

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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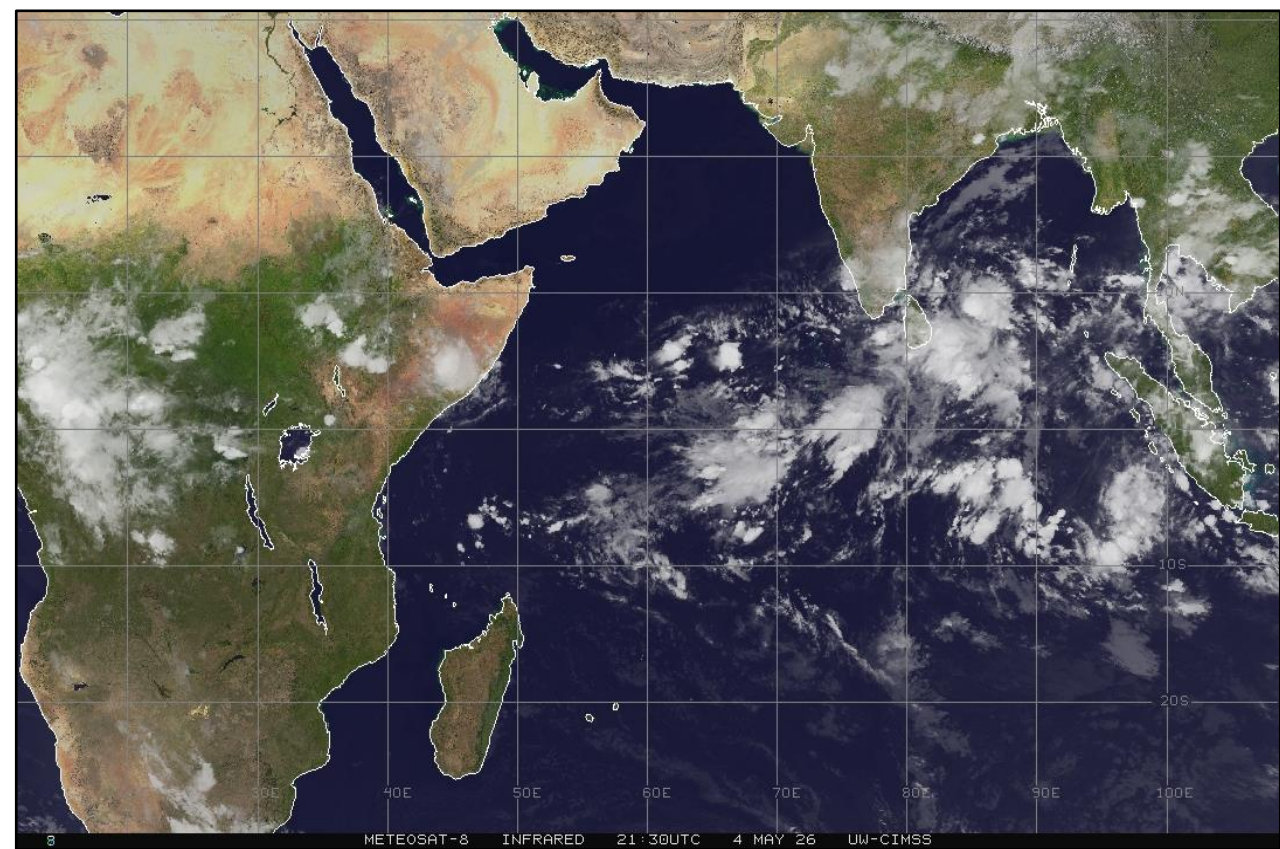
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Date 2026.05.06

WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



FF-09

FLEET FORECAST

Fleet Forecast for Area - E

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

Valid period: 2026.05.05/0600UTC to 2026.05.05/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.05.05

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

ITCZ line is approximately along : 05N 60E, 05N 70E, 05N 80E, 06N 90E, 07N 100E

Shear line is approximately along : 06S 60E, 07S 70E, 07S 80E, 06S 90E, 05S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 70, 75, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 15, 20, 65

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of ITCZ:

W'y to SW'y/ (10-20) kts, gusting up to 25kts in section 05, 10.

