DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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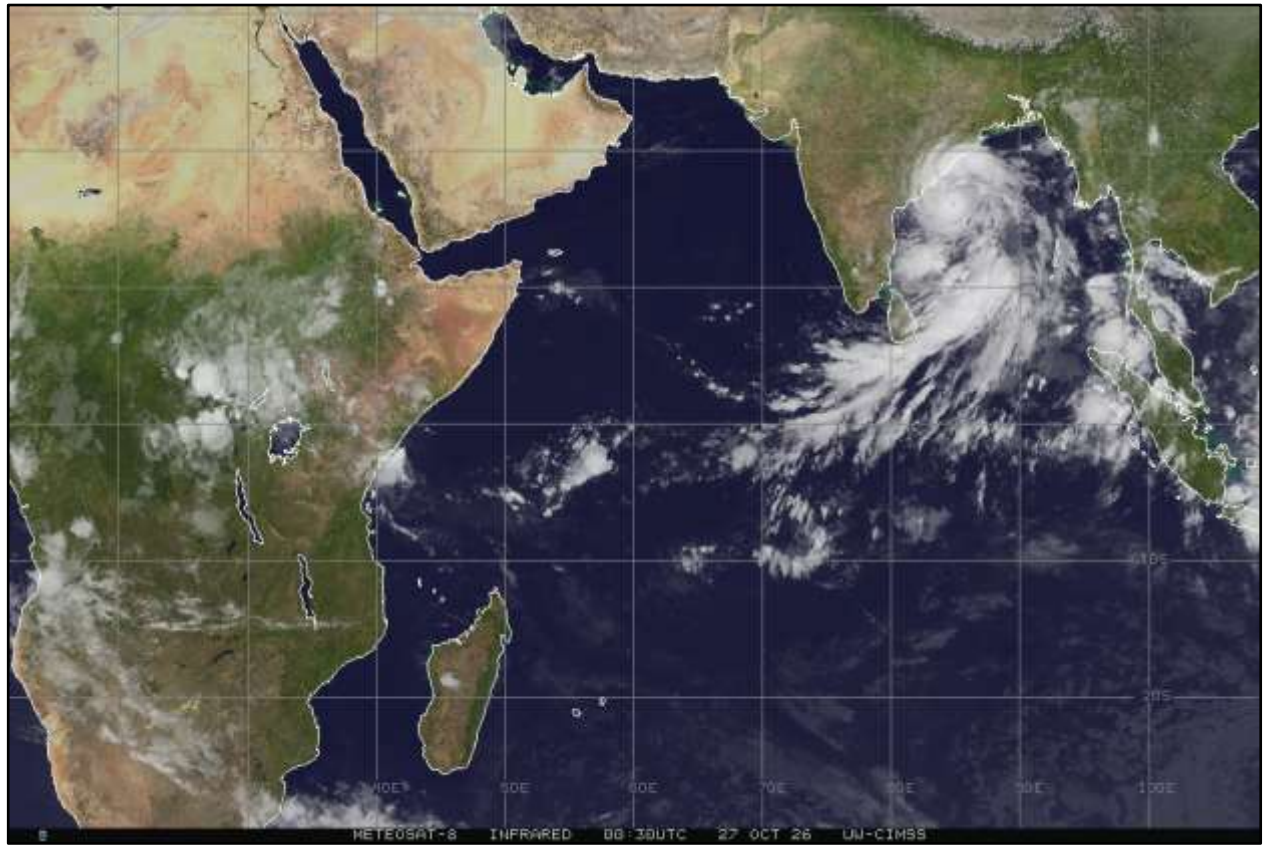


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WEATHER FORECAST

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: 2026.10.27/0600UTC to 2026.10.27/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.27

The very severe cyclonic storm "Arnab" over over Westcentral Bay of Bengal moved west-northwestwards and lay centered near latitude 15.9°N and longitude 85.4°E. It is very likely to continue to move west-northwestwards till 1200 UTC of 27th October and thereafter, it is very likely to move northwestwards and cross Andhra Pradesh & Yanam coasts between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam, close to Yanam as a very severe cyclonic storm with the maximum sustained wind speed of 115-125 kmph gusting to 140 kmph by 0600 UTC of 28th October, 2026.
Naval and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the deep-sea areas bounded by 10N-20N and 85E-95E until further notice. Further, Naval and fishing 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, 02N 70E, 02N 80E, 10N 90E, 10N 100E
Shear line is approximately along: 01S 60E, 06S 70E, 01S 80E, 04N 90E, 04N 100E.

