

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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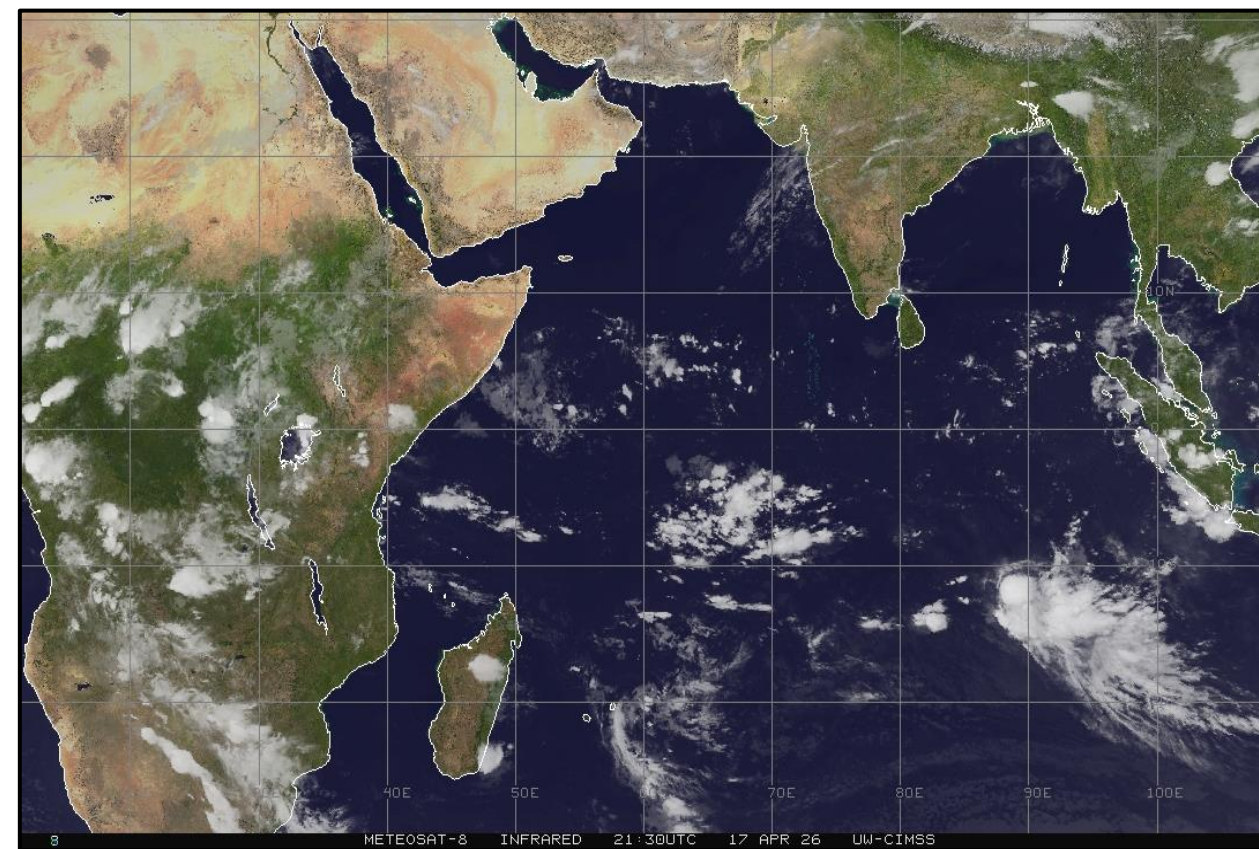
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Date 2026.04.18

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: 2026.04.17/1400UTC to 2026.04.18/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.04.17

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

ITCZ is approximately along :not clearly visible

Shear line is approximately along :not clearly visible

Weather:

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 75, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere

Winds:

North of 05N:

West of 80E: SW'yly to NE'yly / (10-15) kts.

East of 80E: E'yly or Variable / (10-15) kts.

In-between 05N and 05S :

W'yly to SW'yly / (10-15)kts

South of 05S:

SE'yly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25kts in sections 80 and 85

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 80, 85

Moderate in Sections : 60, 65, 70, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

