DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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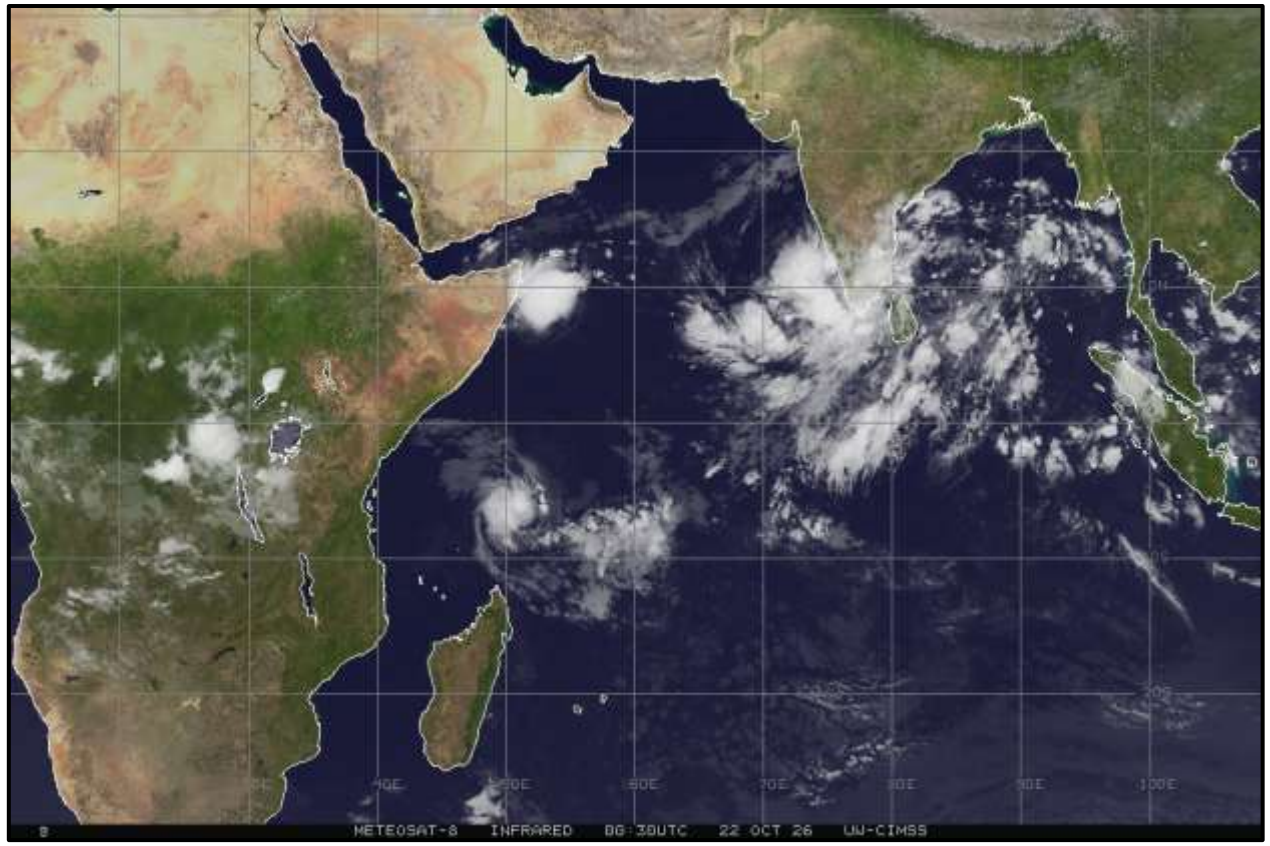


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Date 2026.10.22

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: 2026.10.22/0600UTC to 2026.10.22/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.22
To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard

Shear line is approximately along: 03S 60E, 01S 70E, 01N 80E, 03N 90E, 04N 100E.

Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 45, 60
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 15, 40, 55, 65, 80, 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 25 kt in sections 05, 25.
In between 80E to 90E : SW'ly/ (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 10, 30.
East of 90E : SW'ly or VRB/ (05-15) Kt.