In between ITCZ and Shear line:

SW'y to W'y / (10-20) kts, gusting up to 25kts in sections 10, 25, 30, 50.

South of Shear line:

SE'y / (10-20)kts, gusting up to 25kts in sections 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 25, 30

Moderate to fairly rough in Sections : 05, 10, 85

Moderate in Sections : 50, 70, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

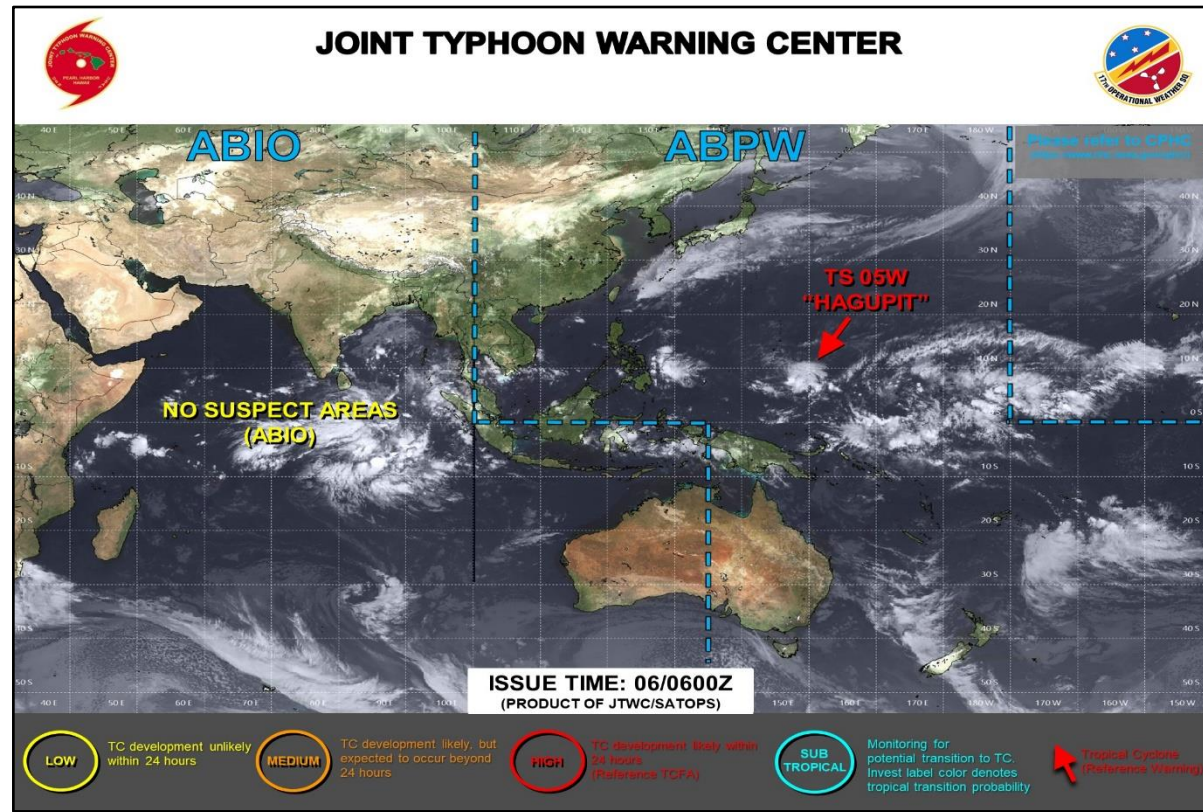
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

• Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>



CYCLONE

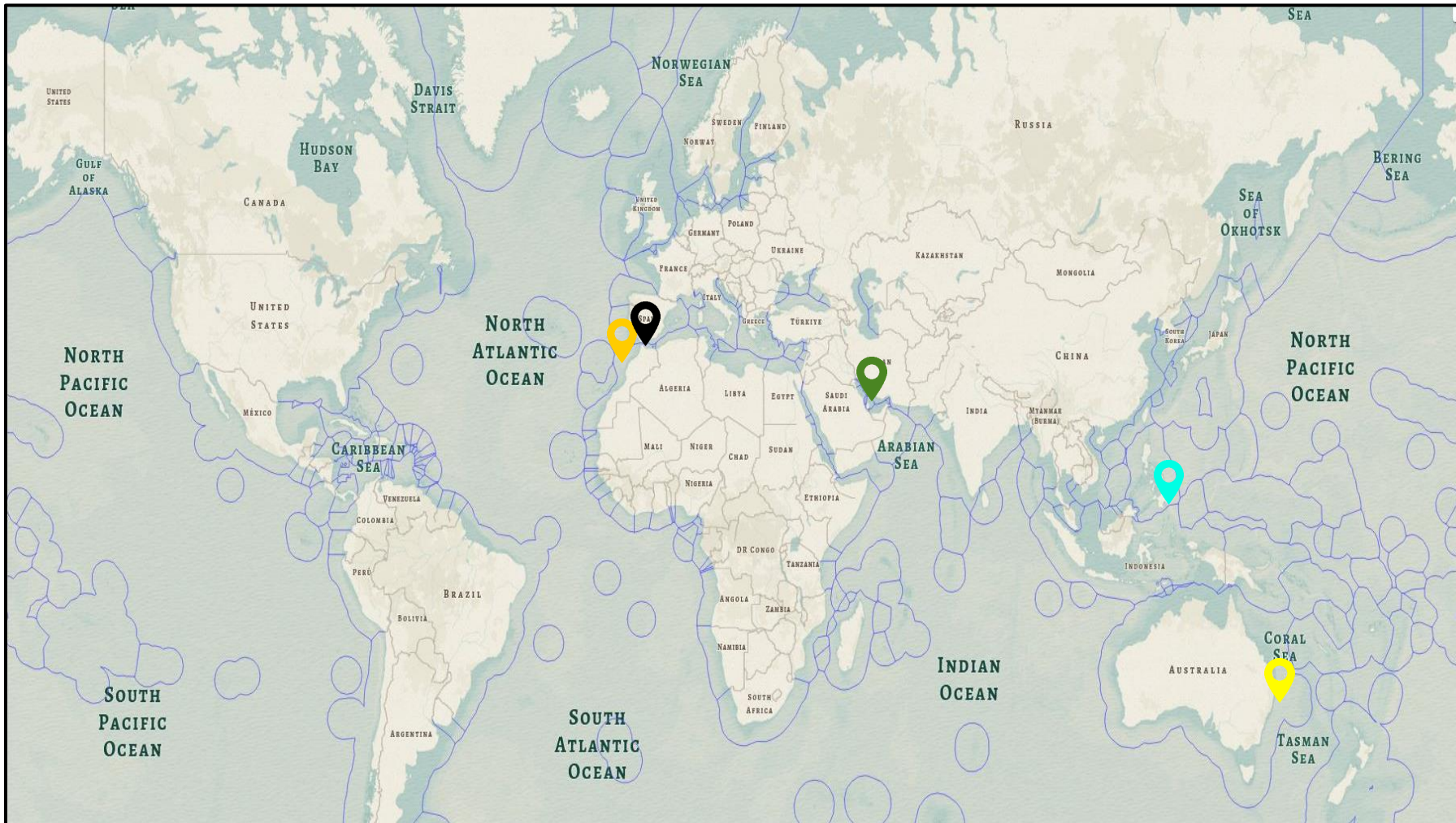
Tropical Cyclone



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

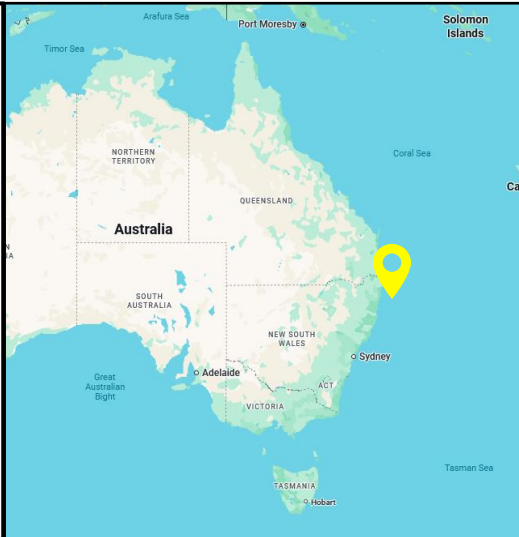
MARITIME INCIDENTS



04 May/ Volunteers Die In Rescue Mission/ Australia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Australia	South Ballina break wall	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Yacht	Rescue efforts faced "extremely difficult" conditions, resulting in the capsizing of the rescue vessel amid 2.5-meter swells and strong winds.

