

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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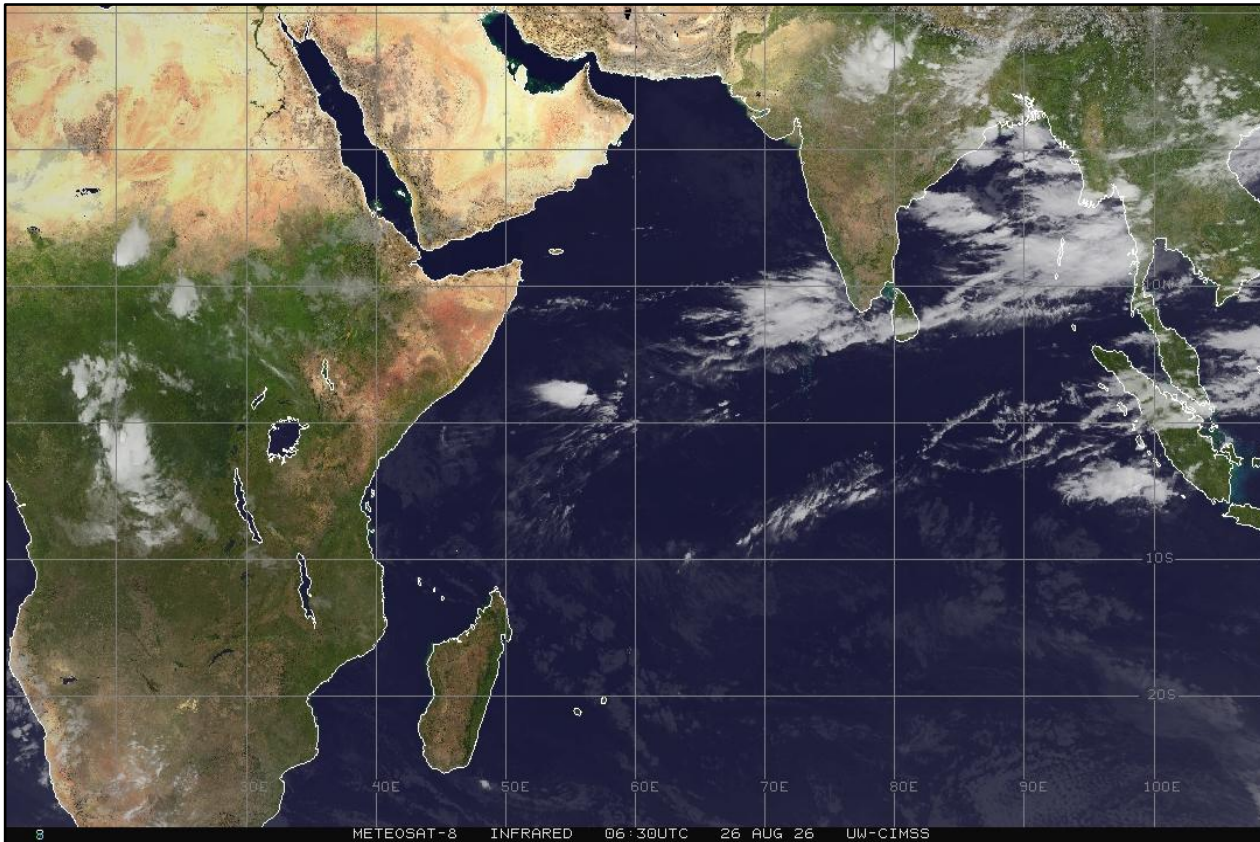
Date 2026.08.26

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WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



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FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.08.26/1400UTC to 2026.08.27/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.26

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

Shear line is approximately along: 03N 60E, 03N 70E, 01N 80E, EQ 90E, 03S 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 10, 15, 25, 55.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 20, 30, 40, 45, 60, 70, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E : SW'ly to W'ly/ (10-15) kts.

From 75E to 80E : NW'ly to SW'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 05.

East of 80E : SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 10 and gusting up to 25 kts in section 15.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly to S'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to (20-25) kts in sections 60, 65, 80, 85.

Seas:

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

Moderate, Fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 60, 65, 80, 85.

