DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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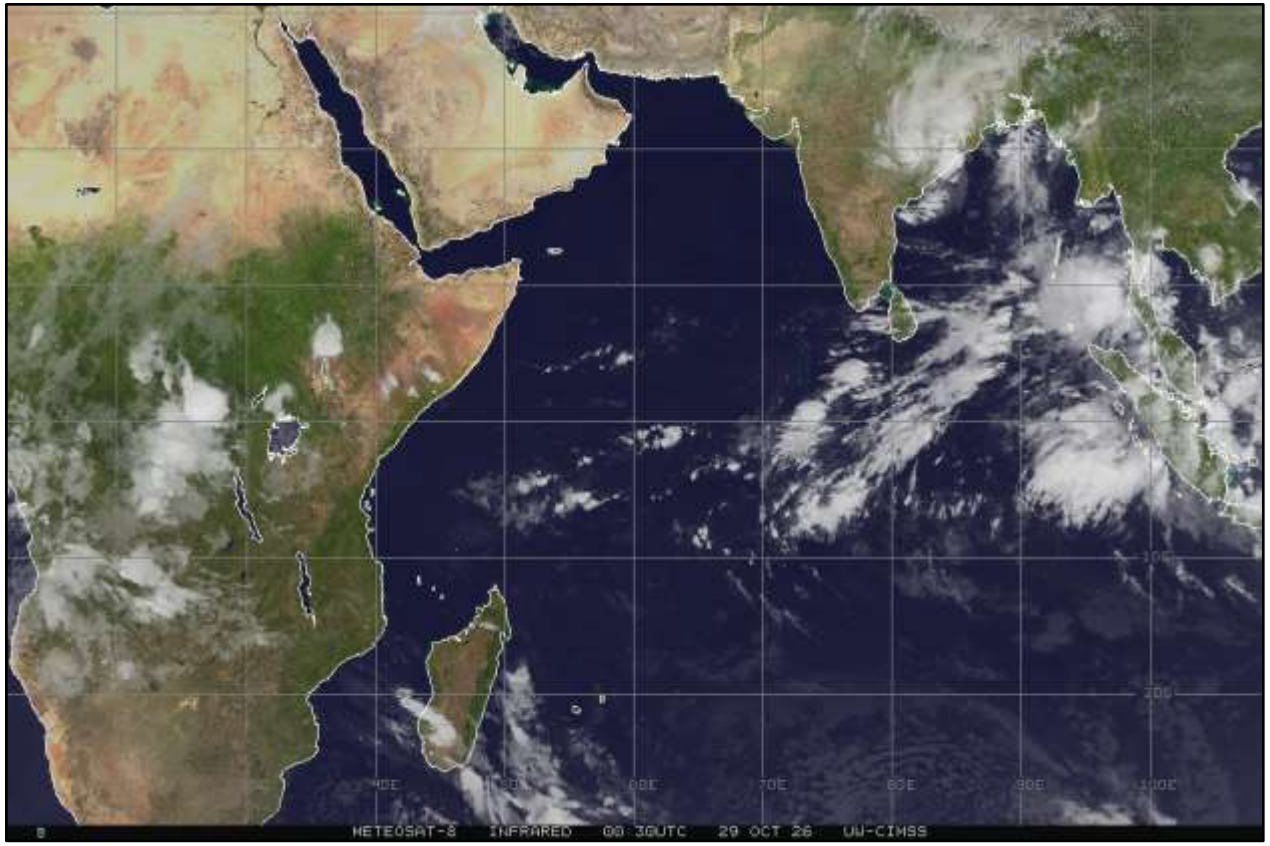


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Date 2026.10.29

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: 2026.10.29/0600UTC to 2026.10.29/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.29
The severe cyclonic storm "Arnab," over coastal Andhra Pradesh and the adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal, weakened into a cyclonic storm and lay centred over the same region near latitude 17.0°N and longitude 81.7°E at 1200 UTC on 28 October 2026.
Wind speeds in the sea areas bounded by 14N to 21N latitude and 80E to 89E longitude may increase to 55-65 kmph at times, heavy thundershowers can occur, the wave height may increase about (2.5-3.0) meters in the mentioned sea areas and the sea conditions in these areas will become rough.
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: 02S 60E, EQ 70E, 07N 80E, 05N 90E, 03N 100E