A coastal community mourns the loss of two marine rescue volunteers who died during a dangerous mission to rescue a distressed yachtsman near the South Ballina breakwall. They were part of a six-member Marine Rescue NSW team called to assist after a good Samaritan reported the situation on Monday night.



Source -: <https://aapnews.aap.com.au/news/three-dead-in-deadly-rescue-mission>

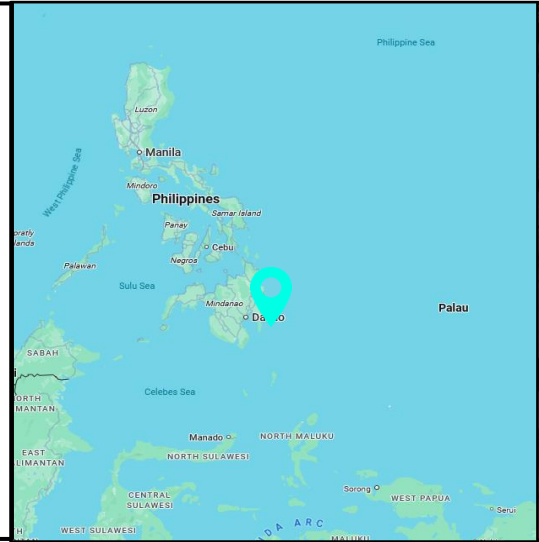
SMUGGLING



04 May/ Davao Police Intercept P52-M Smuggled Cigarettes/ Philippines

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2026.05.04	Philippines	Coast of Governor Generoso	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The procurement of illicit cigarettes violates Republic Act No. 10863, the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) of 2016, alongside Executive Order No. 245, which regulates the export and import of leaf tobacco and tobacco products.

A total of P52 million worth of smuggled cigarettes was intercepted by the Naval Task Force 71 and the PNP Regional Maritime Unit in Davao Oriental. Authorities found 1,246 master cases of undocumented cigarettes, believed to be from Jolo, Sulu.



Source -: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/davao/ph-navy-eastmin-davao-police-intercept-p52-m-smuggled-cigarettes>

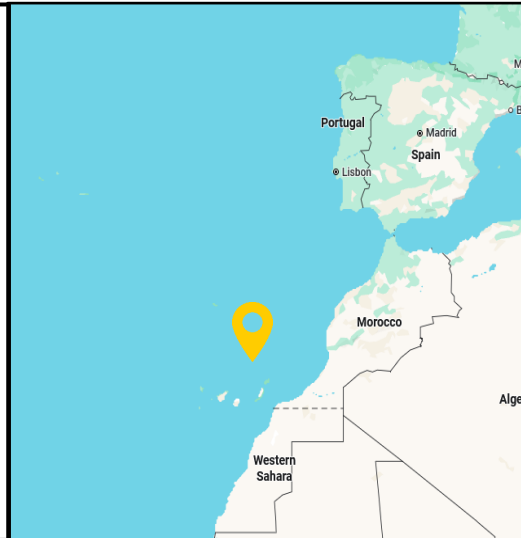
NARCOTIC



04 May/ Seizes Up To 40 Tonnes of Cocaine At Sea/ Spain

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2026.05.04	Spain	Near the Canary Islands	Sea based Drugs trafficking /Crystal Methamphetamine/Cocaine	Cargo vessel	Authorities have arrested over 20 crew members as part of an ongoing international drug trafficking investigation under legal secrecy.

Spanish police have seized 35 to 40 tonnes of cocaine from a cargo ship Off Northwest Africa, marking the country's largest-ever seizure at sea. The ship, traveling from Sierra Leone to Libya, was intercepted near the Canary Islands and escorted to Las Palmas under court order.



