DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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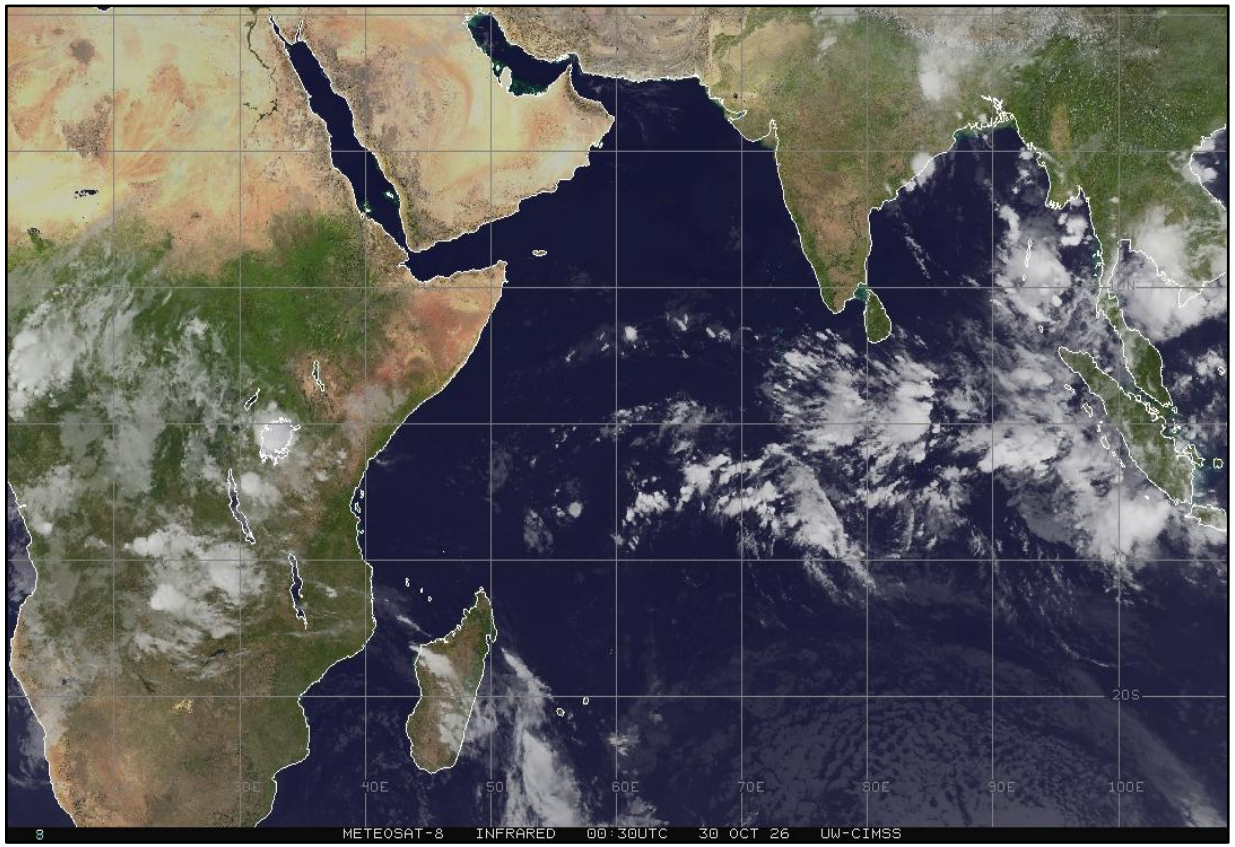


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Date 2026.10.30

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: 2026.10.30/0600UTC to 2026.10.30/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.30
The Low Pressure Area over south Andaman Sea, in the vicinity of the North Sumatra islands persisted over the same region at about 5.30 p.m., the 29th October 2026. It is very likely to move west-north-westwards and concentrate into a depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Andaman Sea around 31st October.