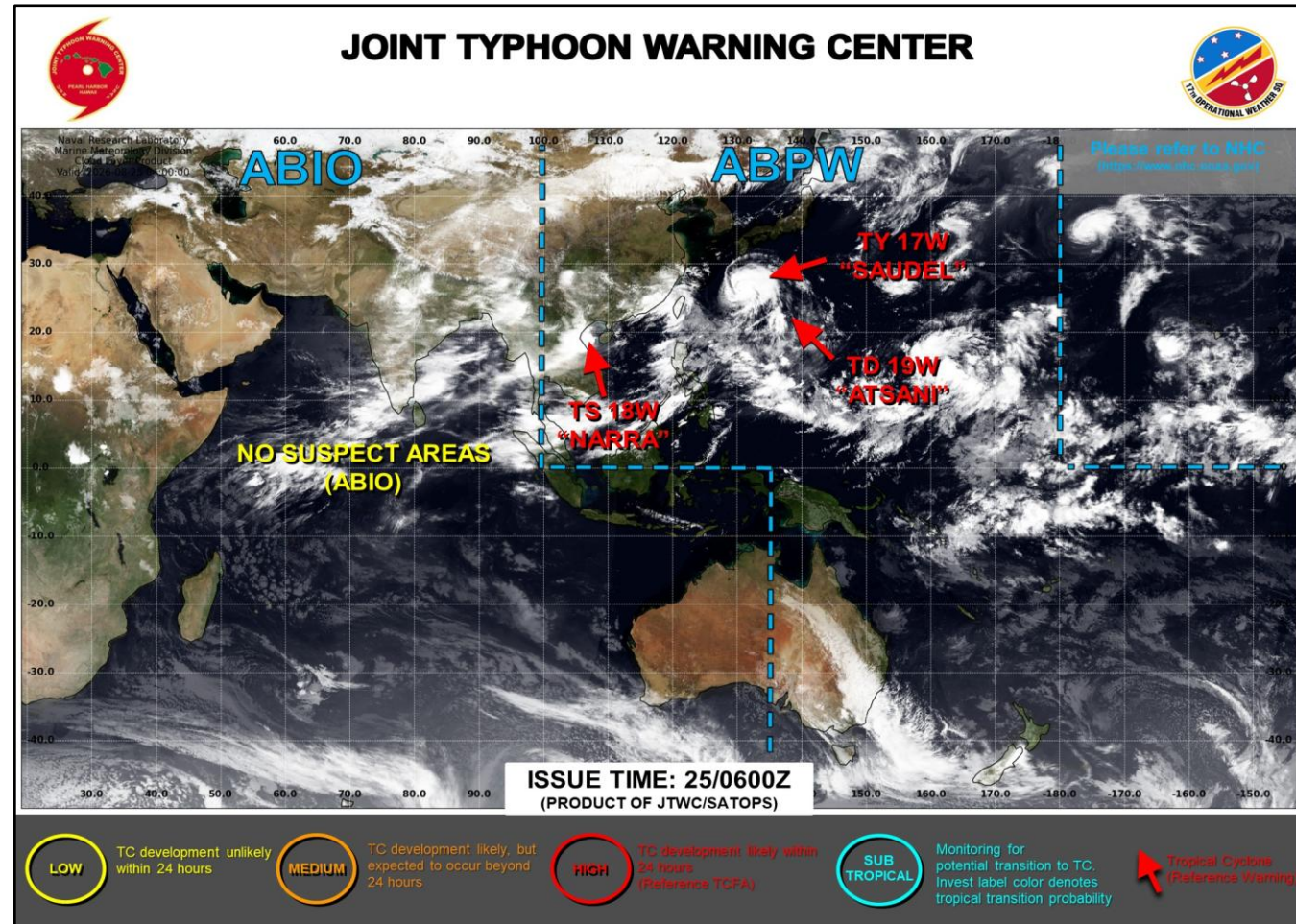
Moderate in sections : 70, 75.

