DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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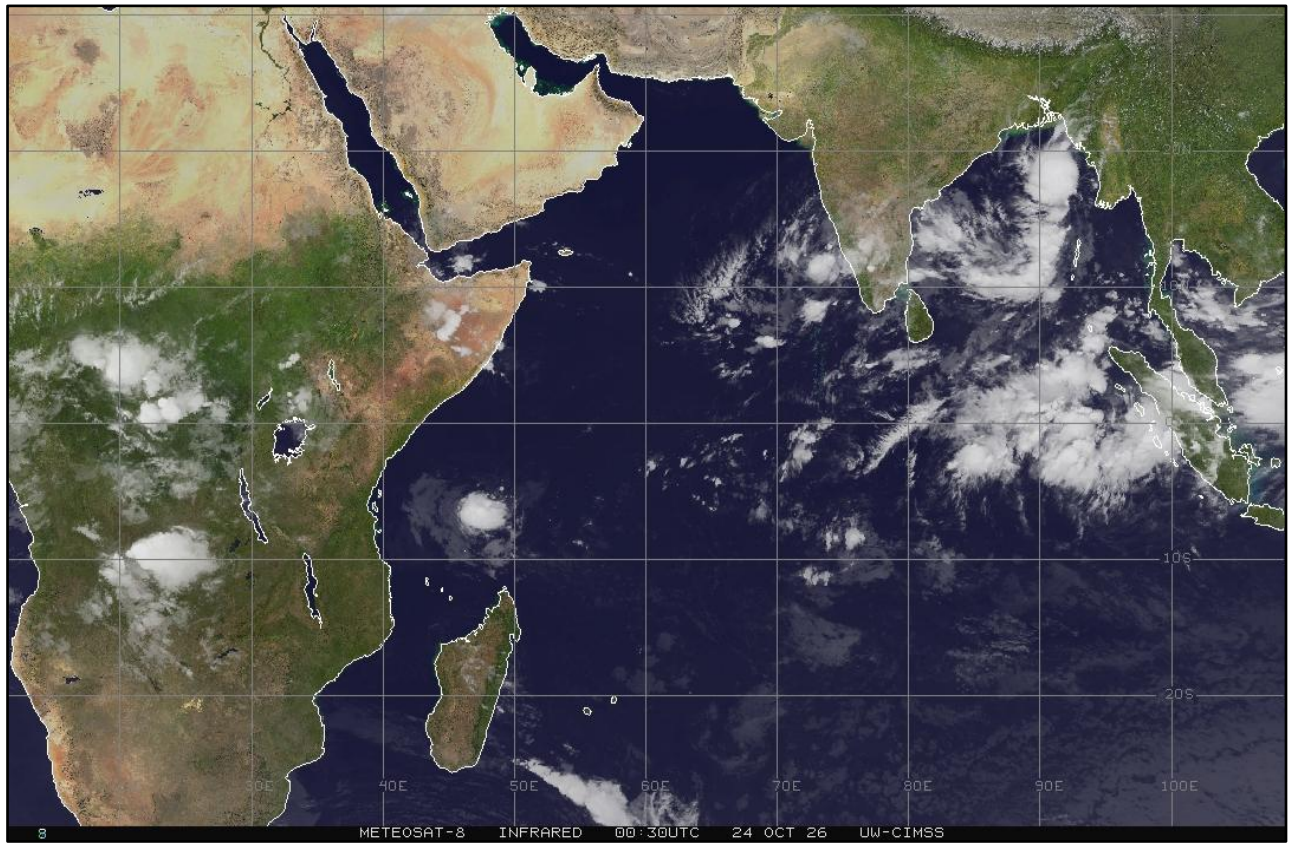