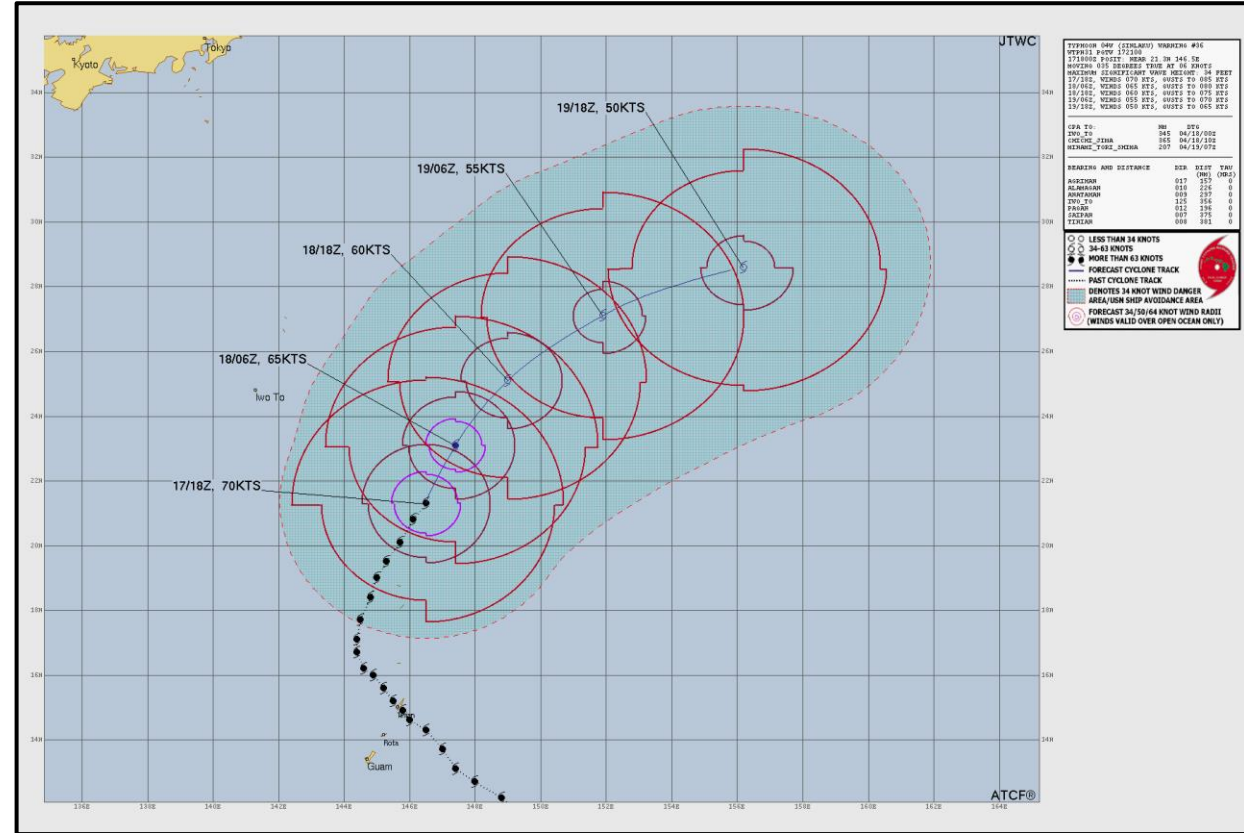
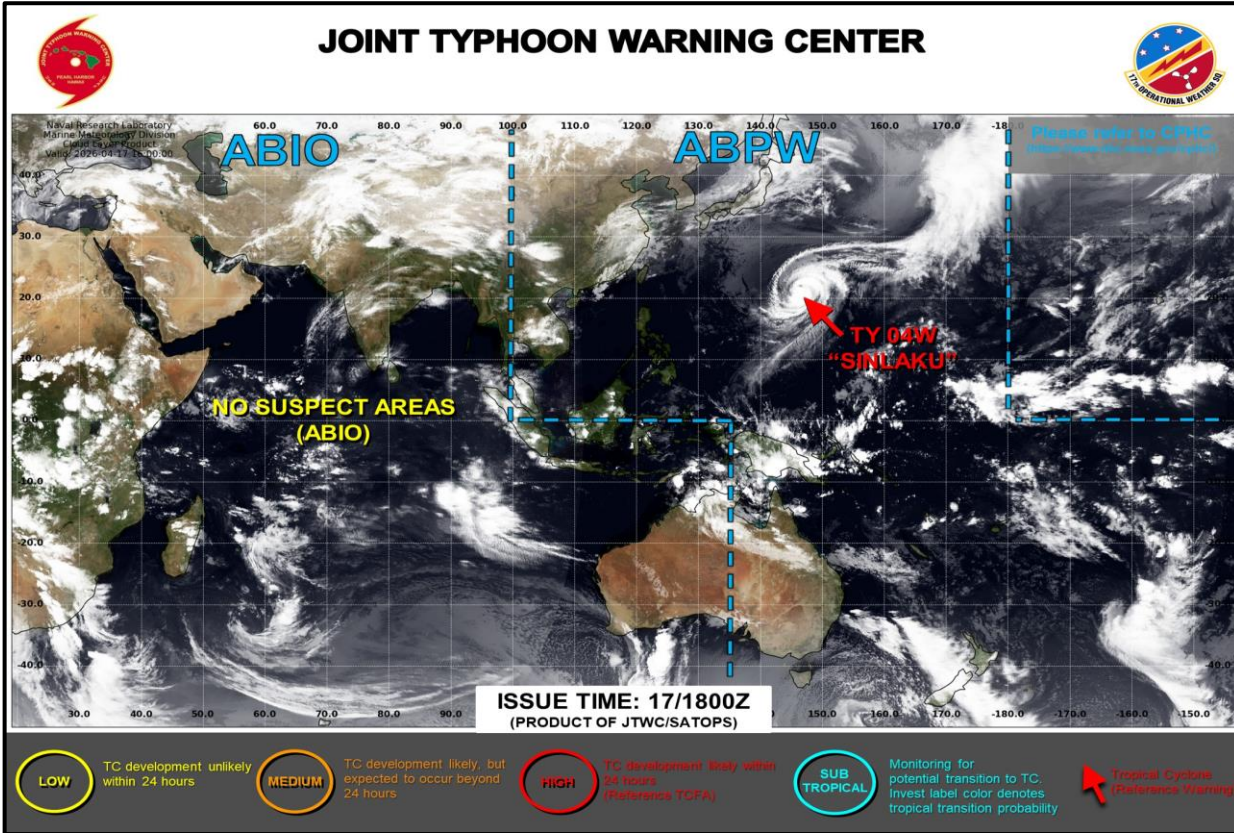
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone "Sinlaku"



