DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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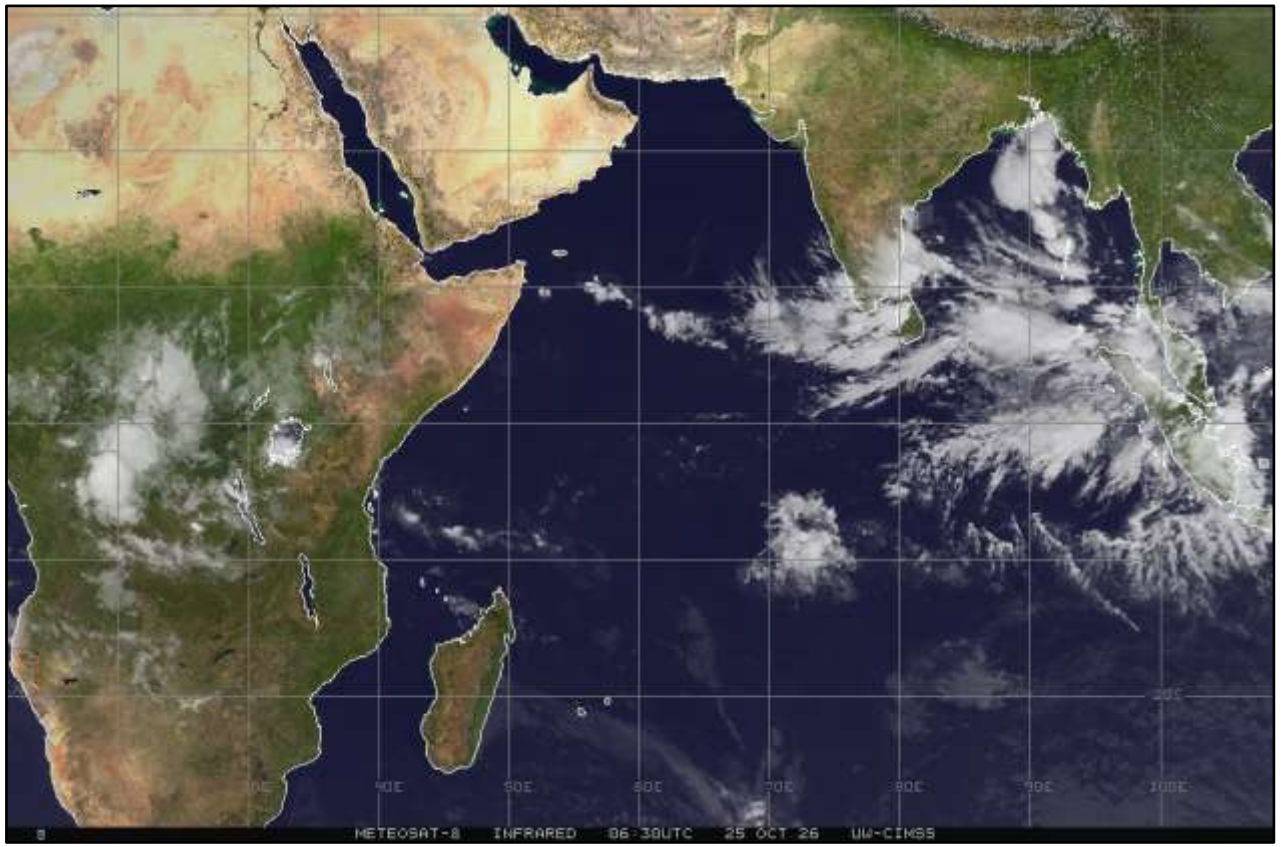


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Date 2026.10.25

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: 2026.10.25/0600UTC to 2026.10.25/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.25

The low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal in the vicinity of the North Andaman Islands has now intensified into a depression. As of 11.30 p.m. on 24 October 2026 the system was centred near latitude 15.5°N and longitude 91.0°E. The system is very likely to intensify further into a deep depression while moving over the east -central and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal on 25 October. Continuing to move west-northwestwards, it is very likely to intensify further into a cyclonic storm by the morning of 26 October and into a severe cyclonic storm over the west-central Bay of Bengal by the morning of 27 October.Therefore, Naval and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the deep-sea areas bounded by 10N-20N and 80E-95E until further notice. Further, Naval andfishing communities operating in those sea areas are advised to move to safe areas. The naval and fishing communities, are requested to be attentive to the future forecasts and bulletins issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.