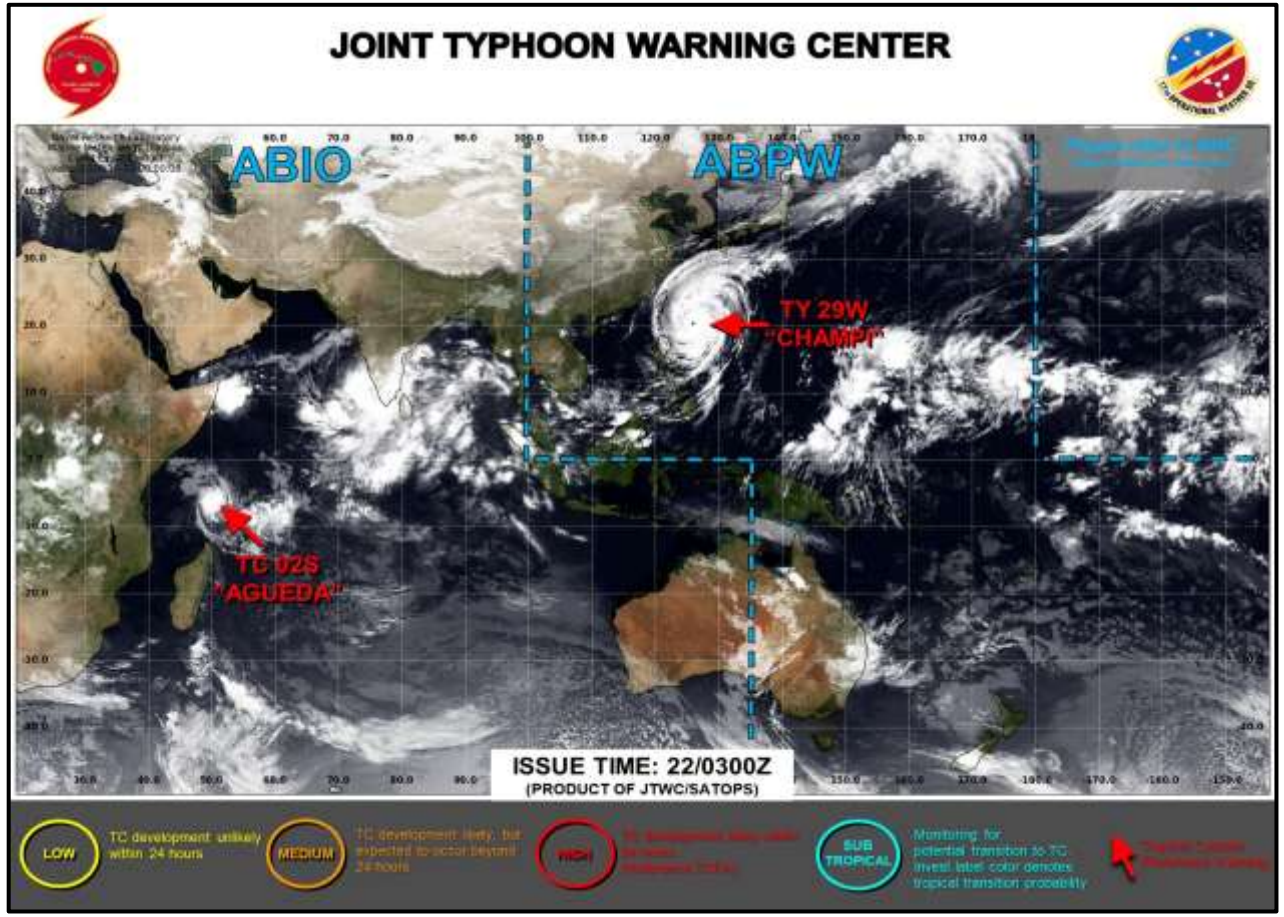
South of Shear line:
SE'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 80, 85.

Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 25, 30, 80, 85
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 50, 55, 60, 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

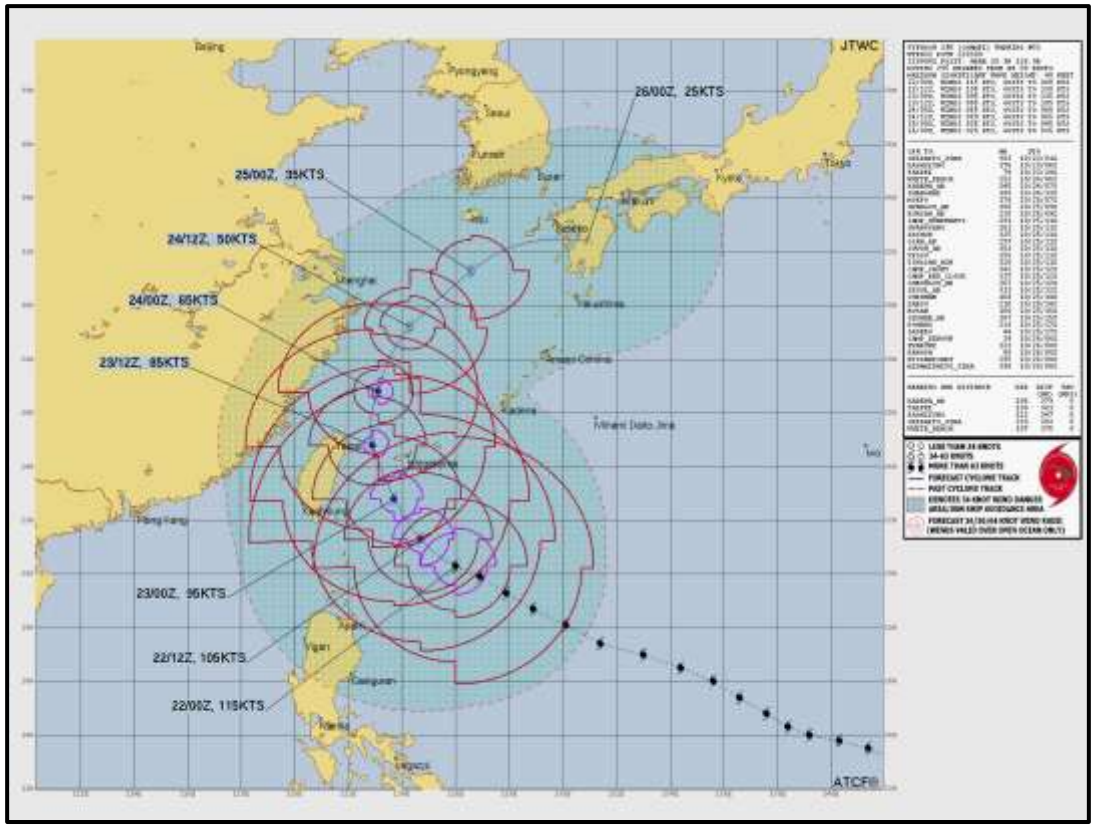
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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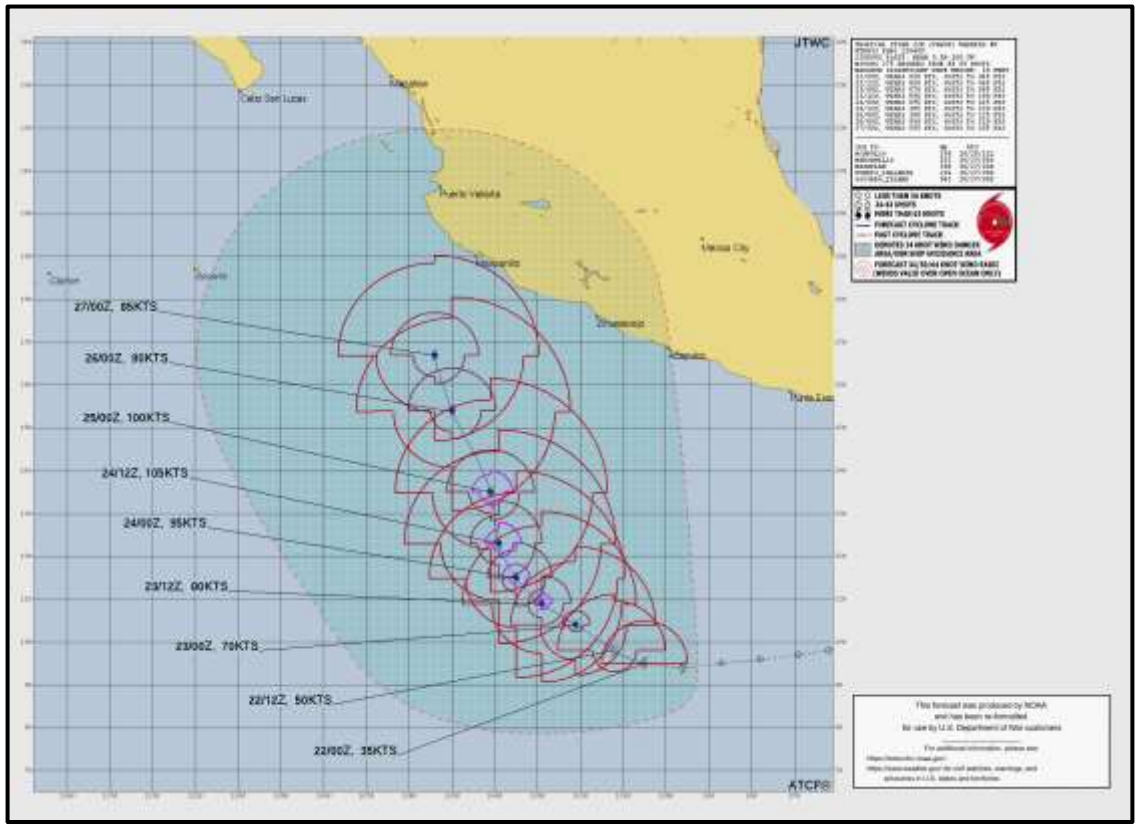
TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAMPI"