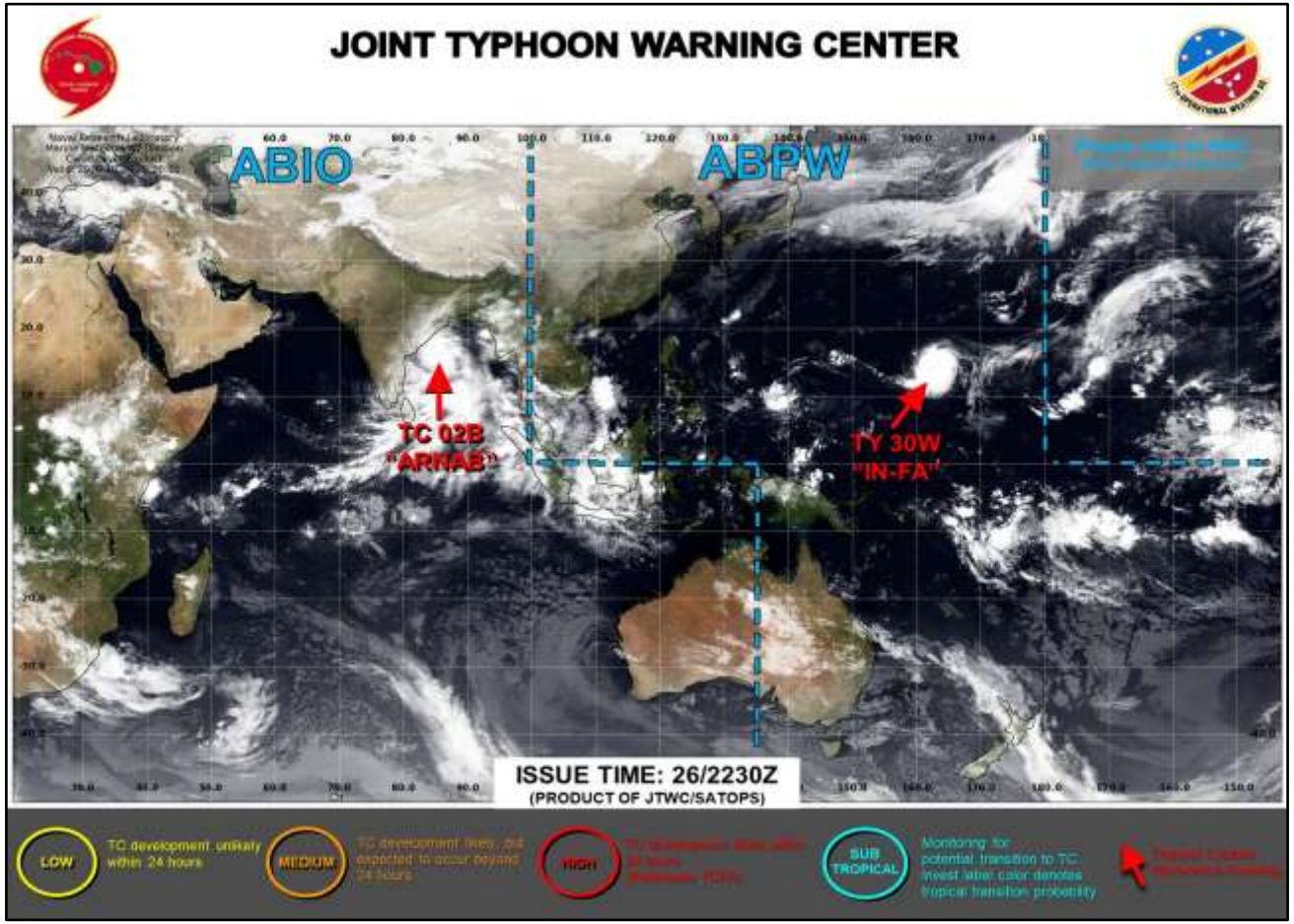
Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15, 25, 30, 45, 65, 75,
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 35, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 85
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.
Winds:
North of ITCZ :
West of 75E : NW'ly / (10-20) kt.
East of 75E : SW'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 35kt in section 10, gusting up to 25kt in section 15, 25, 30.
Inbetween ITCZ and Shear line:SE'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kt, gusting up to 25kt in section 15, 30.
South of Shear line:
SE'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25kt in section 85.