To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard

ITCZ is approximately along: 02N 60E, 01N 70E, 07N 80E, 10N 90E, 09N 100E.

Shear line is approximately along: EQ 60E, 01S 70E, 02N 80E, 03N 90E, 03N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 05, 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 55, 65

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 45, 60, 70, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of ITCZ :

West of 77E : NW'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kt

East of 77E : SW'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to (25-30)kt in section 05.

Inbetween ITCZ and Shear line:

SW'ly / (15-20) kt; gusting up to (25-30)kt in sections 10, 15, 35.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25kt in sections 75, 85, 80.

Seas:

Fairly rough; rough at times in sections :05, 10, 15, 25, 35

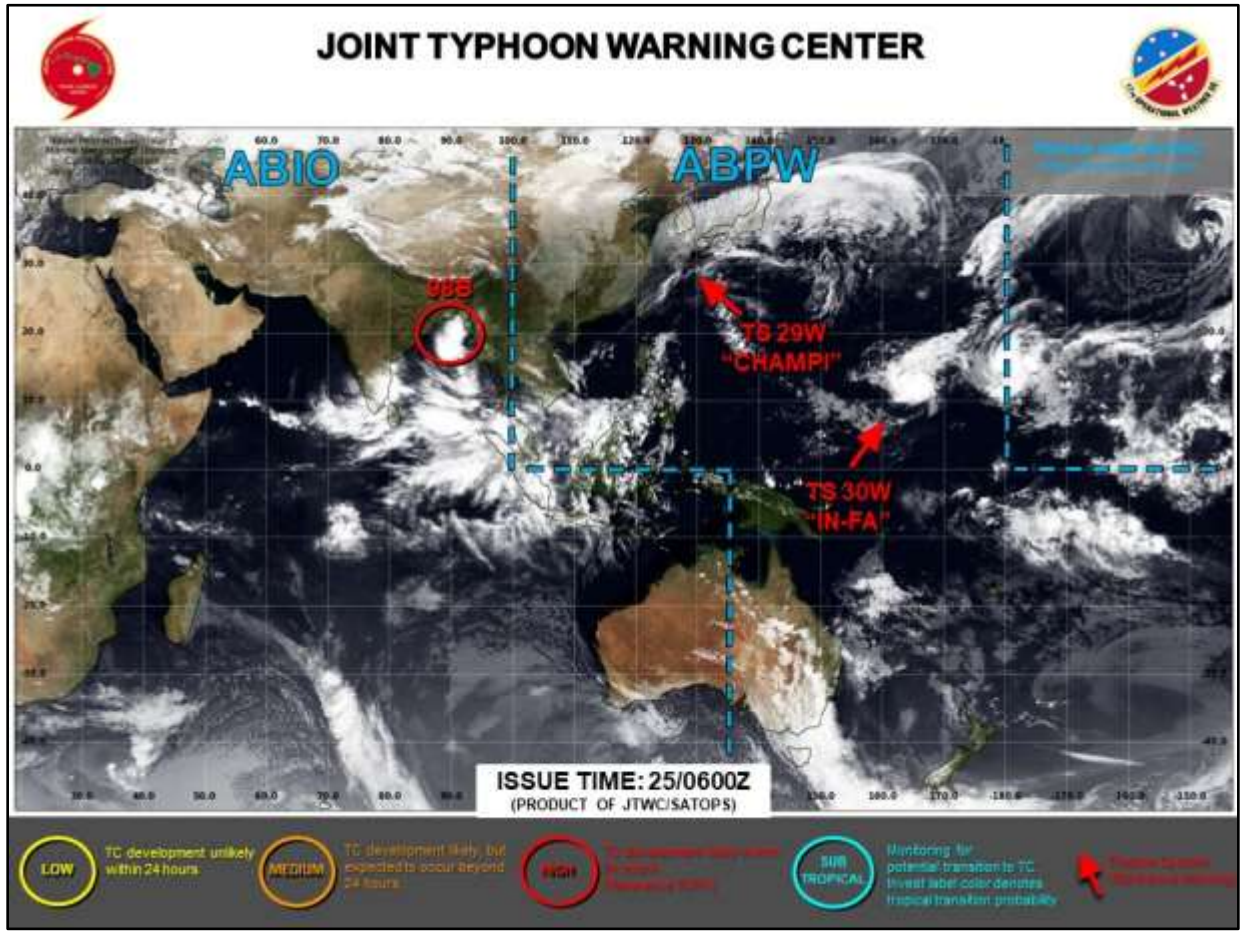
Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections :30, 75, 80, 85