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "AGUEDA"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS

22 Oct/Ferry Runs Aground in Malaysia, 261 Evacuated/Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.21	Malaysia	Passenger Ferry Terminal	Grounding/Standing	Name - EXPRESS BAHAGIA 98 Flag - Malaysia Type - Passenger	Marine police, local fishermen and a local agency assisted with the evacuation. After initial towing attempts failed, the ferry refloated and returned to Langkawi on 22 Oct 26.

The Malaysian-flagged passenger ferry Express Bahagia 98 ran aground on a sandbank near the entrance to Kuala Perlis Passenger Ferry Terminal on 21 Oct 26 while approaching from Langkawi. All 251 passengers and 10 crew members were safely evacuated, with no casualties reported in the supplied report.





Source -: https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13330/ferry-runs-aground-in-malaysia-261-evacuated

MARITIME INCIDENTS

22 Oct/Fire Aboard Ferry Quickly Extinguished by Crew in Bali Sea/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.19	Indonesia	Bali Sea, near Talango Island	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name - SABUK NUSANTARA 91 Flag - Indonesia Type - Passenger	The vessel experienced minor damage but proceeded to Kangean Port after the crew implemented cooling procedures to avert reignition. Indonesian authorities were informed and kept track of the situation.

The Indonesian-flagged passenger vessel Sabuk Nusantara 91 caught fire in the Bali Sea near Talango Island on 19 Oct 26 while traveling from Kalianget Port to Kangean Port. The crew managed to extinguish the fire within about 20 minutes, and there were no reported casualties.





Source -: https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13327/fire-aboard-ferry-quickly-extinguished-by-crew-in-bali-sea

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

22 Oct/India Confirms All Crew Safe Following Attack on Kuwait-Flagged Oil Tanker/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.21	Oman	Approximately 11 nautical miles West of Bukha	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name - AL DASMA Type - Crude Oil Tanker Flag - Kuwait	The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported an incident occurring about 11 nautical miles West of Bukha, Oman, at 01:45 UTC, where a tanker was struck and subsequently dropped anchor. No environmental impact was reported.