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WEATHER FORECAST

Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



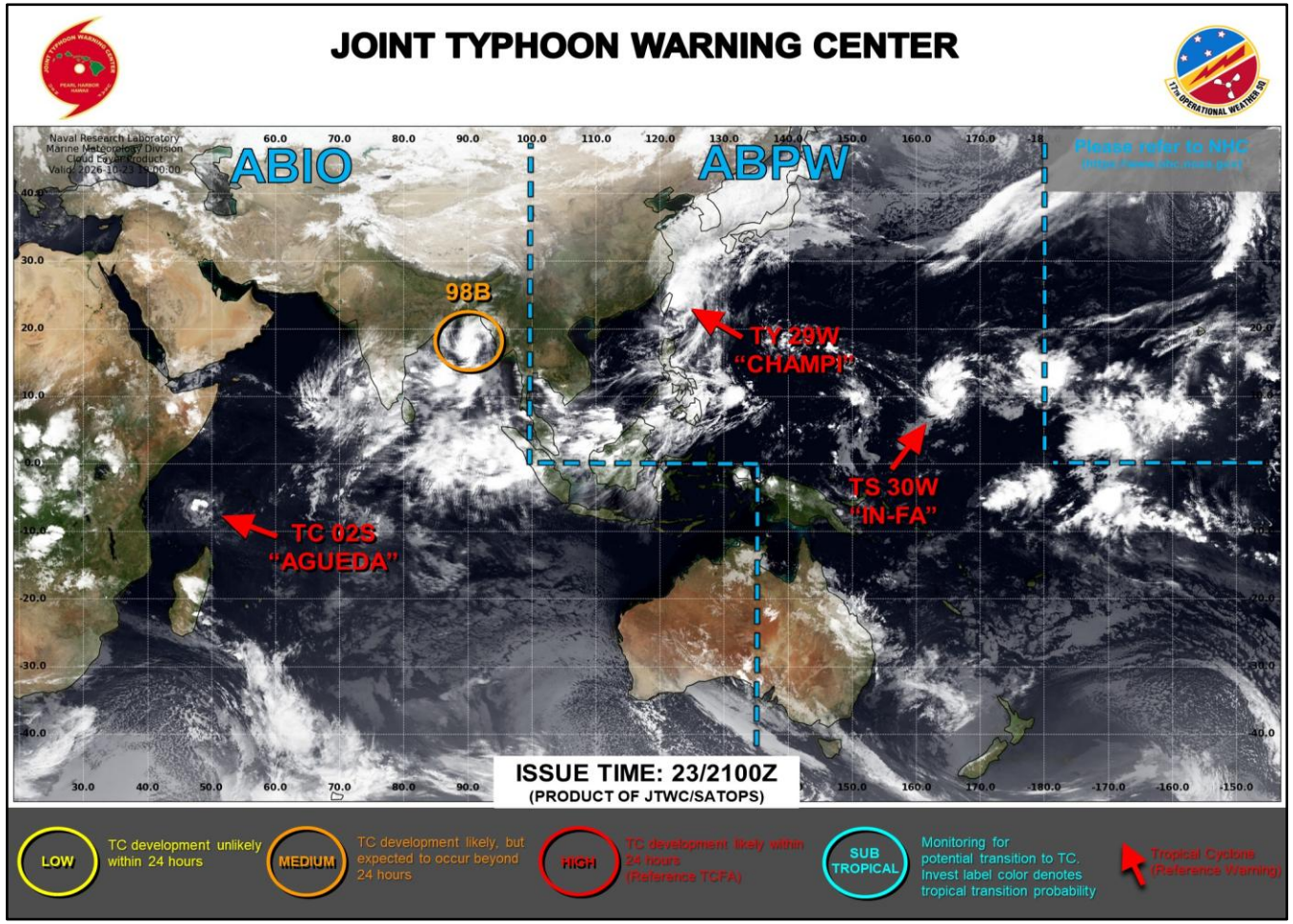
FLEET FORECAST
Fleet Forecast for Area - E
Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.
Valid period: 2026.10.24/0600UTC to 2026.10.24/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.24
A new low-pressure area has formed over the Bay of Bengal near the North Andaman Islands. The system is most likely to persist over the same region and intensify into a depression by 24th October, 2026. Thereafter, it is very likely to move west -northwestwards and intensify further into a deep depression by 25th October and into a cyclonic storm over the west-centra Bay of Bengal by the morning of 26th October, 2026.

To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard
Northern limit of ITCZ is approximately along: 06N 60E, 11N 70E, 13N 80E, 18N 90E, 15N 100E.
Southern limit of ITCZ is approximately along: 03N 60E, 01S 70E, 01S 80E, 02N 90E, 01S 100E.
Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15, 35, 50, 55
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 25, 30, 40, 65, 85.
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.
Winds:
North of Southern limit of ITCZ :
West of 80E : NW'ly to SW'ly/ (10-20) kt; gusting up to 30 kt in section 05.
East of 80E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in section 10.
South of Southern limit of ITCZ :
SE'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25 kt in sections 80, 85.
Seas:
Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 05.
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 10, 80, 85.
Moderate in sections : 15, 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