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

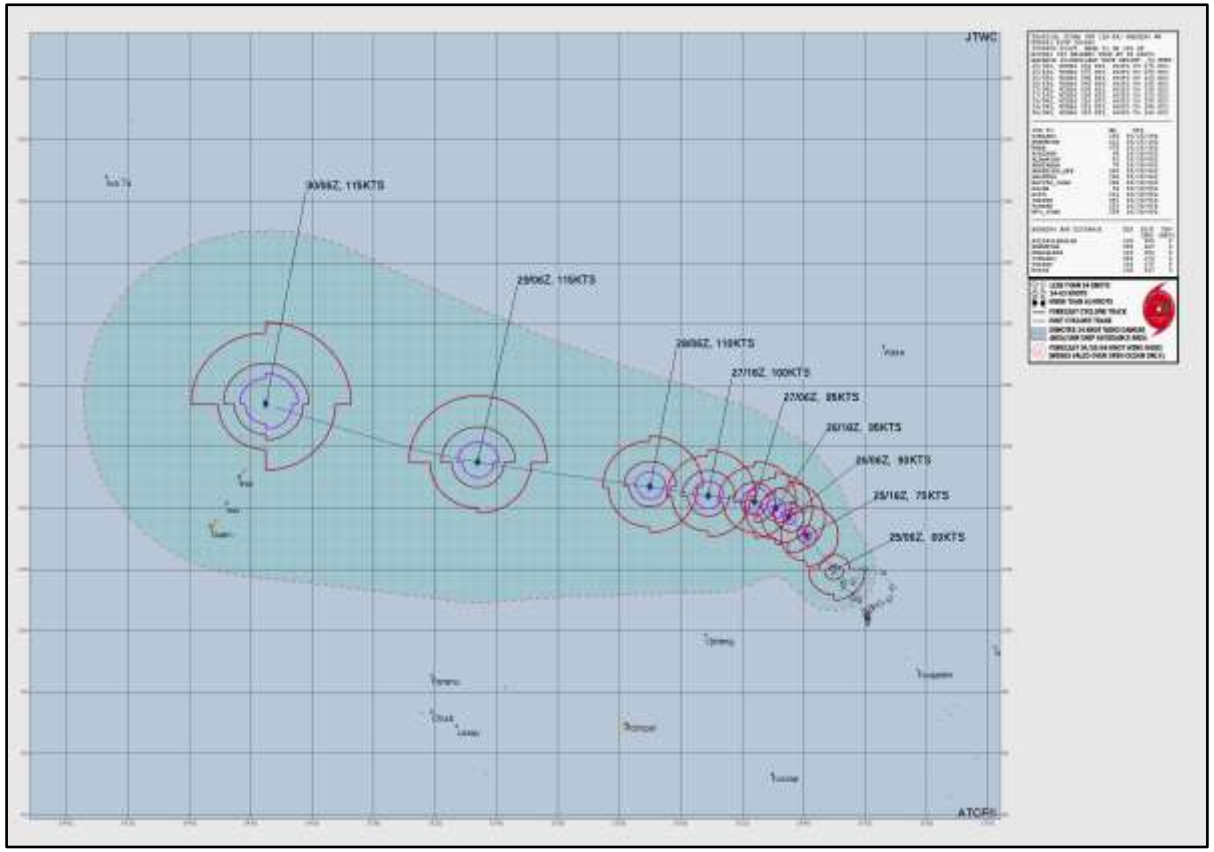
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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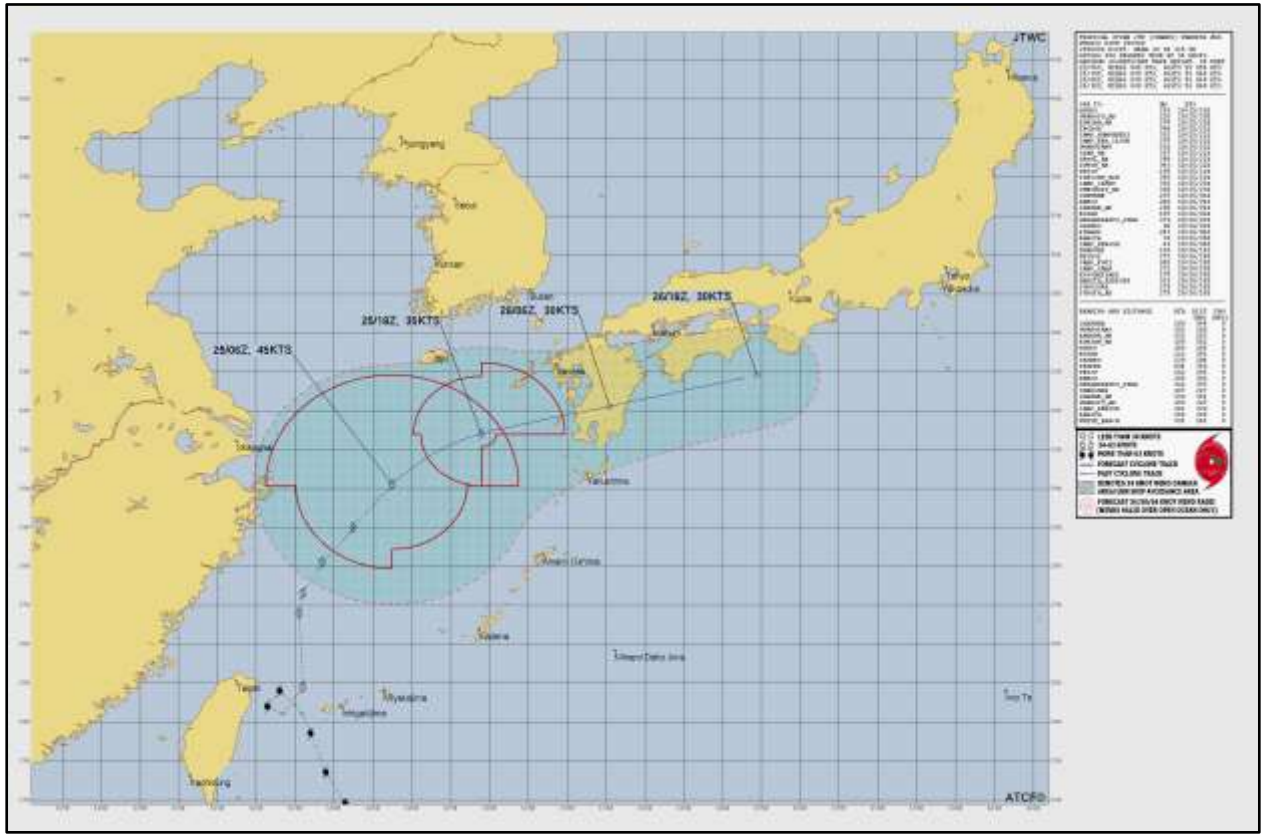
TROPICAL CYCLONE "IN-FA"



