

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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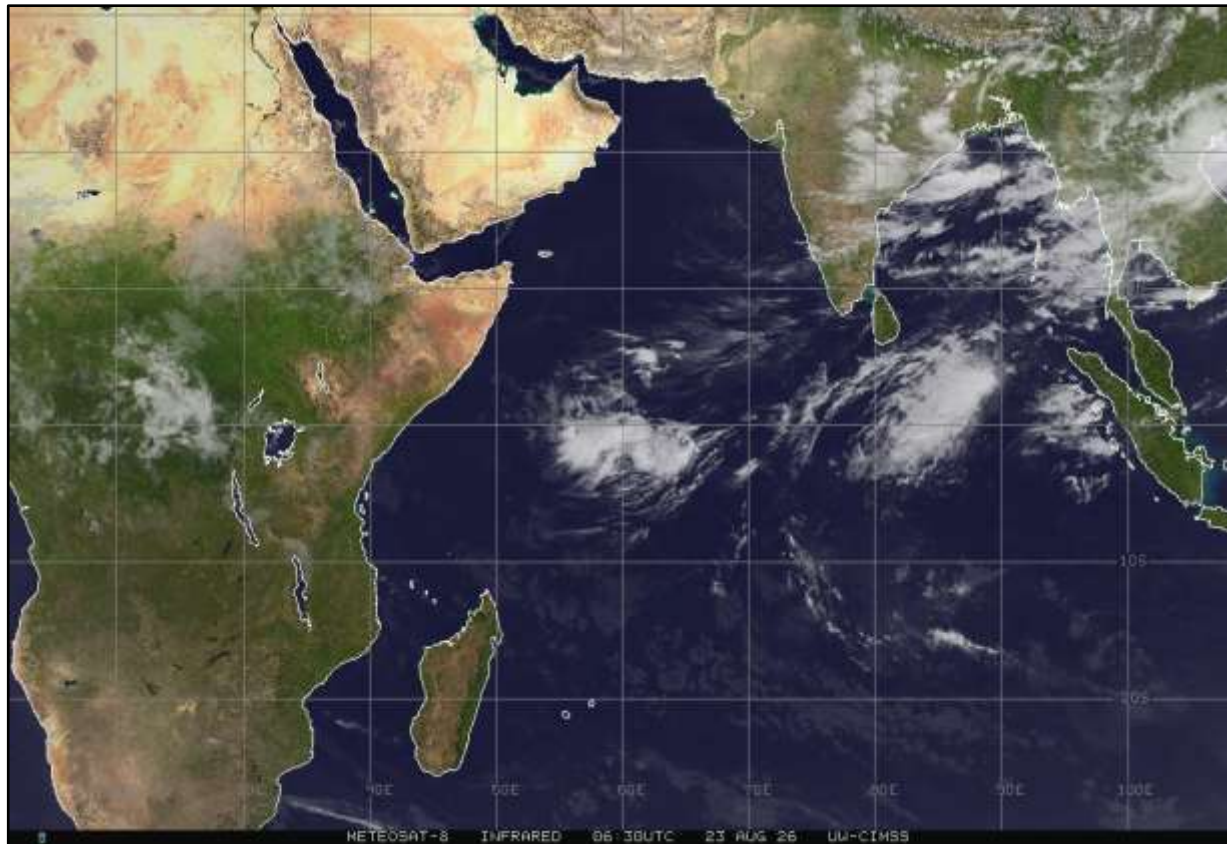
Date 2026.08.23

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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: 2026.08.23/0600UTC to 2026.08.23/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.23

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

Shear line is approximately along: 02N 60E, 03N 70E, EQ 80E, 02N 90E, 05N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 30, 40, 50, 85.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 35, 65.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

SW'ly to W'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10, 15.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60 , 80, 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10.