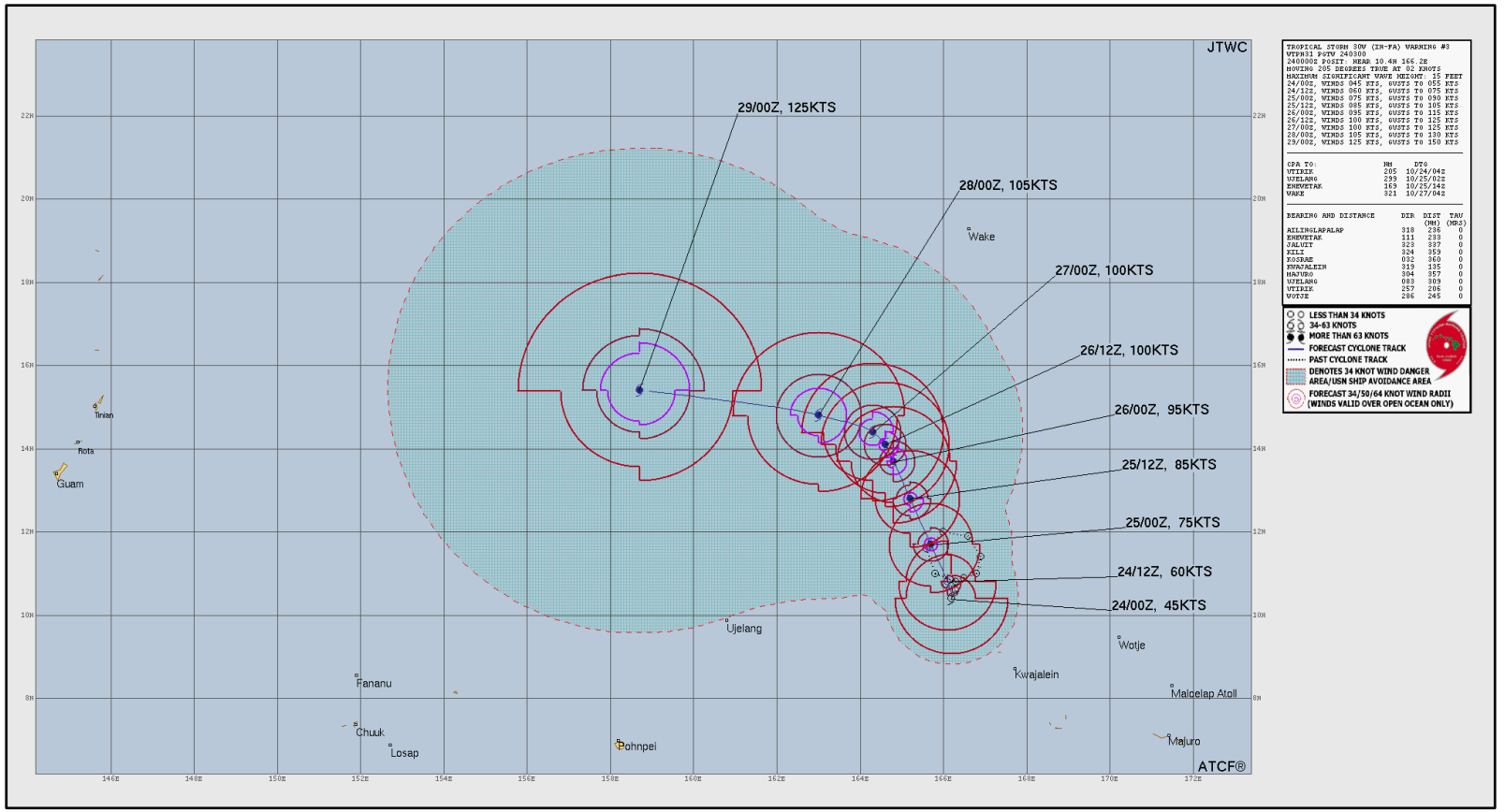
CYCLONE



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