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHAMPI"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS

25 Oct/ Iran Conflict Disrupts Global Shipping as Tankers are Stranded, Damaged/ Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.25	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Arrival Overdue	Tankers	At least 150 vessels, including oil and liquefied natural gas tankers, anchored in the Strait of Hormuz and nearby waters, according to shipping data from Sunday.

Insurance companies are withdrawing war risk coverage for vessels in the Gulf due to the escalating Iran conflict, which has led to damage to at least four tankers, the death of a seafarer, and approximately 150 ships being stranded near the Strait of Hormuz. Shipping traffic has nearly stopped in this critical route for global oil and gas transportation following Iranian retaliatory actions against U.S. and Israeli strikes.





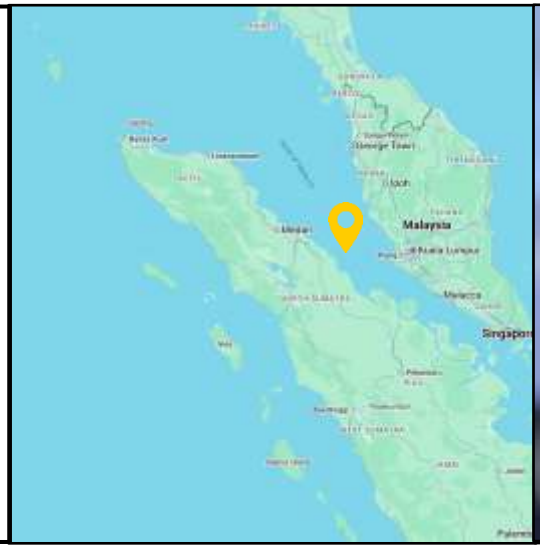
Source -: https://energynow.com/2026/03/iran-conflict-disrupts-global-shipping-as-tankers-are-stranded-damaged/