Shear line is approximately along: 05S 60E, 06S 70E, 01S 80E, 07N 90E, 09N 100E.
Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 10, 15, 25, 40, 45, 55, 60, 65, 70
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 20, 30, 35, 50, 85
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.
Winds:
North of ITCZ :
West of 75E : NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kt.
East of 75E : SW'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 30 kt in sections 05, 10

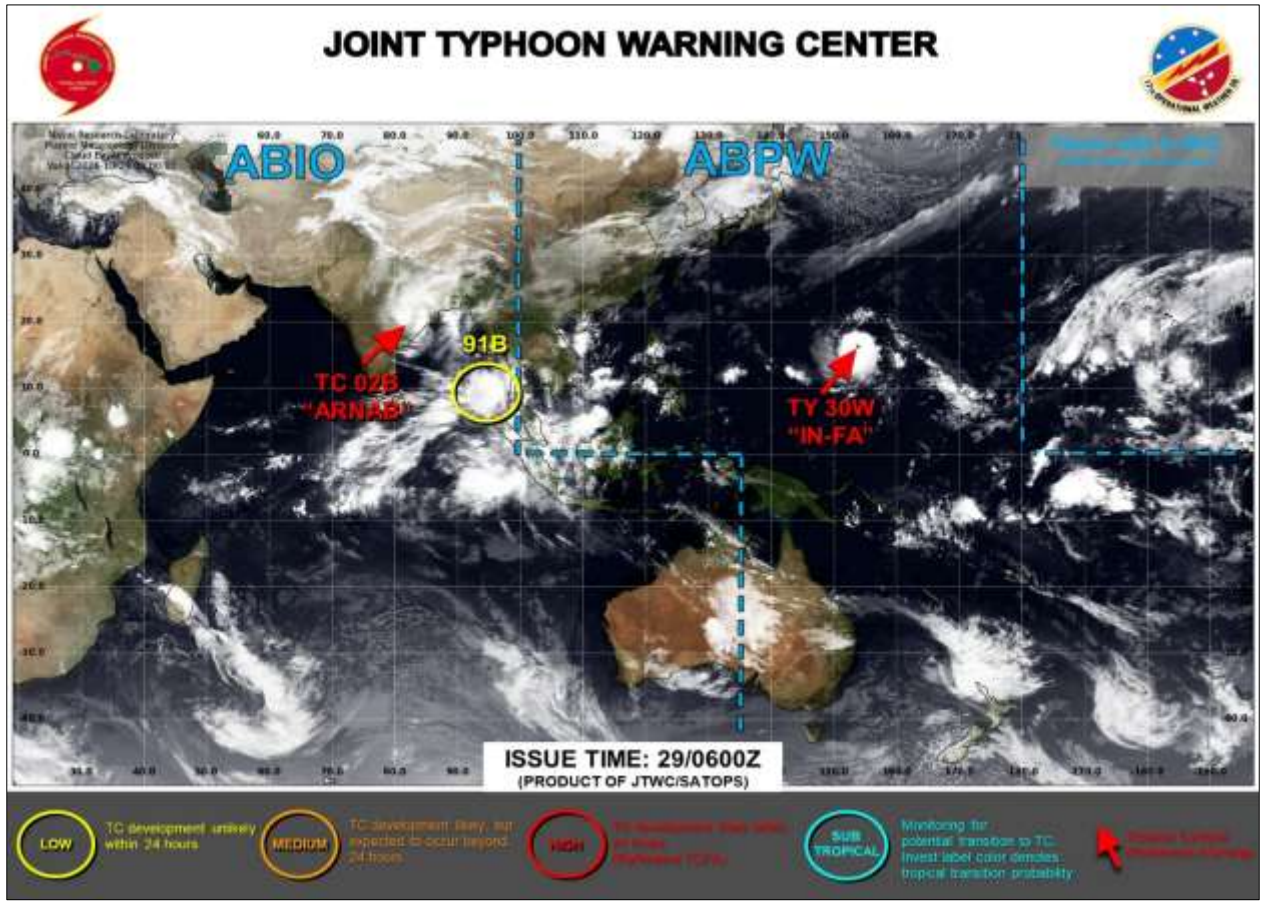
In-between ITCZ and Shear line
SW'ly / (10-20) kt, gusting up to (20-25)kt in sections 15, 25, 30.

