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MARITIME BULLETIN

Reference: IFC/MB/WAR/26-08/05

WARNING

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REPORTED DATE: 01 August 2026	REPORTED TIME: 0300UCT/0830 SLST	ISSUED DATE: 01 August 2026	SOURCE: Maritime Surveillance operator IFC
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On 01 August 2026 at 0535 hours, the Maldives-flagged vessel MV MSS GRAPHENE (IMO: 9217151) reported that 17 empty shipping containers had fallen overboard in near the OPL Colombo due to rough sea conditions. (on a bearing of 264°, from the Colombo Lt distance 17.6 nm / position 06°53'N, 079°32'E.)

Subsequent verification confirmed the following:

- 14 empty containers were lost overboard at 0535 hrs at 06°53'N, 079°32'E.
- 03 additional empty containers were lost overboard at 0748 hrs at 07°02'N, 079°28'E.



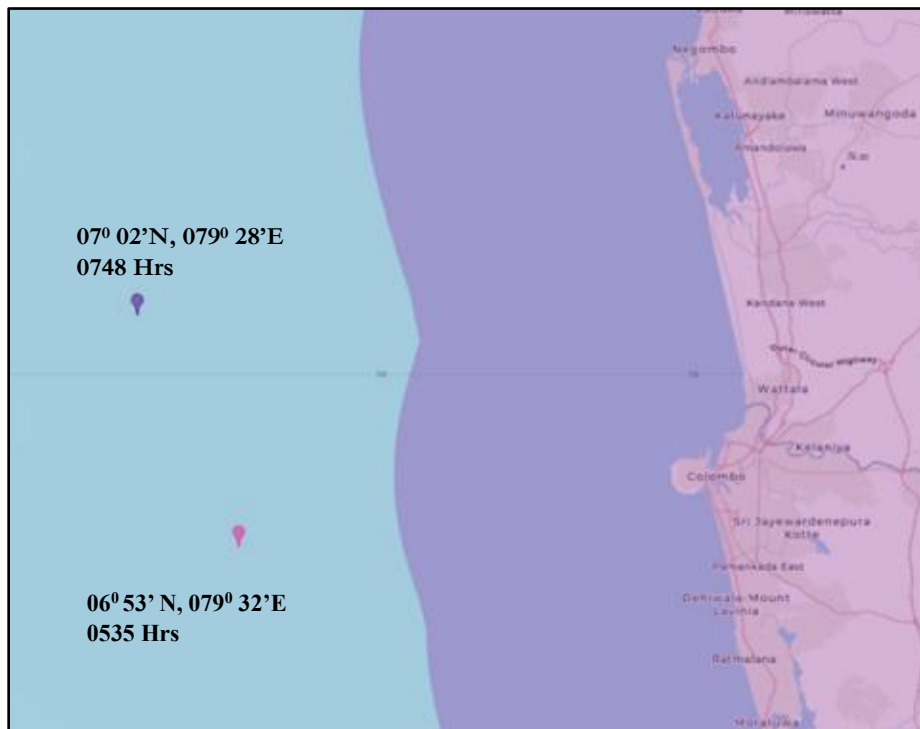
The vessel had departed Malé Port, Maldives, on 28 July 2026, bound for the Port of Colombo. It had been scheduled to arrive at JCT Berth 2 at 0900 hours on 01 August 2026.

In response to this incident, the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo has already issued NAVAREA WARNING

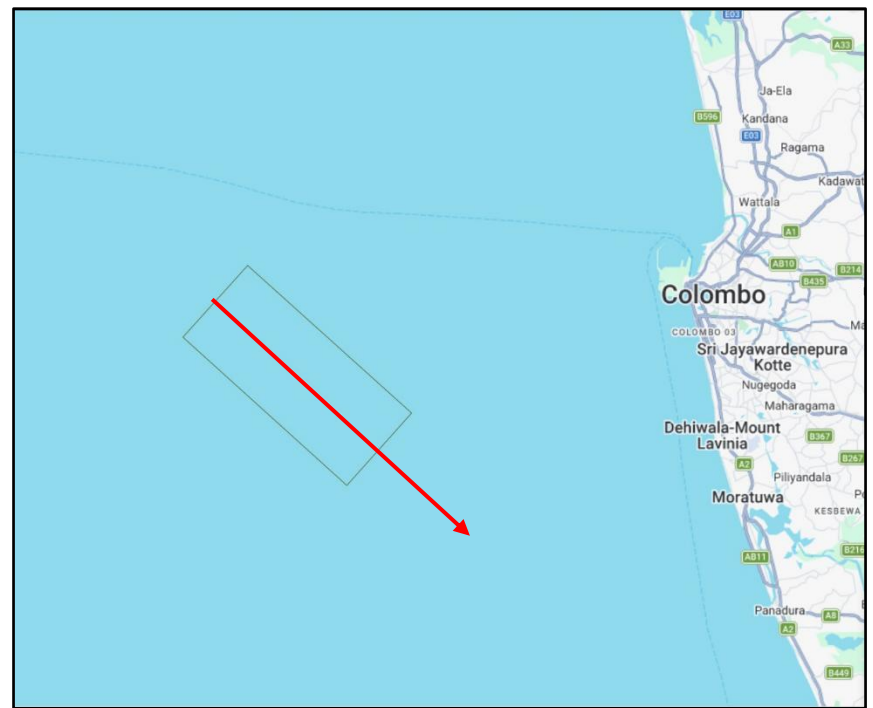
Furthermore, based on the prevailing sea state and wind conditions, it is anticipated that the containers that fell into the sea may drift towards the shore area of Panadura to Kalutara and Athuthgama.

Mariners, fishing vessels, and the coastal community are advised to exercise extreme caution when operating in or near the affected area. Any sighting of drifting containers or related debris should be reported immediately to the IFC Colombo or the nearest maritime authority to facilitate navigational safety and recovery operations.

MAPPING SUMMARY



Location of containers fallen overboard



Container Drifting Direction

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