Thereafter, it is likely to intensify further and continue to move west-north-westwards towards the Andhra Pradesh coast, India during the subsequent 2 days.
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: 04S 60E, 02S 70E, 02N 80E, 05N 90E, 05N 100E
Shear line is approximately along: 04S 60E, 03S 70E, 01S 80E, 06N 90E, 07N 100E.
Weather:
OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 65
SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 30, 55, 70, 75, 85
ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.
Winds:
North of ITCZ :
West of 75E : NW'ly to W'ly / (10-15) kt.
East of 75E : SW'ly / (10-15) kt; gusting up to 20 kt in sections 05, 10, 15.

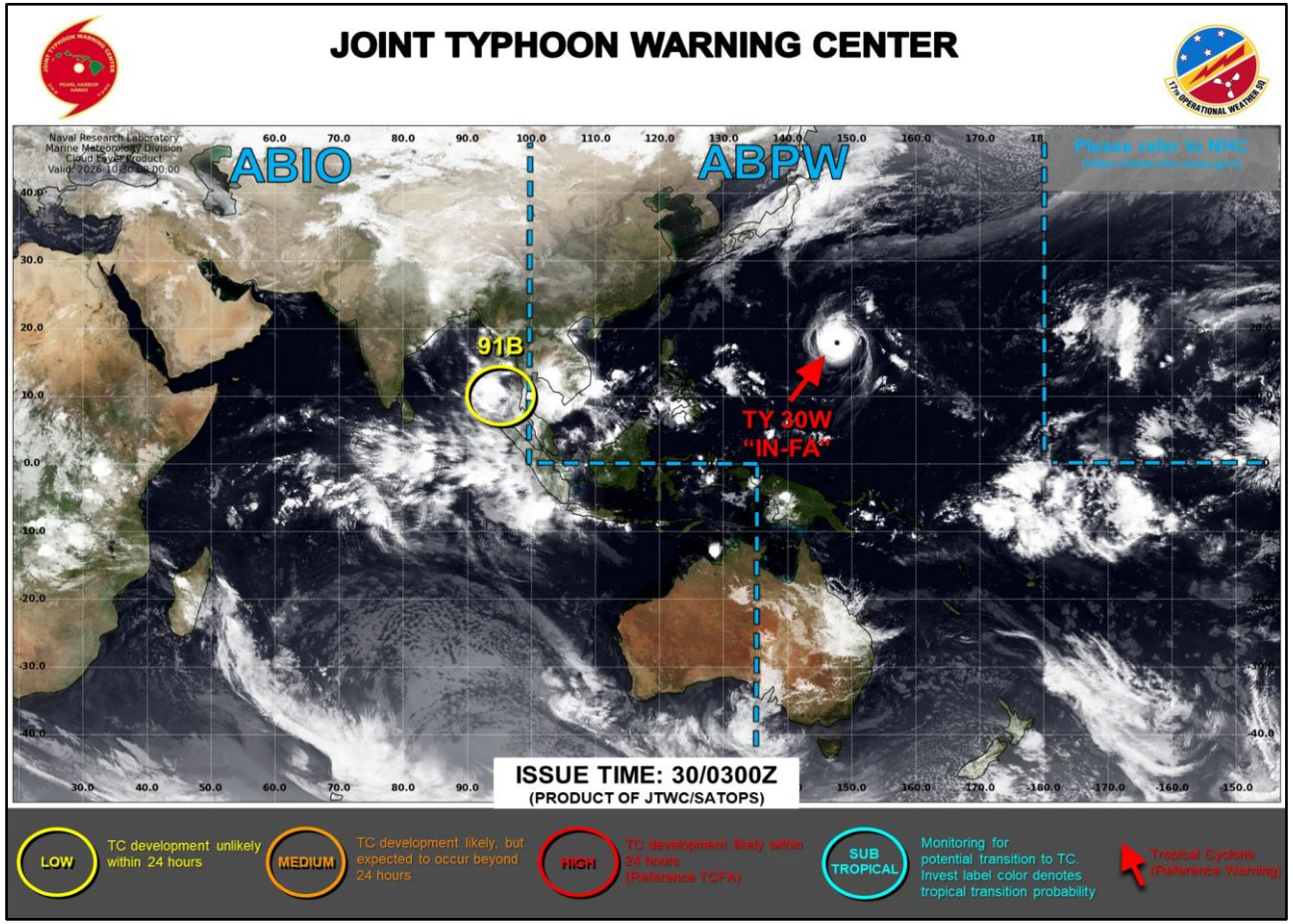
In-between ITCZ and Shear line:
SE'ly to SW'ly / (10-15) kt; gusting up to 20kt in sections 15.