The Kuwait-flagged tanker AL DASMA was hit by an unknown projectile in the Strait of Hormuz on 21 Oct 26, but all crew members, including 21 Indian nationals, were reported safe.





Source -: https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13328/india-confirms-safety-of-seafarers-after-kuwait-flagged-oil-

SMUGGLING

22 Oct/Smuggling Attempt of Kendu Leaves Foiled; 2 Indian Dhows and 2 Local Dinghies Seized/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.21	Sri Lanka	Off Udappuwa, Puttalam	Contraband/ Goods smuggling	Indian vessels - 02 Dhows Local vessels - 02 Dinghies	The operation involved the seizure of 60 sacks of Kendu leaves after identifying two suspicious Indian dhows and two local dinghies in Sri Lankan waters. The suspects and the recovered items will be transferred to the Customs Preventive Office in Colombo for legal proceedings.

On 21 Oct 26, the Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard captured two Indian dhows and two local dinghies near Udappuwa, Puttalam, while thwarting the maritime smuggling of Kendu leaves. Approximately 2,400 kg of Kendu leaves were seized, and 11 suspects, including seven Indian and four Sri Lankan nationals, were arrested.





Source -: https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/smuggling-attempt-of-kendu-leaves-foiled;-2-indian-dhows-and-2-local-dinghies-seized.html

OTHER

22 Oct/India and Singapore Launch 33rd Bilateral Maritime Exercise in Visakhapatnam/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.21	India	Visakhapatnam	Naval activities	Indian Navy: INS Nilgiri and INS Kamorta Republic of Singapore Navy: RSS Supreme	The exercise comprises two phases: the Harbour Phase (21–23 October) and the Sea Phase (24 -26 October) in the Bay of Bengal, featuring professional exchanges, cross-deck visits, anti-submarine, anti-surface and anti-air warfare drills, seamanship evolutions and tactical manoeuvres

The 33rd edition of the Singapore–India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026) commenced at Visakhapatnam, India, on 21 Oct 26. The exercise, involving the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy, is scheduled to continue until 26 Oct 26 to enhance maritime cooperation, mutual understanding and operational interoperability between the two navies.





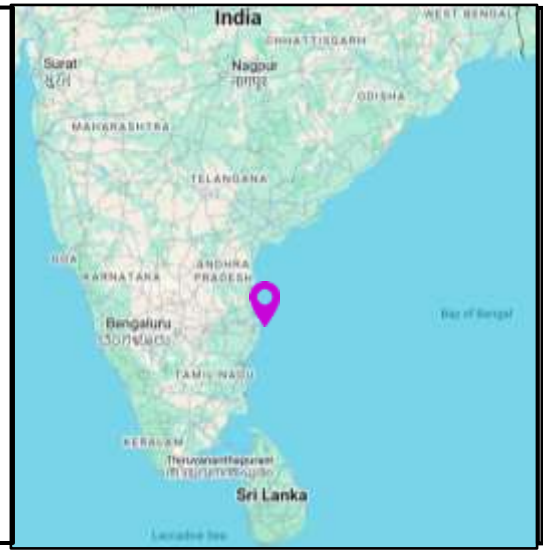
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OTHER

22 Oct/Indian Coast Guard Launches Maiden Sailing Expedition from Chennai Aboard Yacht Antara/Indian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.21	Indian	Chennai	Maritime activity	Yacht Antara	The expedition marks a milestone in the Indian Coast Guard's sailing activities during its golden jubilee year. Further details regarding the route, duration and participating personnel were not confirmed in the available report.

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched its first-ever sailing expedition from Chennai aboard yacht Antara on 22 Oct 26. The expedition forms part of the ICG's 50th anniversary celebrations and aims to promote maritime adventure and enhance sailing and seamanship skills among its personnel.





Source -: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/indian-coast-guard-launches-maiden-sailing-expedition-on-yacht-antara-from-chennai/articleshow/135120361.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com



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