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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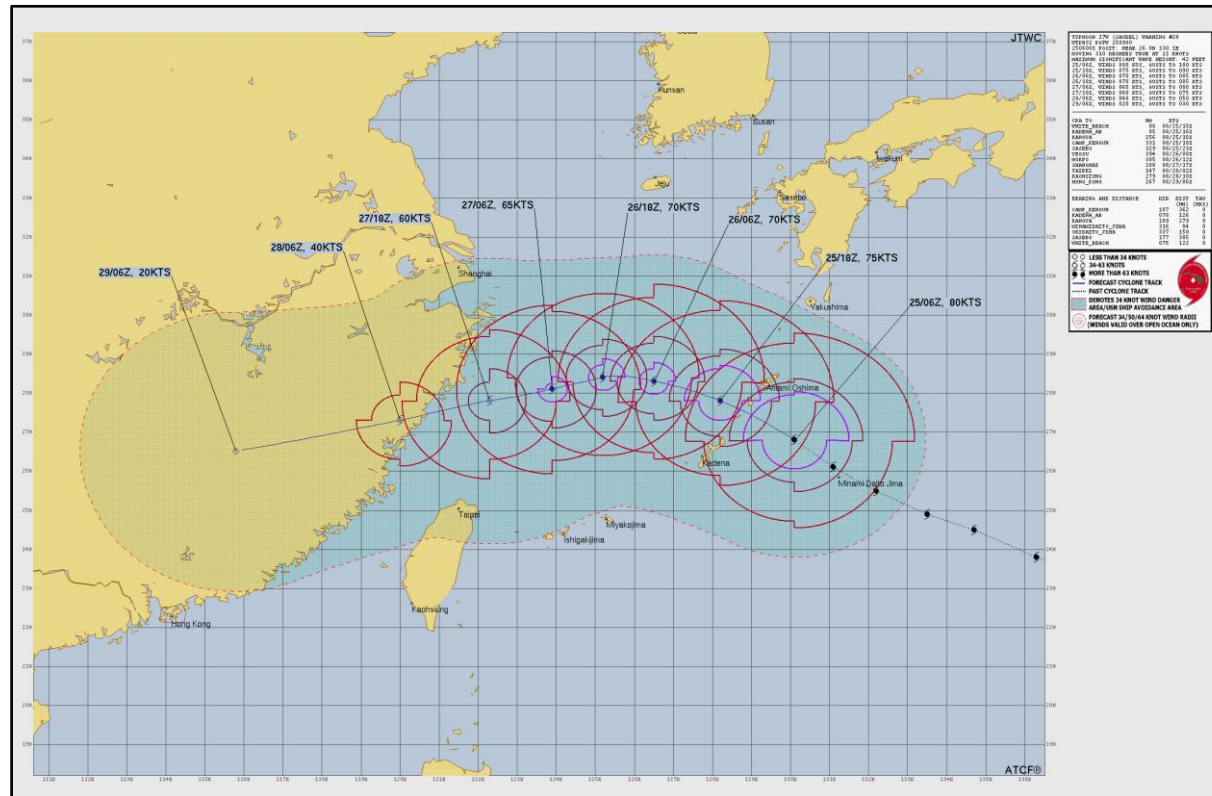


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "SAUDEL"



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TROPICAL CYCLONE "NARRA"