Fairly rough in sections : 00, 15, 60, 80, 85

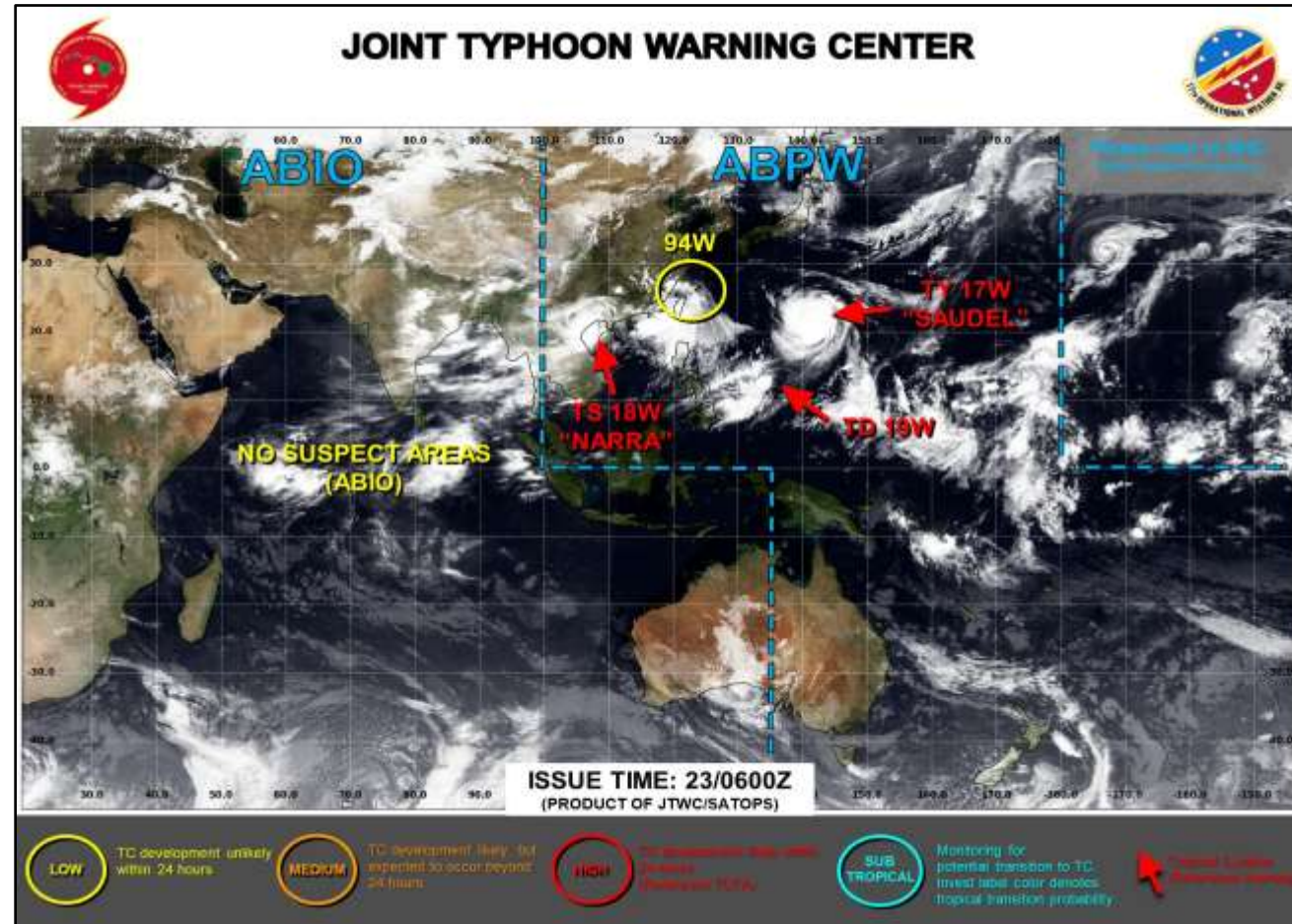
Moderate in sections : 30, 40, 65

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