Seas:
Rough, very rough at times in sections :10
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections :05, 15, 25, 30, 85.
Moderate in sections :60, 65, 70, 75, 80.
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

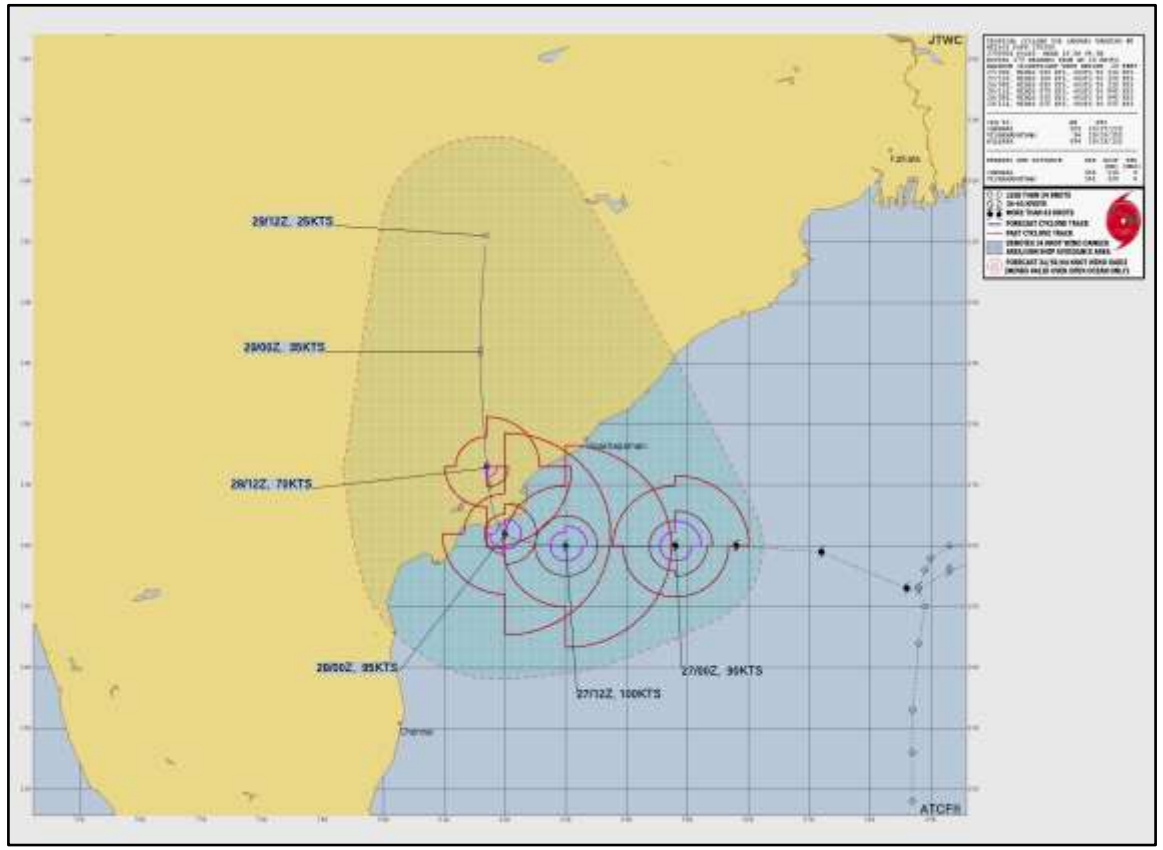
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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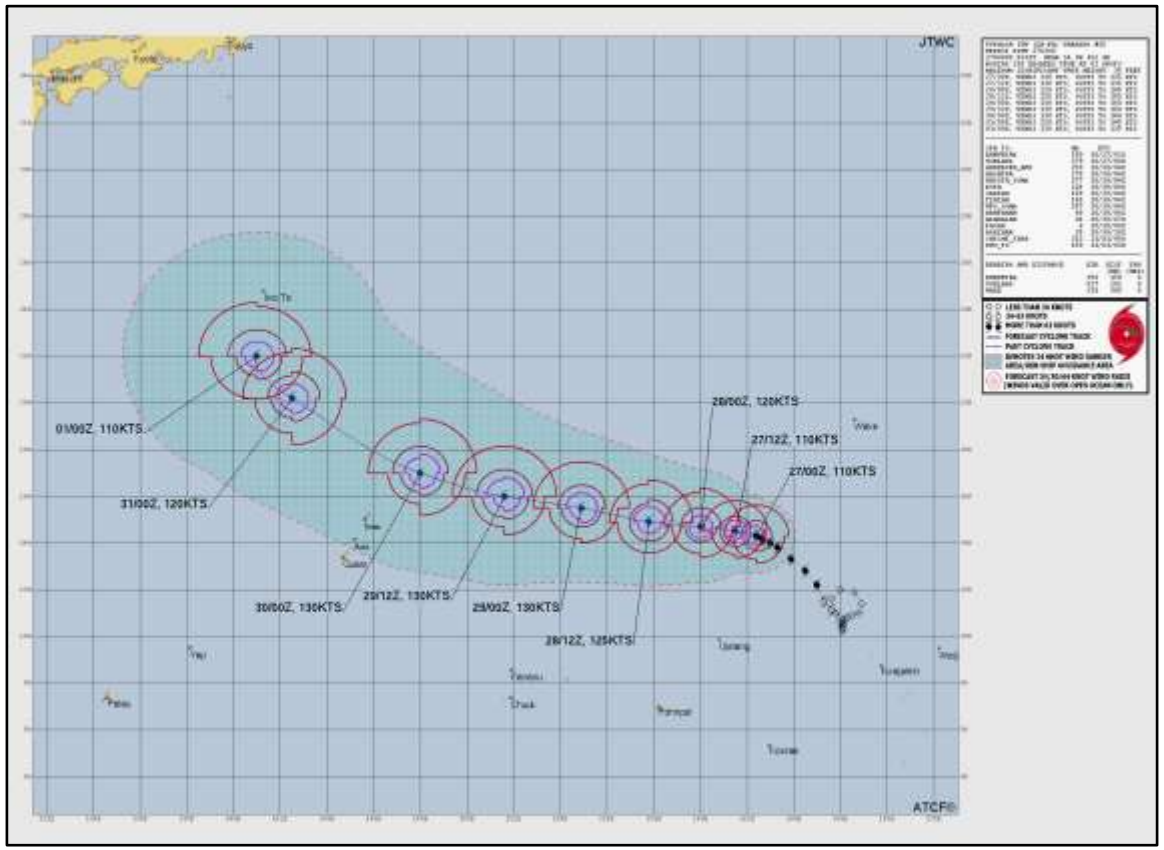
TROPICAL CYCLONE "ARNAB"