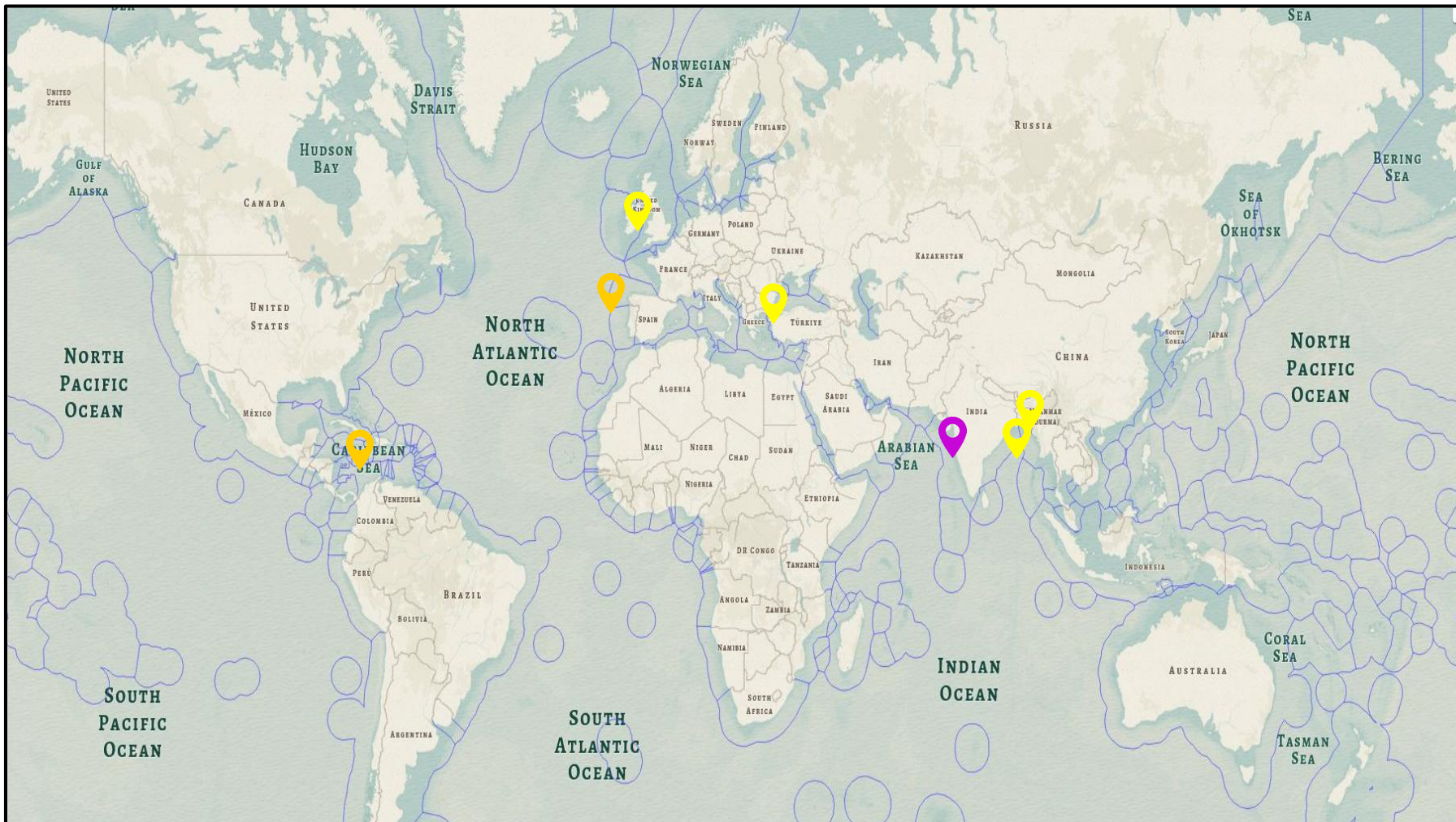




TROPICAL CYCLONE "ATSANI"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	04
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	02
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	08

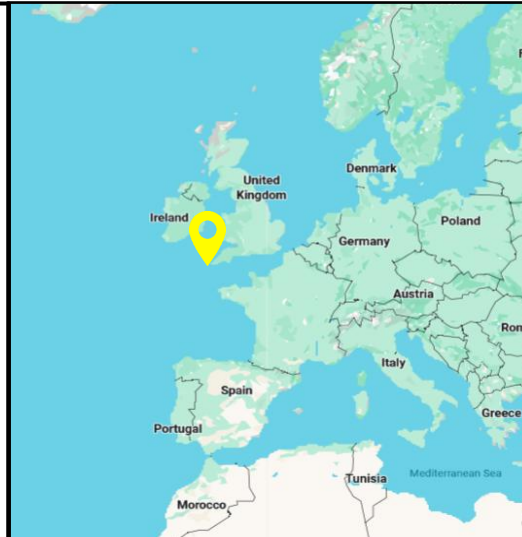


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25 Aug/Fire Breaks Out Aboard Bulk Carrier Docked at Cardiff Port/United Kingdom

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.25	United Kingdom	Queen Alexandra Dock	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name - Federal Welland Flag - Marshall Islands Type - Cargo	The Federal Welland is a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier, constructed in 2000, measuring 200 metres in length, 23.5 metres in beam, and with a gross tonnage of 20,659.

The incident on 25 Aug 26 involved a fire on a vessel docked with a 20,000-tonne scrap metal cargo, generating significant smoke that affected Cardiff Bay and Penarth. The South Wales Fire and Rescue Service responded with boats, drones, and firefighting tugs, including the VB Yorkshireman utilizing a water cannon. Public Health Wales recommended that local residents and businesses keep windows and doors shut until the fire is out and the smoke dissipates, and advised against flying drones in the area to avoid hampering firefighting efforts.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13197/fire-breaks-out-aboard-bulk-carrier-docked-in-cardiff-united>