South of Shear line:
SE'ly / (10-20) kt; gusting up to 25kt in sections 65, 80, 85.
Seas:
Rough at times in sections :05, 10
Fairly rough, rough at times in sections :15, 30, 80, 85.
Moderate in sections :20, 25, 60, 65, 70, 75.
Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

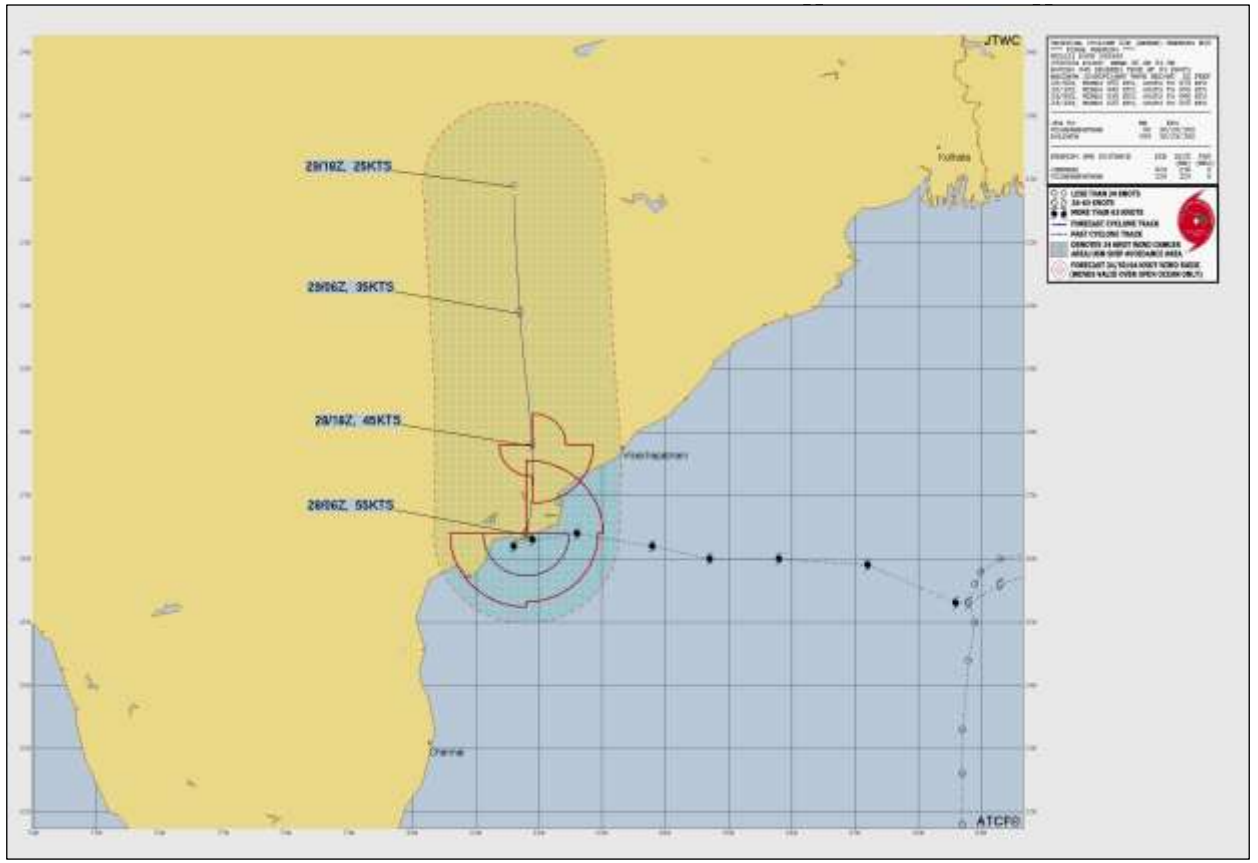
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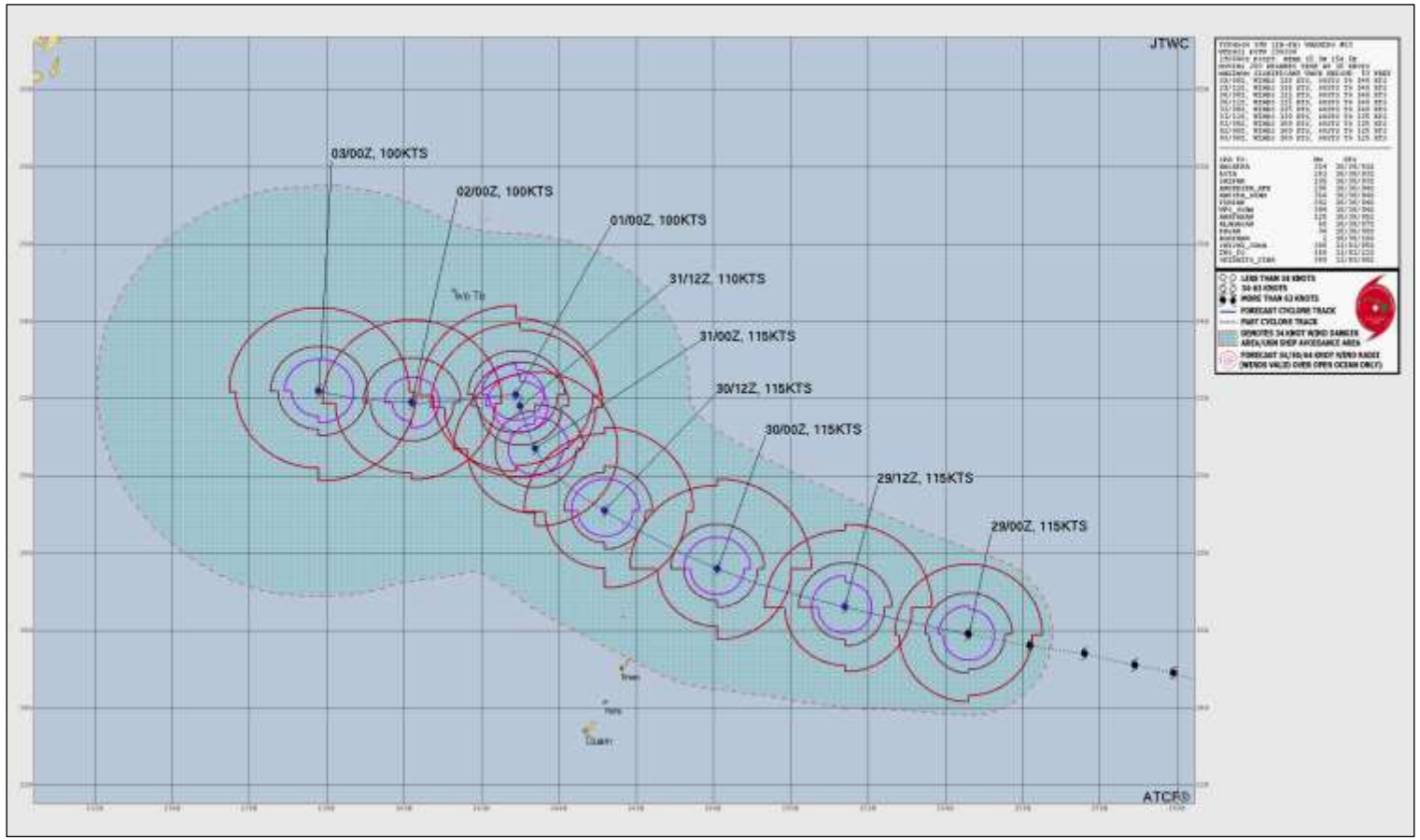
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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