NARCOTIC

24 Oct/ Malaysian Vessel Took Delivery of 1.16 Tonnes of Drugs in Andaman Sea/ Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.24	Indonesia	Off Tanjung Balai	Seizure of narcotics	Name-Global 168 Type –Tanker Flag -Mongolia	The Malaysian vessel intercepted by Indonesian authorities was found with 1.16 tonnes of ketamine, reportedly delivered from a foreign mothership in the Andaman Sea, which is believed to be registered in a country within the Golden Triangle region.

Between 16 and 18 Oct 26, a vessel off Thailand's west coast exhibited unusual circular movements and had its AIS turned off for three days. After reactivating the AIS, it was tracked into Indonesian waters heading for Port Klang, where it was intercepted by various Indonesian authorities. They discovered 58 sacks containing 1,160 packages of ketamine hydrochloride, totaling 1.16 tonnes.





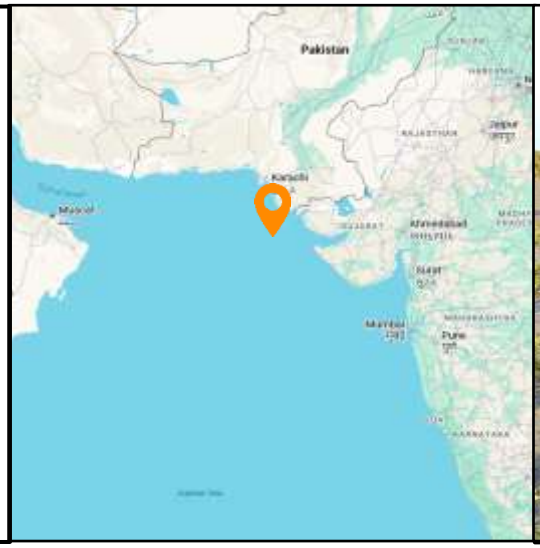
Source -: https://www.nst.com.my/amp/news/nation/2026/10/1563219/malaysian-vessel-took-delivery-116-tonnes-drugs-andaman-sea

IUU FISHING

24 Oct/ BSF Catches 4 Pakistani Fishermen in Gujarat's Sir Creek/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.24	India	India-Pakistan border	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	Fibre Fishing Boat	The Border Security Force (BSF) captured four Pakistani fishermen and seized a fishing boat in the Sir Creek area of the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, on Sunday, near the India-Pakistan border.

The operation occurred based on intelligence regarding fishermen in Indian waters. Four men were intercepted for allegedly crossing into Indian territory to catch crabs, identified as Kadir Thaimor, Muhammad Mussa, Azgar Thaimor, and Ahsan Jat, residents of Pakistan's Sindh province.





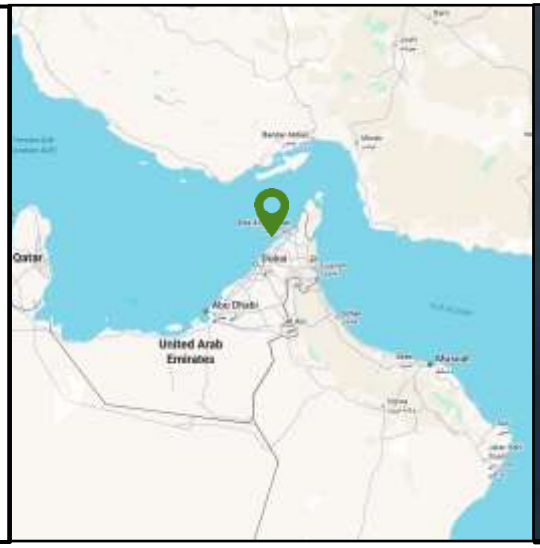
Source -: https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/bsf-catches-4-pakistani-fishermen-in-gujarats-sir-creek-seizes-boat-3024669-2026-10-25

MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

23 Oct/ Closes All Beaches Amid Oil Spill/ UAE

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.23	UAE	All Beaches	Oil Spill	Tanker	Ras Al Khaimah authorities announced the closure of all beaches in the emirate until further notice, following an offshore oil leak that led to similar closures in Umm Al Quwain and Sharjah.