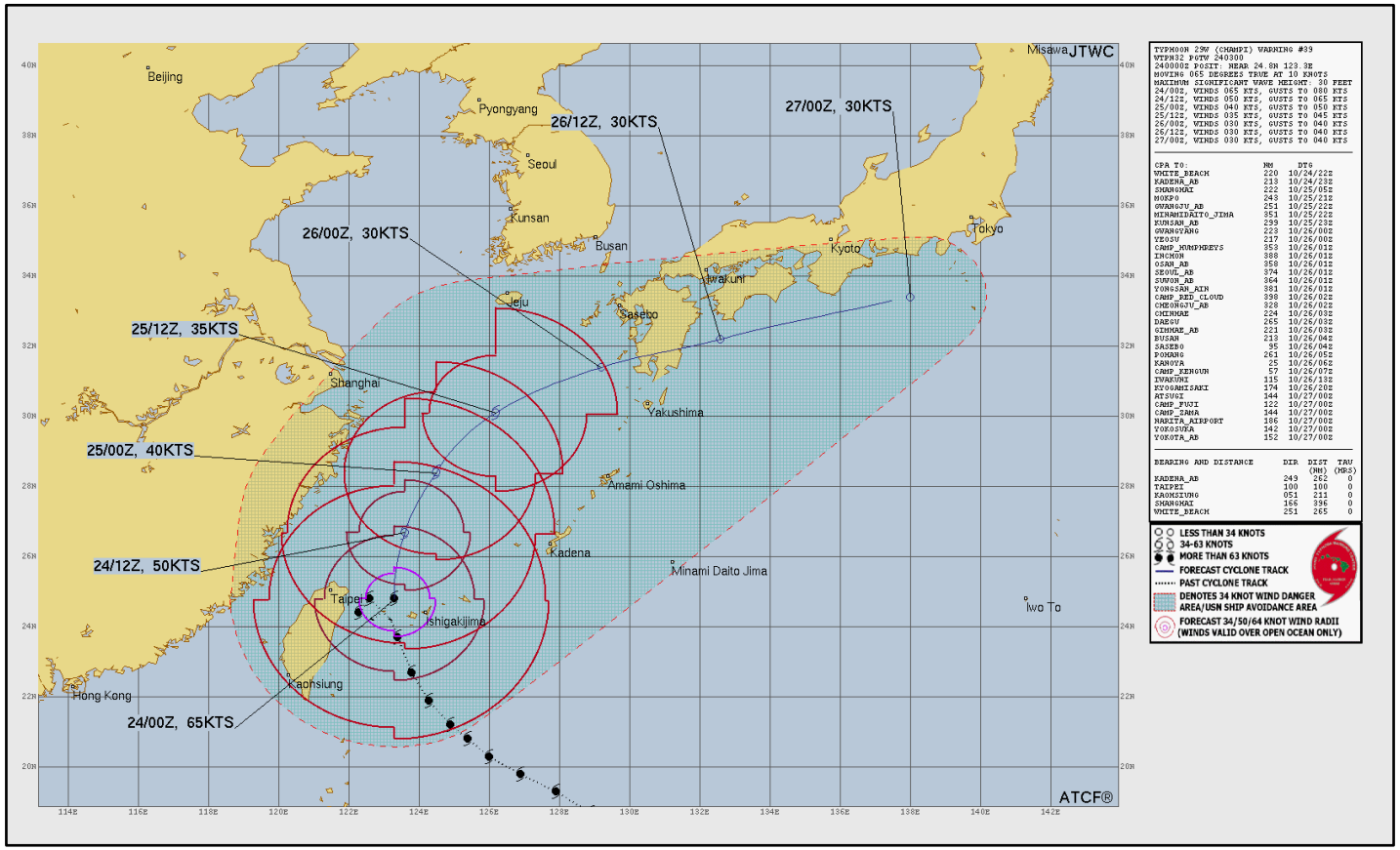
TROPICAL CYCLONE "IN-FA"