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

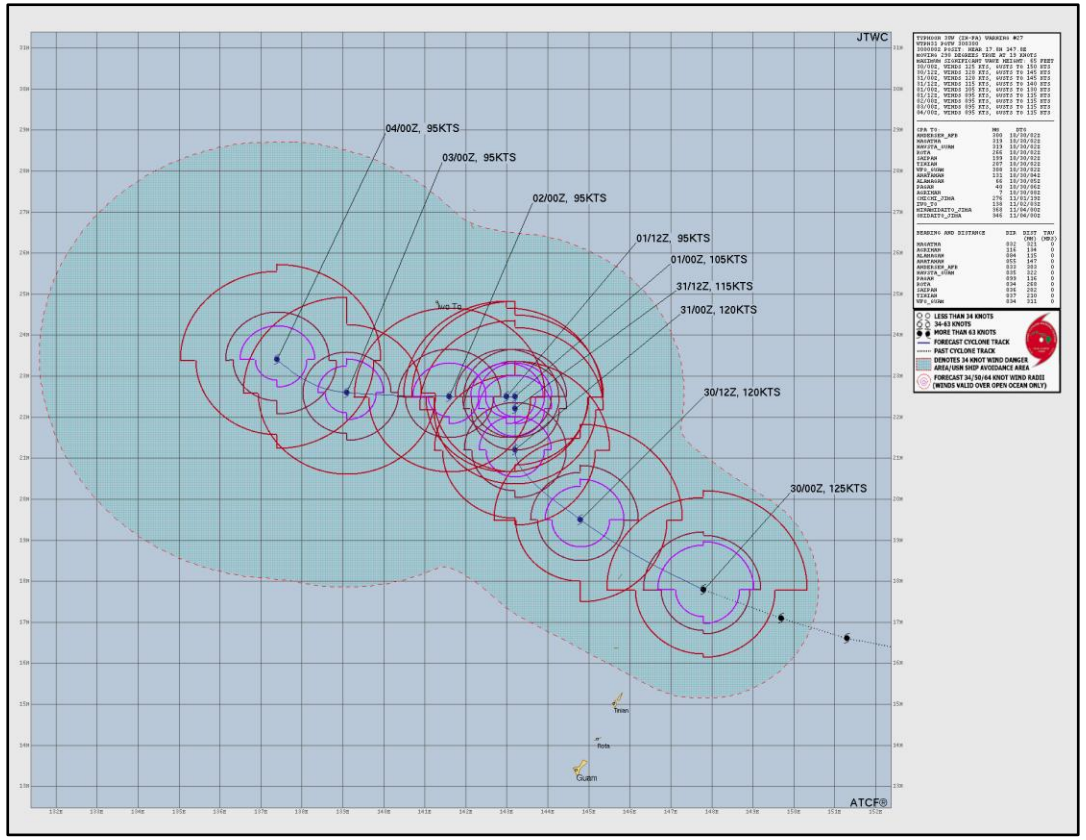
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- Source: https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

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TROPICAL CYCLONE "IN-FA"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	05
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	03
Total Incidents	08

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30 Oct/Tanker Reported on Fire Northeast of Khasab/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.30	Oman	25 NM Northeast of Khasab, Strait of Hormuz, Oman	Fire/Folding/Explosion	-	According to UKMTO, the status of the crew, extent of vessel damage and environmental impact remained unknown at the time of the initial report

UKMTO received a report of an outbound vessel on fire approximately 25 NM Northeast of Khasab, Oman, in the Strait of Hormuz. The cause of the fire was unknown at the time of reporting.





