collaboration. In 2016, their defense ministers agreed to enhance training opportunities for Maldivian armed forces in Pakistan and conduct joint seminars for expertise exchange.

Pakistan and the Maldives discussed enhancing cooperation against human trafficking, irregular migration, and organized crime during the state visit of Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu to Pakistan from 20 to 22 Oct 26, coinciding with the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations established in July 1966.





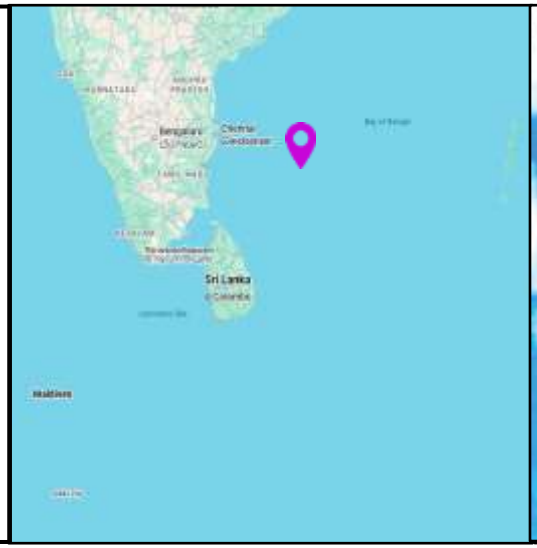
Source -: https://www.arabnews.pk/pakistan/pakistan-maldives-discuss-cooperation-against-human-trafficking-organized-crime-3004801

OTHER

21 Oct/Pledges Regional Cooperation to Combat Terrorism and Crime in Bay of Bengal/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.21	Sri Lanka	Bay of Bengal	Foreign affairs	-	Sri Lanka is dedicated to enhancing regional cooperation to combat terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and cybercrime in the Bay of Bengal region.

Representatives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, chaired by Indian Home Minister Amit Shah, approved the Delhi Declaration to enhance regional security cooperation. The declaration focuses on information exchange, legal assistance, extradition, and joint operations aimed at combatting terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering, and organized crime.





Source -: https://english.ratopati.com/story/84255/sri-lankas-emphasis-on-regional-security-cooperation



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