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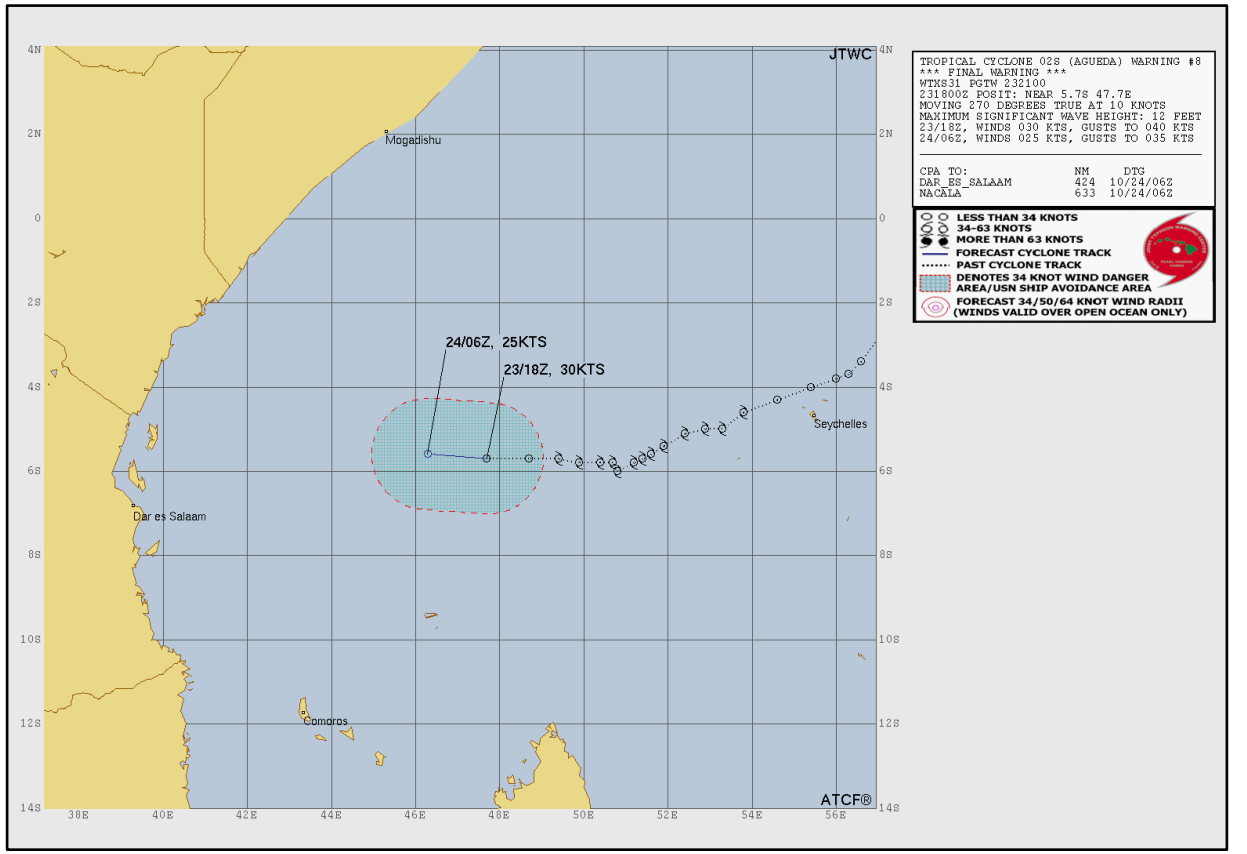
TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAMPI"



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "AGUEDA"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



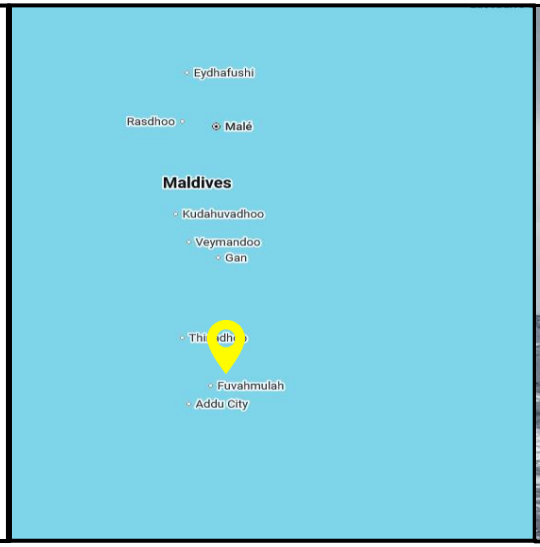
CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
Total Incidents	05

MARITIME INCIDENTS

24 Oct/Police assist sinking cargo boat / Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.23	Maldives	Approximately 12 nautical miles off Fuvahmulah Island	Capsizing/Sinking	Name-RAASTHAA Type -Cargo	The Maldives Police Service received a distress call from the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) at 1508 hrs, and authorities were focused on stabilizing the vessel and ensuring crew safety.

The cargo supply boat Raasthaa started sinking in rough seas about 12 nautical miles off Fuvahmulah, Maldives, while transporting goods. All five individuals on board are receiving assistance from authorities.





Source -: https://english.sun.mv/109743?utm

NARCOTIC

24 Oct/ Over 475 Kg Of Methamphetamine and Heroin Seized at Naotunna Beach/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.24	Sri Lanka	Naotunna Beach Thalalla	Seizure Of Narcotics	-	Authorities recovered 21 sacks and travel bags of narcotics, confirmed by the Police Narcotic Bureau (PNB). The seized items will be handed over to the PNB for further legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Coast Guard seized over 475 kg of narcotics during a joint operation at Naotunna Beach, Thalalla, Matara, on 24 Oct 26. The seizure comprised over 200 kg of methamphetamine (Ice) and over 257 kg of heroin.