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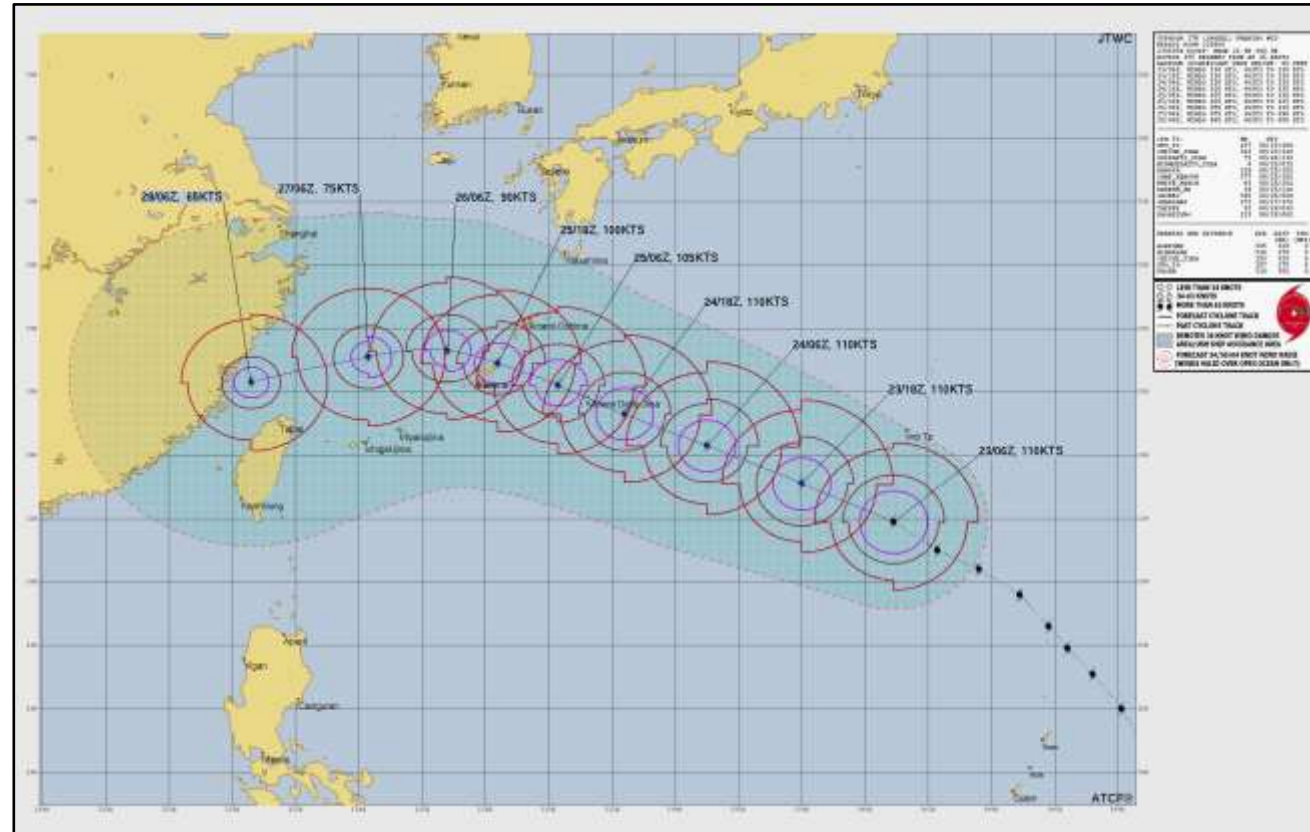


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "SAUDEL"