Source -: <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/insight/spain-seizes-up-to-40-tonnes-of-cocaine-at-sea/gm-GM45EF5CC4?gemSnapshotKey=GM45EF5CC4-snapshot-5>

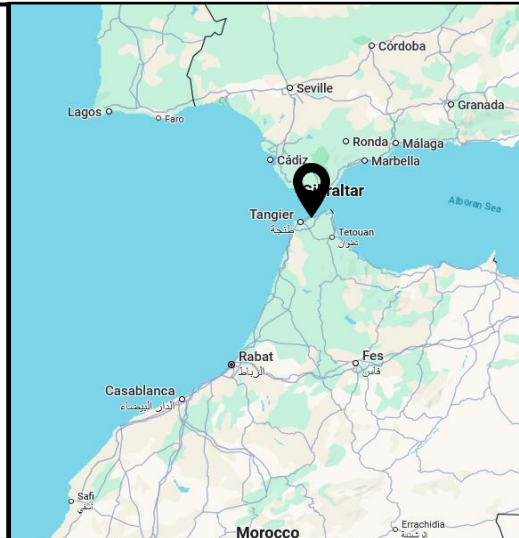
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



04 May/ Intensifies Crackdown on Irregular Migration Near Northern Coast/ Morocco

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.05.04	Morocco	Northern Coast	Illegal broader crossing	-	Security forces are conducting daily sweeps in forested areas, informal camps, and key transit points used by migrants, resulting in the arrest of at least 100 individuals each day.

Moroccan authorities have intensified their efforts to reduce irregular migration to Europe, conducting coordinated operations in Tangier and nearby areas over the past week. Local sources reported by Hespress indicate that hundreds of migrants, mainly from sub-Saharan Africa, have been detained as part of a strategy to disrupt migration routes towards Spain.



Source -: <https://trendsnafrica.com/morocco-intensifies-crackdown-on-irregular-migration-near-northern-coast/>

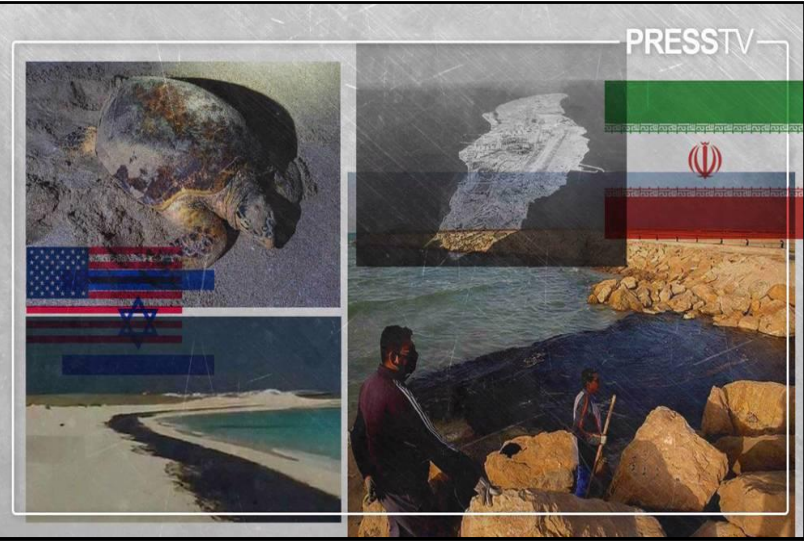
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



04 May/ Black tide from US-Israeli aggression on Iran chokes Persian Gulf turtle nesting sanctuary/ Iran

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2026.05.04	Iran	Persian Gulf	Oil Spill	-	Uncertainties remain regarding the nesting turtles' ability to lay eggs, the fate of hatchlings in contaminated sand, the abandonment of tern colonies, and the extent of irreversible damage to Iran's sole protected coral reef ecosystem.

Black crude has contaminated the shoreline of Shidvar Island, a pristine site in the Persian Gulf, following military actions targeting Iran's oil infrastructure. The island's once-clear coral beaches are now marred by a band of tar from petroleum pollutants, threatening the delicate ecosystem that includes hawksbill turtles, migratory seabirds, and coral formations. This incident raises serious concerns about the ecological impact on this sensitive marine environment.



Source -: <https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2026/05/05/768070/black-tide-from-us-israeli-aggression-iran-chokes-persian-gulf-turtle-nesting-sanctuary>



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