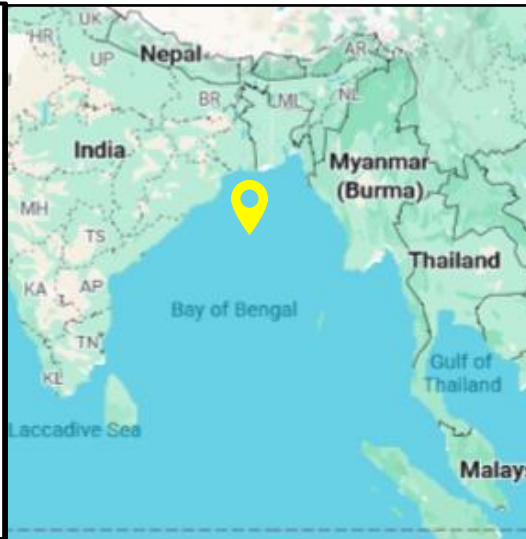
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26 Aug/ICG Finds Empty Lifeboat and Distress Beacon During Search Operation/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.26	India	290 nautical miles off the Paradip coast	Search and Rescue (SAR)	MV Ocean Winner	ICG ship Varad discovered a lifeboat around 0700hrs Tuesday, but a boarding team found no survivors.

Search teams from India have discovered an empty lifeboat and an emergency beacon linked to the MV Ocean Winner, a Panama-flagged bulk carrier. The vessel sank in the Bay of Bengal, and its 22 crew members remain unaccounted for. The Indian Coast Guard and Navy, along with merchant ships and two Chinese vessels, are conducting searches 290 nautical miles off the Paradip coast.



Source - : <https://www.marineinsight.com/empty-lifeboat-distress-beacon-found-as-indian-coast-guard-searches-for-22-missing-crew-in-bay-of-bengal/>

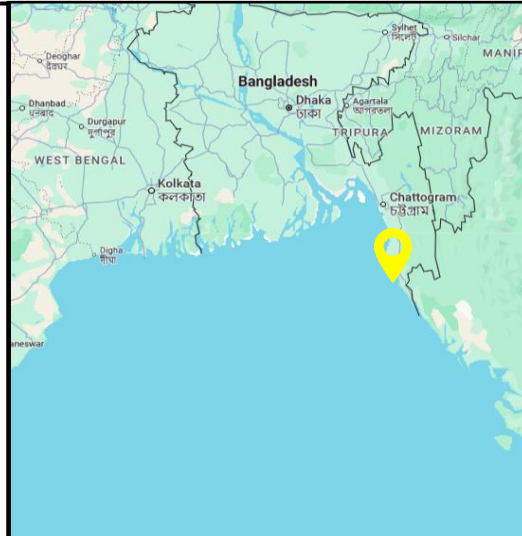
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25 Aug/Fishing Trawler Carrying NZ Nationals Splits in Bay of Bengal, Child Goes Missing/Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.25	Bangladesh	Nazirartek Channel	Capsizing/Sinking	Fishing Trawler	Upon receiving news of an incident, a team from Cox's Bazar Fire Service initiated a rescue operation, collaborating with local fishermen to search for a missing child. Those rescued are receiving initial treatment, while police are working to identify them and gather details about the accident, according to OC Mohammad Ali.

A fishing trawler carrying a New Zealand family split in two due to a large wave in the Bay of Bengal near Cox's Bazar on Tuesday. Local fishermen rescued three members, but a child went missing. The incident occurred around 1200 hrs at Nazirartek Channel. Police confirmed the ongoing rescue operation for the child, who fell into the water as the trawler sank. The family had been traveling in the area for several days before the accident.



Source -: <https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/311179/fishing-trawler-carrying-nz-nationals-splits-in-bay-of-bengal-child-goes-missing>

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23 Aug/Electric Boat Breaks Ground on a New Campus in Waterford/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.23	Turkiye	Dardanelles Strait	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name: FRONT ALTAIR Type: Tanker IMO: 9745902	Front Altair is expected to resume its voyage after completing the necessary inspections and repairs.

The Marshall Islands-flagged crude oil tanker Front Altair experienced a steering failure while transiting the Dardanelles Strait on 23 Aug 26. It was safely towed with no pollution reported after the captain notified the Dardanelles Strait Vessel Traffic Services Directorate. The General Directorate of Coastal Safety deployed two tugboats and a pilot, successfully bringing the tanker to Karanlık Liman Anchorage.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13196/crude-oil-tanker-disabled-by-steering-failure-in-dardanelles>



25 Aug/US Military Strikes Suspected Drug-smuggling Boat In Caribbean/United States

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.25	United States	Caribbean Sea	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	-	Despite the military's claims, no evidence was presented to show that the boat was transporting drugs, although a video on X depicted a moving boat..