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

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "IN-FA"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	02
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
Total Incidents	07

MARITIME INCIDENTS

26 Oct/ Fire Reported on Vessel Near Al-Faw Port, Crew Status Remains Unknown/ Iraq

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.26	Iraq	63 nautical miles southeast of Al-Faw Port	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	A vessel was reported on fire 63 nautical miles southeast of Al-Faw, Iraq, on October 26. The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) agency stated that the crew's condition, damage to the ship, and environmental impact remain unknown.

The agency advised vessels to transit the area cautiously and report suspicious activities during the ongoing investigation of an incident. UKMTO has not confirmed the crew's condition, damage extent, or environmental impact. The report does not clarify if the fire resulted from an attack, accident, or other factors, nor does it provide the vessel's name, type, or timing of the incident.





Source -: https://www.marineinsight.com/fire-reported-on-vessel-near-iraqs-al-faw-port-crew-status-remains-unknown/

MARITIME INCIDENTS

26 Oct/ PCG Rescues 37 People Aboard a Distressed Vessel in Tawi-tawi/ Philippine

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.26	Philippine	Waters Off Panglima Sugala	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- M/L Alim Type-wooden-hulled vessel	The Philippine Coast Guard rescued 37 individuals from a distressed wooden-hulled vessel in Panglima Sugala, Tawi-Tawi, on Monday afternoon.

The Coast Guard Station (CGS)-Central Tawi-Tawi reported that personnel from the Coast Guard Sub-Station (CGSS)-Panglima Sugala quickly responded to a distress call from M/L Alim. They assisted the 37 individuals on board, including 10 crew members, after the vessel encountered engine trouble while travelling from Tandubas to Bongao.





Source -: https://www.facebook.com/pnagovph/posts/pcg-rescues-37-people-aboard-a-distressed-vessel-in-tawi-tawi-by-teofilo-garcia-/1540151004828015/

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

22 Oct/ Indonesia Arrests Three Suspects in Ship Parts Robbery/ Indonesian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.22	Indonesian	Banten Province	Theft	-	Stolen components were reportedly sold to a receiver in Jakarta, with losses for one shipping company amounting to IDR 200 million. Police are investigating additional suspected network members.