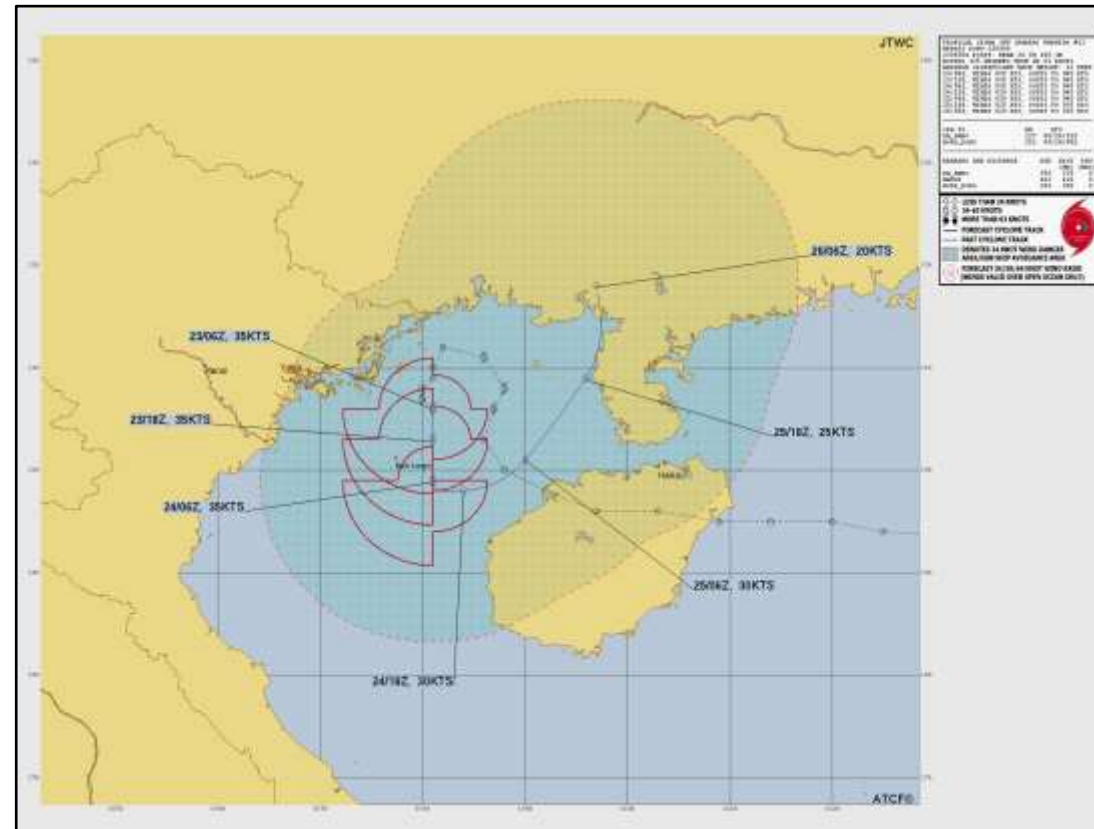


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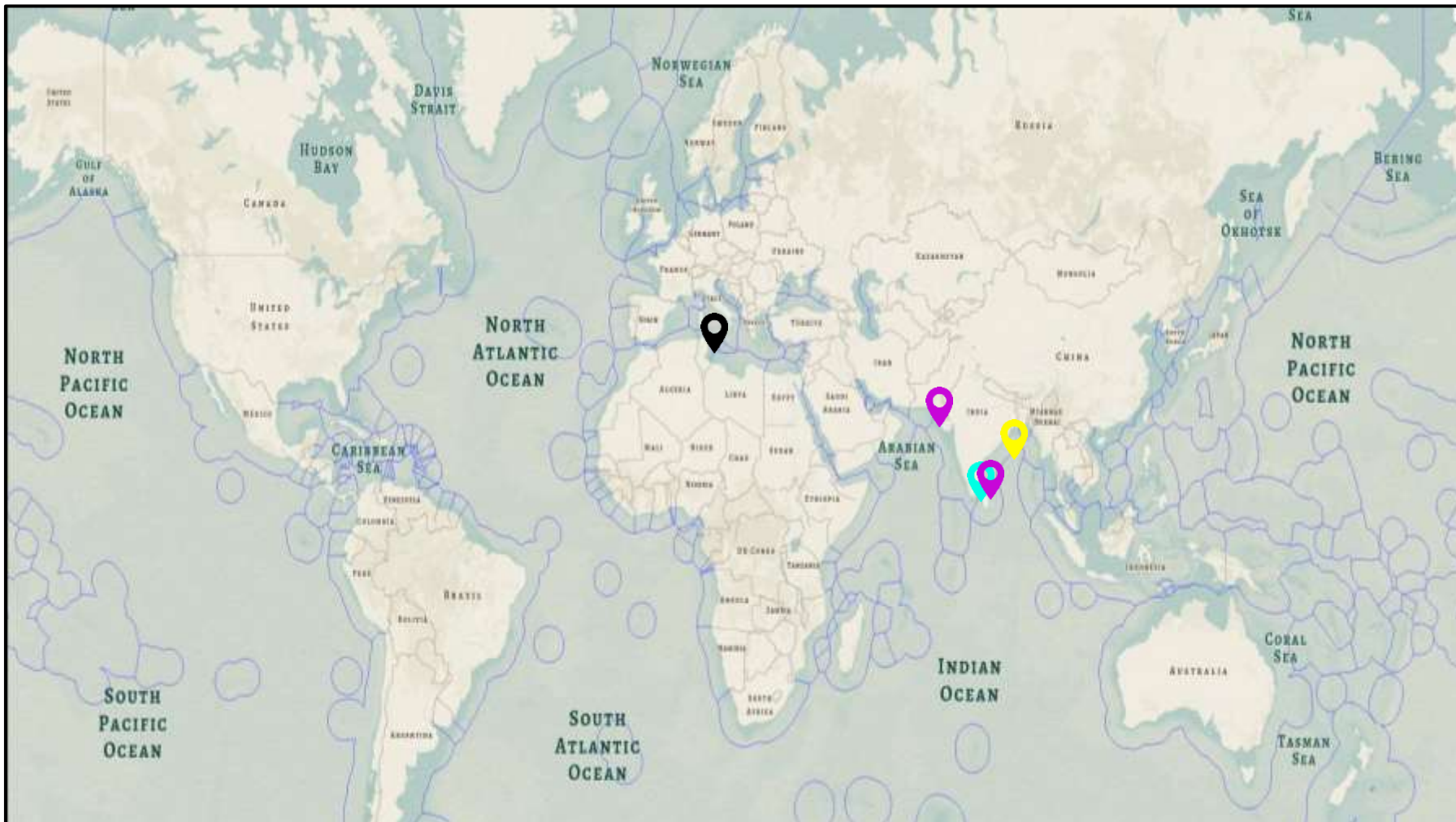


TROPICAL CYCLONE "NARRA"



• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

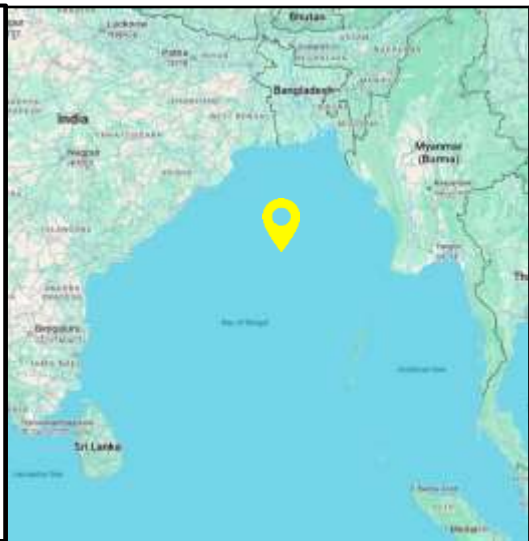
MARITIME INCIDENTS



22 Aug/ Panama flagged Vessel With 20 Chinese Nationals Sinks off India's East Coast Rescue Ops Underway/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/ REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.22	India	Bay of Bengal	Capsizing / Sinking	Name-MV Ocean Winner Flag -Panama Type -Cargo	A Panama-flagged cargo ship with 24 crew members, including 20 Chinese nationals, sank in the Bay of Bengal near India's east coast on Saturday, leading to a search-and-rescue operation for the missing crew.

The Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) reported losing contact with MV Ocean Winner, which had 24 crew members on board. Following a request for Search and Rescue (SAR) assistance from Victory Star Group Co. Ltd, the MRCC activated the International Safety Net (ISN) and sent MT AISOPUS to locate the vessel. The merchant ship was subsequently found, with two survivors rescued from liferafts. The Indian Coast Guard deployed ICGS Varad and ICGS Anmol, along with ICGS Vijit from Sri Vijaya Puram, to assist in the operation.



Source -: <https://www.firstpost.com/world/panama-flagged-vessel-with-20-chinese-nationals-sinks-off-indias-east-coast-rescue-ops-underway-14040125.html>

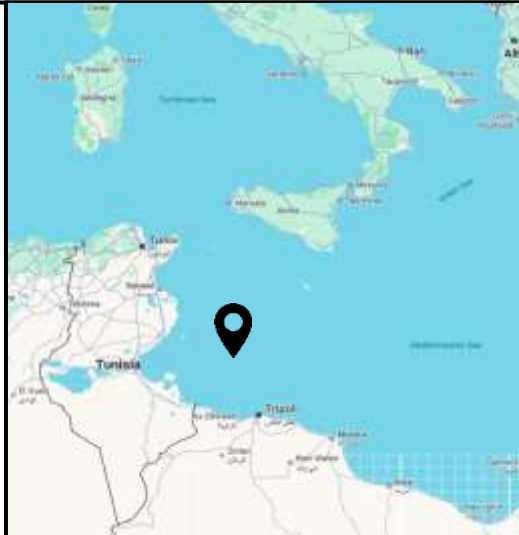
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



22 Aug/ Two Dead, 12 Missing After Boat Carrying Asylum Seekers Sinks/ Tunisia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.22	Tunisia	off the coast of southern Tunisia	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	-	The boat set off early Thursday, with the sole survivor found by a commercial ship on Saturday in a life jacket. A helicopter and coast guard boats were dispatched to search for more survivors, as the migrants were believed to be headed toward Italy.

A boat carrying migrants capsized off southern Tunisia, resulting in at least two deaths and 12 individuals missing. According to the National Guard, one survivor was rescued, and the bodies of the deceased were recovered and taken to a hospital on Djerba Island. Approximately 15 people were believed to be aboard the vessel when it departed from between Zarzis and Ben Guerdane.



Source -: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/8/22/at-least-13-tunisians-missing-as-migrant-boat-headed-for-italy-capsizes>

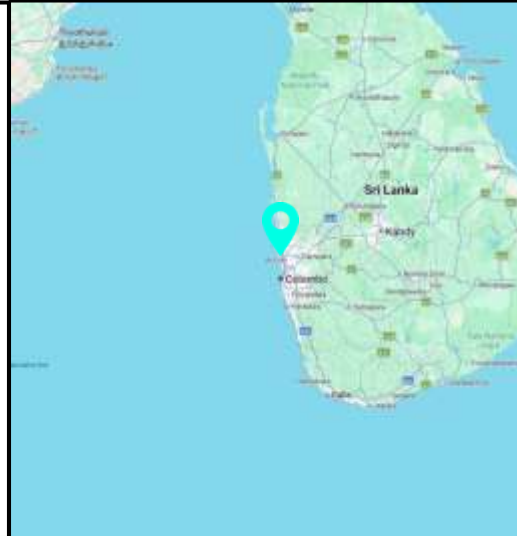
SMUGGLING



23 Aug/ Over 2276 kg of smuggled Kendu leaves seized in Negombo/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.23	Sri Lanka	Wellaweediya Coastal Area	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Two Dinghies	The Sri Lanka Navy, in collaboration with the police, seized over 2276 kg of smuggled Kendu leaves in Negombo on 23 Aug 2026. The operation resulted in the apprehension of two dinghies and a lorry involved in the smuggling.

The operation in Wellaweediya, led by SLNS Kelani and Negombo Thelwatta Police, resulted in the inspection of two suspicious dinghies and a lorry. The search revealed that the authorities were preparing smuggled Kendu leaves for transport. The seized items, including the Kendu leaves, dinghies, and lorry, were then transferred to the Negombo Thelwatta Police for legal action.