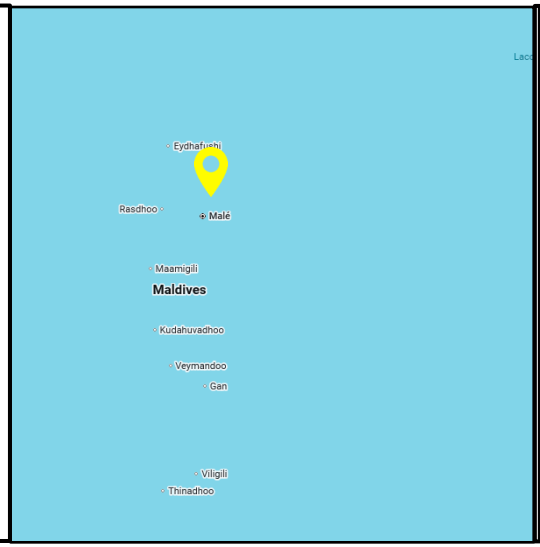
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30 Oct/Speedboat Collision Near Thulusdhoo Leaves Two Injured, One with Broken Leg/Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.30	Maldives	Near K. Thulusdhoo Channel, Kaafu Atoll, Maldives	Collisions	-	According to Maldives Police, two individuals sustained injuries and were receiving medical treatment. One of the injured persons suffered a broken leg.

Two people were injured following a collision between two speedboats near the K. Thulusdhoo Channel in the Maldives on 28 Oct 26. Both vessels were reportedly transiting through the channel at the time of the incident.





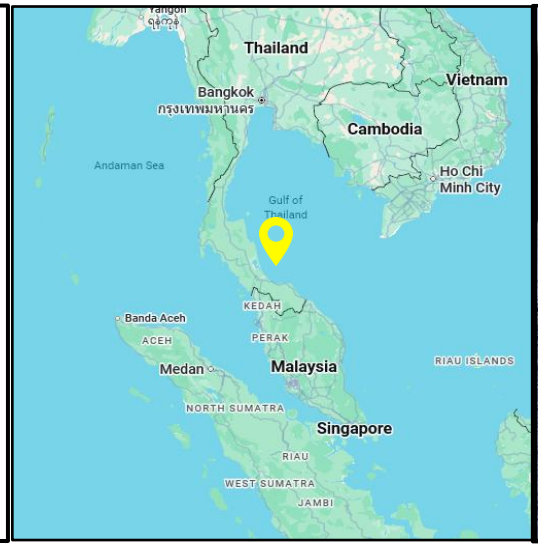
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30 Oct/Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Catches Fire and Sinks in Gulf of Thailand/Thailand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.29	Thailand	Off Songkhla, Gulf of Thailand	Capsizing/Sinking	-	Five crew members aboard the Vietnamese fishing vessel were arrested following the interception for illegal fishing. During the incident, three Thai naval personnel were rescued from the burning vessel.

A Vietnamese fishing vessel intercepted for suspected illegal fishing caught fire in its engine compartment and subsequently sank in the Gulf of Thailand, off Songkhla.





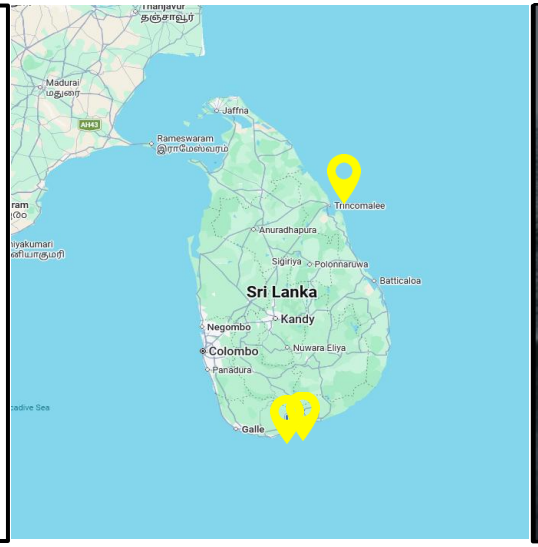
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27 Oct/Seven Fishermen Missing in Two Separate Incidents; Navy Launches Search Operations/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.27	Sri Lanka	Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu and Kudawella, Matara	Search and Rescue (SAR) /Missing	Two fishing boats	The Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo reported two incidents on 27 October 2026, leading the Sri Lanka Navy to deploy vessels for search operations and request support from the Sri Lanka Air Force.