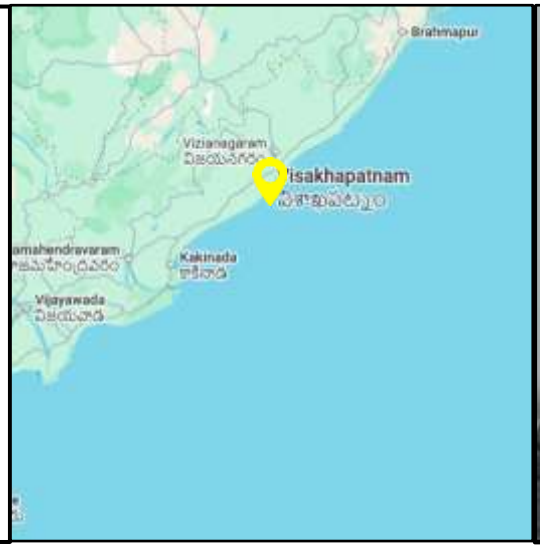
CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	02
Total Incidents	05

MARITIME INCIDENT

28 Oct/Bulker Grounds as Severe Cyclone Comes Ashore in India/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.27	India	near Visakhapatnam	Grounding/Standing	Name: Sigma Pearl Type: Bulk Carrier	The Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier Sigma Pearl ran aground off India's eastern coast on 27 October 2026 after experiencing propulsion problems while attempting to depart ahead of a severe cyclone in the Bay of Bengal.