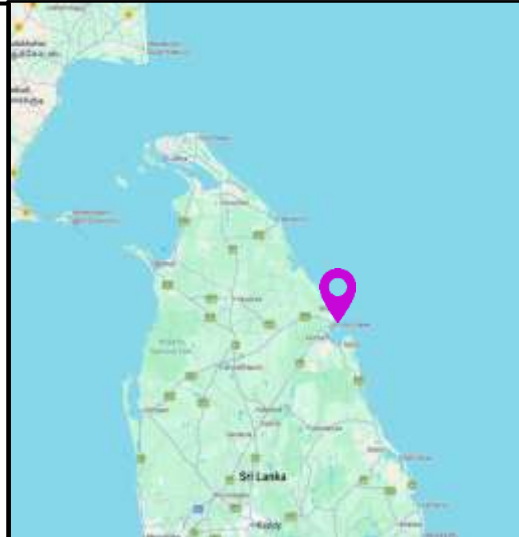
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/over-2276-kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-seized-in-negombo.html>



22 Aug/ Commandant's Cup Sailing Regatta 2026 concludes in Trincomalee/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.22	Sri Lanka	off Dutch Bay	Naval Activities	-	The Commandant's Cup Sailing Regatta 2026, organized for the sixth time by the Naval and Maritime Academy (NMA) in Trincomalee, concluded on 22 Aug 26, with awards presented to the winners by Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Damian Fernando.

The four-day regatta took place from 19 to 22 Aug 26 at Dutch Bay, Trincomalee Naval Dockyard, supported by the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau and the Yachting Association of Sri Lanka (YASL). The event featured two categories: the Cup Championship and the Open Championship, with 40 competitors from six countries—Italy, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, China, and Sri Lanka—participating, including naval officers and cadets.



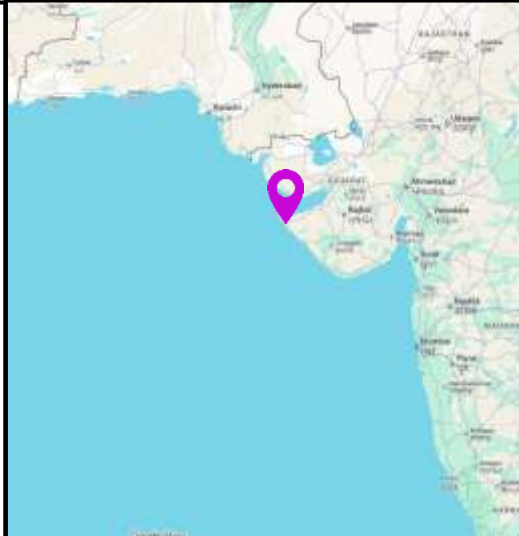
Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/august/commandant%E2%80%99s-cup-sailing-regatta-2026-concludes-in-trincomalee.html>



22 Aug/ Indian Coast Guard Ship Meera Behn Decommissioned at Okha After 20 Years of Service/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.22	India	Okha Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	ICGS Meera Behn	Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Meera Behn was decommissioned with full Armed Forces honours at Okha Port, Gujarat, on 22 August 2026, after two decades of service focused on coastal security and maritime surveillance, as confirmed by the Ministry of Defence.

The Decommissioning ceremony of ICGS Meera Behn was conducted by Commandant (JG) Thinkal Tharakan and overseen by DIG Manjeet Singh Gill. The event adhered to naval traditions, featuring a guard of honour and the lowering of the Coast Guard ensign and decommissioning pennant. DIG Gill commended the ship and its crew for over 20 years of service in India's maritime defence. Built by Goa Shipyard Limited, ICGS Meera Behn, launched on 28 Jan 06 and commissioned on 25 July 06, was part of the Extra Fast Patrol Vessel class, which is known for its speed and agility in coastal operations.



Source -: <https://shop.ssbcrack.com/blogs/blog/indian-coast-guard-ship-meera-behn-decommissioned-at-okha-after-20-years-of-service>



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