On Friday, the United Arab Emirates confirmed efforts to contain oil leaking from a tanker offshore, with the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment assessing the environmental impact. Authorities have closed beaches and coastal areas around Umm Al Quwain until they complete technical assessments. The ministry urged fishermen and sea users to avoid affected areas and follow official instructions.





Source -: https://dailytimes.com.pk/1571781/uae-emirate-closes-all-beaches-amid-oil-spill/

OTHER

24 Oct/ Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026/ India

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2026.10.24	India	-	Naval Activities	-	The event will address science, technology, and academic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, with participation from 18 countries discussing maritime security, ocean research, climate resilience, and emerging technologies.

The Indo-Pacific regional dialogue 2026 is a three-day conference organized by the Indian Navy in New Delhi from 03 to 05 Nov 26. It will gather maritime experts, scientists, policymakers, and naval representatives to discuss regional cooperation.





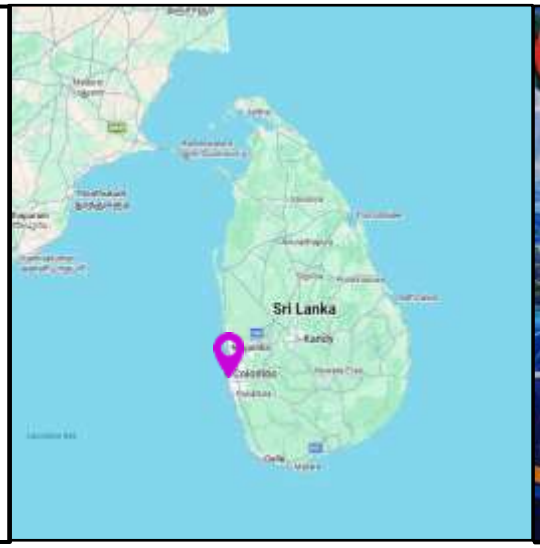
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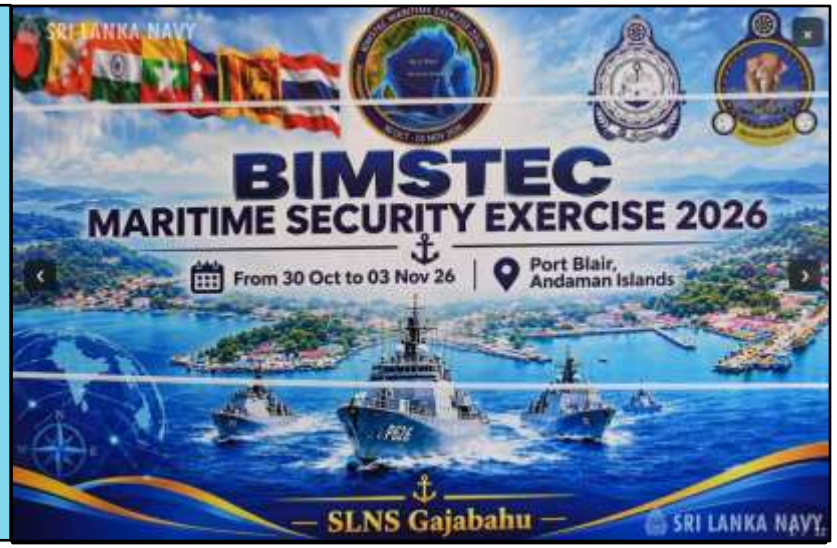
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25 Oct/ SLNS Gajabahu sets sail for India to join inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.25	Sri Lanka	Port Of Colombo	Naval Activities	Name-SLNS Gajabahu Type -Military Flag -Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Naval Ship (SLNS) Gajabahu departed from Colombo on 25 Oct 26 to participate in the inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise in India, marked by a traditional naval farewell.

The joint naval exercise involving India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, as part of BIMSTEC, is scheduled from 30 Oct to 03 Nov 26. It aims to enhance maritime domain awareness, improve operational coordination in the Bay of Bengal, and strengthen regional security cooperation.





Source -: https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/october/slns-gajabahu-sets-sail-for-india-to-join-inaugural-bimstec-maritime-security-exercise.html



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