The Sri Lanka Navy launched search and rescue operations to locate seven fishermen reported missing in two separate incidents off Mullaitivu and Matara, Sri Lanka. Three fishermen went missing after departing from Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu, on 26 Oct 26, while four others went missing after departing from Kudawella, Matara, on 21 Oct 26.





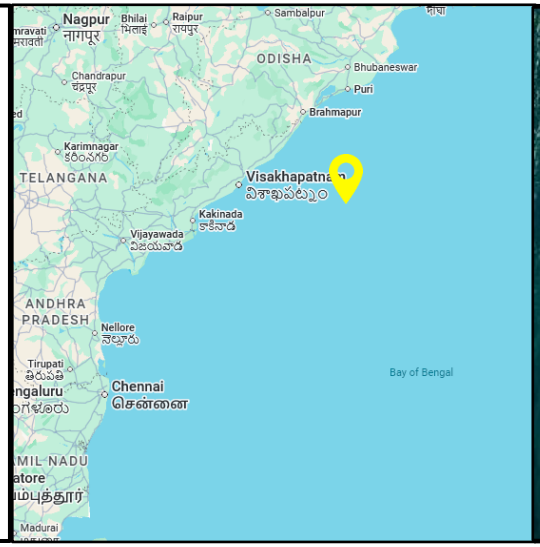
Source -: https://www.newswire.lk/2026/10/28/seven-fishermen-missing-in-two-separate-incidents-navy-launches-search-operations/?utm

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29 Oct/ICG Rescues All Crew Members of Philippine Cargo Vessel Stranded in Bay of Bengal Due to ‘’Arnab”/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.29	India	Andhra Pradesh Coast, Bay of Bengal, India	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name - Sigma Pearl Type - Bulk Carrier Flag - Marshall Islands	The Indian Coast Guard deployed ICGS Sujay and helicopter support to conduct the rescue operation. Initially, 13 crew members were rescued and transferred to ICGS Sujay, followed by the evacuation of the remaining seven crew members. All 20 crew members were safely rescued by the evening of 29 October 2026.

The Indian Coast Guard rescued all 20 crew members of the bulk carrier Sigma Pearl after the vessel suffered engine failure and ran aground near Antarvedi–Mogaltur off the Andhra Pradesh coast in the Bay of Bengal on 28 Oct 26. The vessel was unable to continue its voyage due to adverse weather conditions associated with Cyclone Arnab.





Source -: https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/indian-coast-guard-rescues-all-crew-members-of-philippine-cargo-vessel-stranded-in-bay-of-bengal-due-to-cyclone-arnab-101793329116234-amp.html?utm

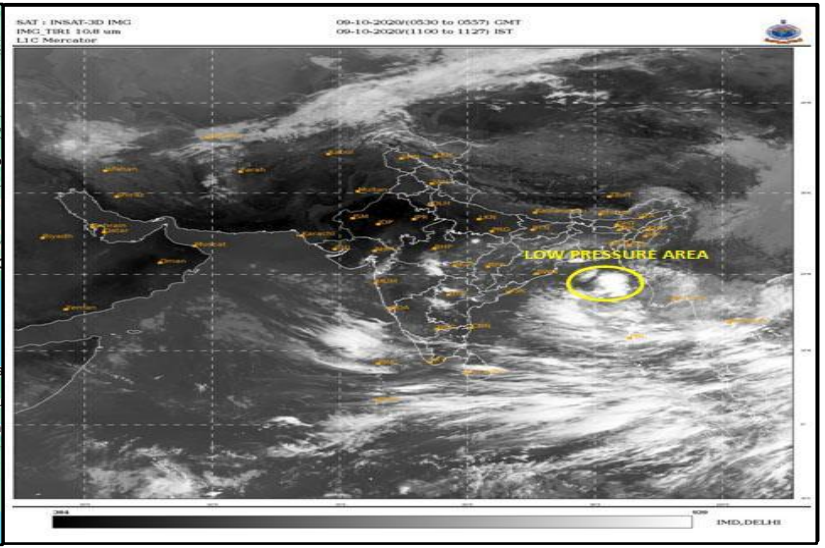
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29 Oct/ Low-Pressure Area Develops Over South Andaman Sea/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.29	India	South Andaman Sea and adjoining East-Central Bay of Bengal	Geography Activities	-	The developing weather system may cause adverse sea conditions in the affected maritime region, potentially impacting fishing activities and commercial shipping operations.