Source -: https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/over-475kg-of-methamphetamine-and-heroin-seized-at-naotunna-beach,-thalalla.html

MARITIME INCIDENTS

22 Oct/Six Fishermen Rescued After Vessel Mori Sama 02 Strikes Reef/Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.22	Indonesia	Southern waters of Siaba Kecil Island	Grounding/Standing	Name-MORI SAMA 02 Type – Motor fishing boat	A distress report was received by the Maumere Search and Rescue Office regarding six fishermen. Nearby fishing vessels assisted in their rescue and towed their vessel towards Siaba Kecil Island.

The Indonesian fishing boat Mori Sama 02 sank after striking a coral reef south of Siaba Kecil Island, West Manggarai, on 22 Oct 26. All six fishermen aboard were safely rescued.





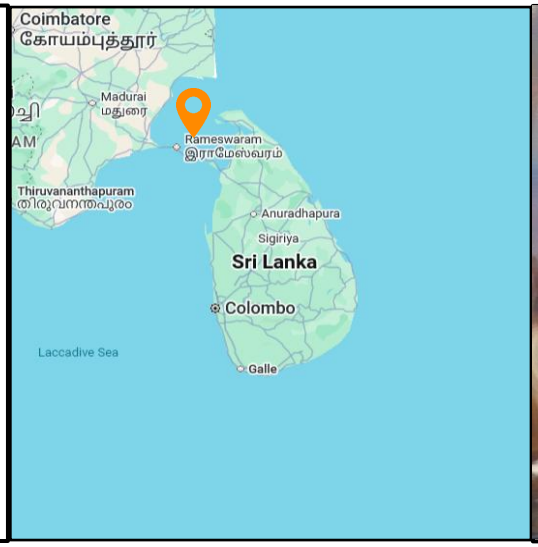
Source -: https://rri.co.id/kupang/regional/2832682/enam-nelayan-selamat-usai-kapal-mori-sama-02-tabrak-karang-di-perairan-siaba-kecil

IUU FISHING

23 Oct/ Sri Lanka Draws a Hard Line on Indian Trawlers as Fish Stocks Dwindle /Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.23	Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan waters	Poaching / Maritime boundary violations	-	Discussions with Indian authorities are continuing, while concerns were also raised in Parliament about the progress of a proposed mobile application to help fishermen identify fish-rich areas.

The Sri Lankan Government is committed to combating illegal fishing by Indian trawlers, utilizing law enforcement and diplomacy. In 2025, 43 Indian trawlers were detained, followed by 23 arrests in 2026.





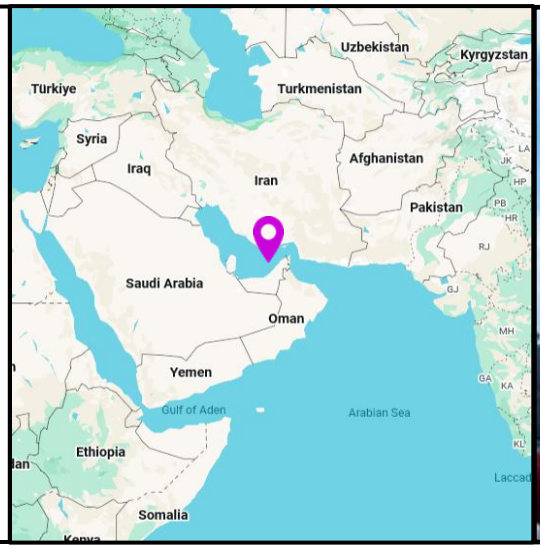
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OTHER

24 Oct/Sierra Leone Launches National Shipping Carrier With Chinese Support/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.23	Iran	Iranian ports and surrounding maritime approaches.	Foreign affairs	-	Iran is encountering growing challenges in shifting trade via land and alternative transport routes, as stated in a report published on 23 Oct 26.

The U.S. naval blockade against Iranian ports is significantly hindering Iran's maritime trade and oil exports. By mid-Oct 26, U.S. Central Command indicated that 138 commercial vessels had been redirected due to the blockade. This disruption is also impacting alternative trade routes through neighboring countries such as Pakistan, Turkey, Iraq, and Turkmenistan.





Source -: https://maritime-executive.com/article/sierra-leone-launches-national-shipping-carrier-with-chinese-support



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