On Tuesday, the US military executed a strike against a boat suspected of drug trafficking in the Caribbean Sea, resulting in four fatalities. This operation is part of the Trump administration's ongoing campaign against alleged drug traffickers in Latin America, increasing the total to at least 227 deaths from 68 strikes in a year. US Southern Command stated the target was an alleged drug-smuggling vessel along known trafficking routes.



Source -: https://www.firstpost.com/world/us-military-strikes-suspected-drug-smuggling-boat-in-caribbean-four-killed-14040808.html#goog_rewarded

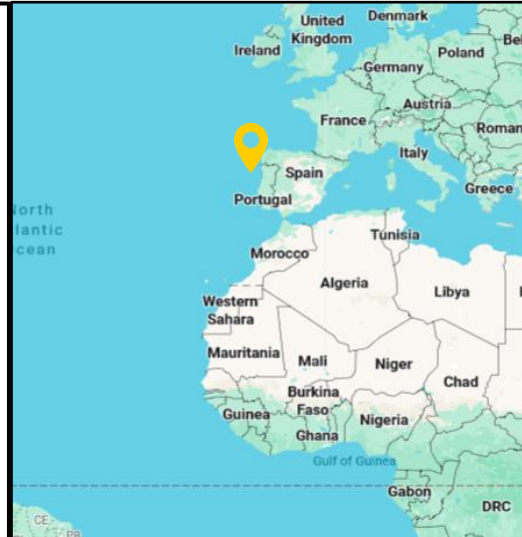
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26 Aug/Seizes 5,926 kg of Hashish; 10 Drug Mafia Members Arrested/Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.26	Spain	off Huelva	Sea based Drugs Trafficking /crystal methamphetamine/cocaine	Two small, high-speed narco boats.	The situation escalated when gunfire was directed at the patrol vessel. Although the officers returned fire, the suspects escaped due to a mechanical failure of the patrol ship during the pursuit.

Spanish authorities arrested 10 members of a drug trafficking group, uncovering 5926 kg of hashish and seizing two high-speed narco boats. The suspects are also charged with attacking a Guardia Civil patrol boat and firing at officers during an incident off Huelva, where authorities approached a suspicious small boat for information on its destination and cargo.



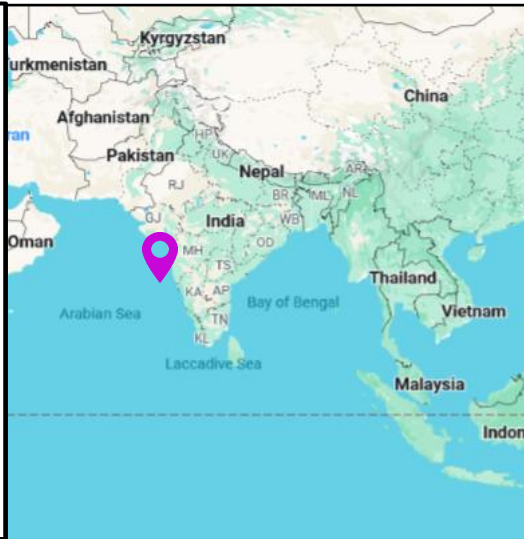
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/5926-kg-hashish-seized-by-spain-10-drug-mafia-gang-members-arrested-following-attack-on-patrol-boat/>



26 Aug/INS Sudarshini Concludes Three-Day Port Call in Lisbon During Lokayan 26 Expedition/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.26	India	-	Naval Activities	INS Sudarshini	The visit of INS Sudarshini to the Portuguese ports of Ponta Delgada and Lisbon highlights the lasting maritime cooperation and partnership between India and Portugal.

The Indian Navy's sail training ship INS Sudarshini recently completed a three-day visit to Lisbon, Portugal, as part of the Lokayan 26 transoceanic expedition. This visit strengthened ties and mutual understanding between the Indian and Portuguese navies. Indian Navy sea trainees visited the Portuguese Naval Academy to share insights on seamanship and tall-ship sail training.



Source -: <https://newsonair.gov.in/indian-navys-ins-sudarshini-concludes-three-day-lisbon-port-call-as-part-of-lokayan-26-expedition/>



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