A low-pressure area persisted over the South Andaman Sea and adjoining areas on 29 October 2026. The system was expected to move west-northwestwards and potentially intensify into a depression.





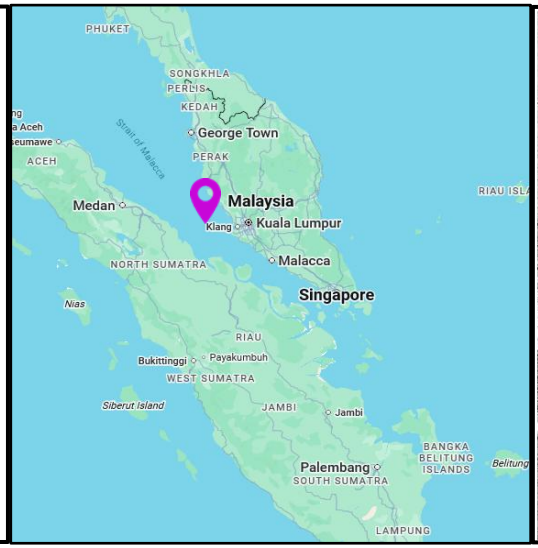
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OTHER

30 Oct/MMEA Detains Two Passenger Boats Off Port Klang/Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.30	Malaysia	Port Klang Waters, Selangor, Malaysia	Other Military/ Coastguard activities	Two passenger boats	The operation, identified as Ops Jalmar Series 3, was conducted jointly by MMEA and the Marine Department from 27 to 30 October 2026

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) detained two passenger boats in the waters off Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia, on 30 October 2026 for failing to produce valid vessel documentation during a maritime enforcement operation.





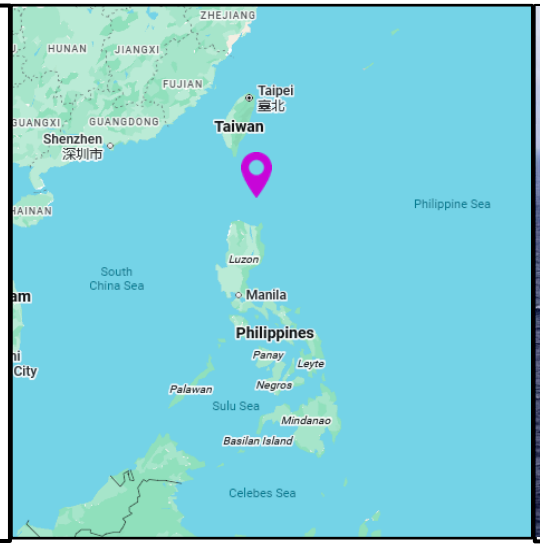
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OTHER

30 Oct/More Than 50 Chinese Naval and Government Vessels Operating Across Western Pacific/China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.29	China	Waters extending from Southern Japan to Taiwan and the Philippines	Naval activities	53 Chinese vessels, including 34 warships and aircraft carrier Liaoning	The Chinese naval deployment has extended across various strategic maritime areas in the Western Pacific.

Taiwan reported the presence of 53 Chinese naval and government vessels operating across the Western Pacific on 29 Oct 26. The vessels included 34 warships and the Chinese aircraft carrier Liaoning, observed in waters near Taiwan, East of the Philippines and off Southern Japan.





Source -: https://www.reuters.com/world/china/taiwan-flags-obvious-threat-50-chinese-vessels-wide-sweep-waters-2026-10-29/?utm



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