On 22 Oct 26, Banten Regional Water and Air Police apprehended three suspects in connection with a network that was stealing ship engine spare parts in the Merak–Bojonegara waters. The suspects are accused of targeting vessels, restraining crew members, and removing engine components.





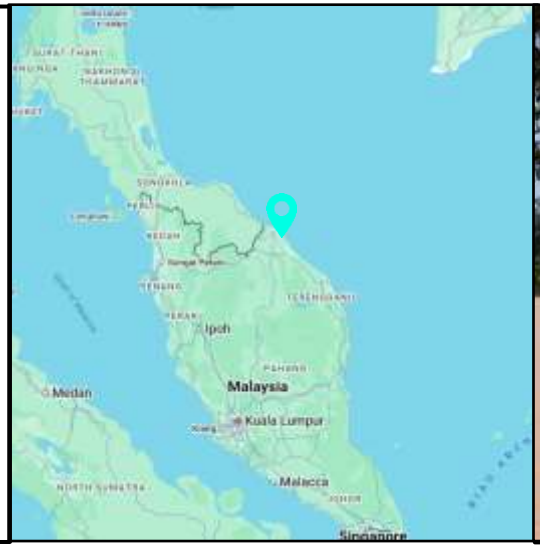
Source -: https://www.antaranews.com/berita/5804321/polisi-ungkap-jaringan-perompak-kapal-di-perairan-merak-bojonegara?utm

SMUGGLING

26 Oct/ Smugglers Use Gun Threats to Silence Kelantan Locals Over Illegal Migrant Landings/ Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.26	Malaysia	Kelantan coast	Human Trafficking	-	Migrants arriving in Malaysia through Kelantan include men and women from diverse nationalities. Notable landing points are Pulau Pisang, Kedai Buluh, Pantai Mek Mah, and various coastal jetties, with some believed to have landed directly on beaches like Pantai Cahaya Bulan.

Human-smuggling syndicate members threaten villagers along the Kelantan coast with firearms to prevent them from revealing illegal activities. This intimidation has increased fear within coastal communities, where undocumented migrants are reportedly brought ashore almost nightly via rivers, jetties, and isolated beach areas.





Source -: https://www.nst.com.my/amp/news/regional/2026/10/1564517/smugglers-use-gun-threats-silence-kelantan-locals-over-illegal

SMUGGLING

26 Oct/ Navy Seizes 38 kg of smuggled Kendu Leaves in Silawathura/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.26	Sri Lanka	Pandaraweli beach area	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The Sri Lanka Navy seized 38 kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during an operation in the Pandaraweli beach area of Silawathura on 26 Oct 26.

During an operation, naval personnel from SLNS Therapuththa searched a suspicious sack near Pandaraweli beach, discovering approximately 38 kg of Kendu leaves. The seized consignment was handed over to the Mannar Excise Station for legal proceedings.





Source -: https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-seizes-38kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-silawathura.html

IUU FISHING

16 Oct/ Authorities Detain Egyptian Fishing Boat With Nine Sailors in Tabuk/ Saudi Arabia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.16	Saudi Arabia	off the Red Sea coast of Tabuk	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	Fishing Boat	In a statement, the ministry announced it is monitoring the situation regarding the detention of the fishing vessel Mohamed Abu Al Azaim and is collaborating with Saudi authorities to facilitate its release.

Saudi authorities detained an Egyptian fishing boat with nine sailors on 16 Oct 26 after it mistakenly entered the Kingdom's territorial waters near Tabuk on the Red Sea coast, according to Egypt's Foreign Ministry.





Source -: https://gulfnews.com/world/gulf/saudi/saudi-authorities-detain-egyptian-fishing-boat-with-nine-sailors-in-tabuk-1.500724234

OTHER

25 Oct/ Improper Drone Use Can Mean Fines or Prison for Seafarers/ Singapore

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.25	Singapore	Eastern Petroleum Bravo,Charlie Anchorage	Cyber security	-	The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) implement stringent regulations on drone operations, particularly regarding airport exclusion zones and altitude restrictions.

Singapore authorities caution seafarers against unauthorized recreational drone use near port areas, especially around Changi Airport, following fines imposed on two seafarers for operating drones without authorization or above permitted altitudes at eastern Singapore anchorages.





Source -: https://maritime-executive.com/article/in-singapore-improper-drone-use-can-mean-fines-or-prison-for-seafarers



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