Vietnamese border guard forces in Lam Dong Province are strengthening cooperation with local fishermen to support safe fishing operations, protect maritime sovereignty and prevent illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The vessel had discharged its sulfur cargo at Visakhapatnam Port and was reportedly bound for Singapore when it experienced propulsion difficulties and began drifting. Strong winds and heavy surf associated with the approaching cyclone subsequently drove the vessel ashore. The cyclone also disrupted regional services and prompted multiple rescue operations.





Source -: https://maritime-executive.com/article/bulker-grounds-as-severe-cyclone-comes-ashore-in-india?utm_source=chatgpt.com

MARITIME INCIDENTS

29 Oct/UKMTO 185-26 records a vessel fire 9 NM north of Khasab/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.29	Oman – Strait of Hormuz	9 nautical miles north of Khasab, Oman	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	The cause of the fire, crew status, damage assessment and environmental impact remain unknown.

UKMTO Warning 185-26 reported that a vessel was sighted on fire approximately 9 nautical miles north of Khasab, Oman, in the Strait of Hormuz, at 0300 UTC on 29 October 2026.





Source -: https://regulasshipping.com/blog/ukmto-185-26-records-a-vessel-fire-9-nm-north-of-khasab/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY

27 Oct/Gulf of Aden Piracy Warning: UKMTO Reports Suspicious Boats Near Merchant Ships/Gulf of Aden

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.28	Gulf of Aden	Gulf of Aden	Piracy	-	Concerns about possible piracy threats in the Gulf of Aden have arisen due to a small boat reportedly carrying nine individuals, along with ladders and a hook. However, the report does not confirm any actual attack or boarding.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) warned of suspicious small boats operating near merchant vessels in the Gulf of Aden on 28 October 2026. The reported activity was considered potentially indicative of Pirate Action Group activity.





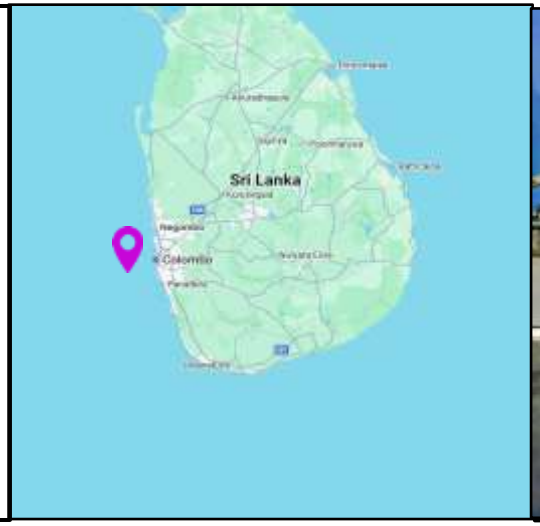
Source -: https://icwwm.com/gulf-of-aden-piracy-warning-ukmto/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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27 Oct/Navigation Advisory: GA. Atoll Police Warn of Drifting Metal Buoy in Inner Sea/Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.29	Sri Lanka	Western seas of Sri Lanka	Naval Activities	INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi (India); SLNS Nandimithra and FAC P 492 (Sri Lanka)	During the visit, personnel engaged in exchanges, observed operations, and participated in sporting events and a beach cleanup. The visit concluded with a PASSEX that included communication, navigation, and operational interoperability activities with SLNS Nandimithra and Fast Attack Craft P 492.

Three ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS)—INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi—departed Sri Lanka on 29 October 2026 after completing an official visit and a joint Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Sri Lanka Navy in the western seas.





Source -: https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/october/trio-of-indian-navys-first-training-squadron-ships-concludes-visit.html

OTHER

28 Oct/Philippines — Chinese naval and coast guard vessels observed near Scarborough Shoal/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.28	Philippines – South China Sea	South China Sea	Other Military / Coastguard activities	Chinese Coast Guard vessels, People's Liberation Army Navy ships and one Chinese research vessel.	The Philippine mission provided fuel assistance to local fishermen in the Bajo de Masinloc area. The mission was completed without reported interference, despite the presence of Chinese vessels near the operational area.

The Philippine Coast Guard reported observing Chinese Coast Guard vessels, People's Liberation Army Navy ships and a Chinese research vessel near Scarborough Shoal on 27 October 2026 while the Philippines conducted a fuel-support mission for local fishermen.





Source -: https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/1007416/chinese-ships-seen-near-bajo-de-masinloc-amid-fuel-aid-mission-for-filipino-fishers/story/?utm_source=chatgpt.com



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