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS



14 Apr/Tanker Hits Berthed Ships at Bremerhaven Port / Germany

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.14	Germany	Bremerhaven Port	Collisions	Name – RLO Merchant Type - Tanker Name - Vilnia Maersk Type - Cargo Name - W. Kampala Type - Cargo	The investigation is ongoing by the authorities to determine the exact cause of the incident.

The oil tanker RLO Merchant collided with two container ships W. Kampala and Vilnia Maersk at the Stromkaje quay in Bremerhaven Germany on 14 April. The incident occurred during an unsuccessful mooring attempt for refuelling resulting in damage to the vessels but no reported pollution. Preliminary investigations revealed a navigational error by the captain of RLO Merchant who ignored the pilot's advice. RLO Merchant was banned from sailing due to damage while the other two ships sustained material damage and were cleared for departure. No injuries were reported.



Source -> <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12866/tanker-hits-berthed-ships-at-bremerhaven-port-no-injuries-or>

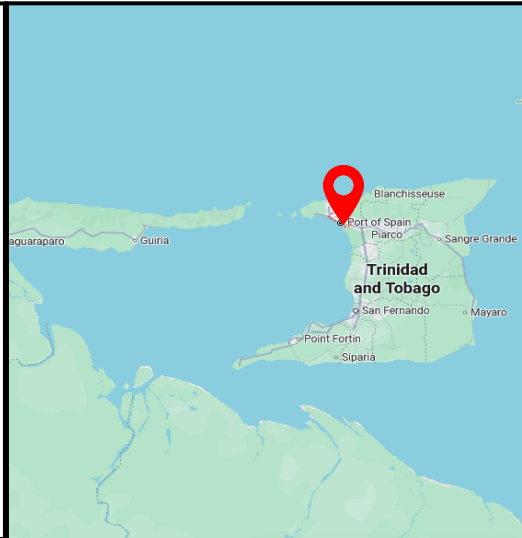
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



12 Apr/Sea Piracy-style Robbery at Port of Spain Waterfront/ Trinidad and Tobago

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.12	Trinidad and Tobago	Port of Spain	Armed Robbery	Cargo Vessel	Police are investigating an armed robbery aboard a cargo vessel docked along the Port of Spain waterfront on Sunday night.

According to reports around 2230 hrs. a group of approximately 12 men armed with firearms cutlasses and axes boarded the vessel Sea Elizabeth II which was moored alongside a barge near the Hyatt Regency Trinidad for repairs. The assailants announced a robbery and relieved the vessel's captain a Grenadian national along with two crew members a Vincentian national and a Trinidad-based shipmate of several items.



Source -: <https://www.winnmediaskn.com/sea-piracy-style-robbery-at-port-of-spain-waterfront/>

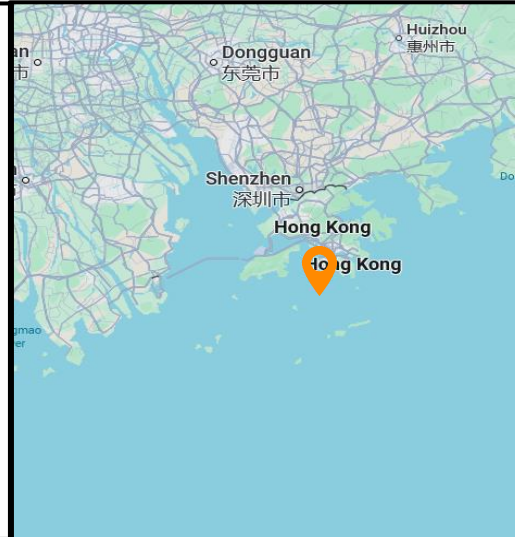
IUU FISHING



16 Apr/AFCD Lays Charges Against Deckhands Suspected of Using Snake Cages for Fishing /Hong Kong

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.16	Hong Kong	Lamma Island	Illegal Methods	One Fishing Boat	After investigation, the five persons were charged with contravening the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171). They will appear at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (April 17).

AFCD has brought charges against a local coxswain and four Mainland fishermen for allegedly using snake cages for fishing off Lamma Island. The charges followed a joint operation with the police on April 15 during which the AFCD seized fishing gear including snake cages, from the intercepted vessel. Only registered vessels in Hong Kong can fish using approved methods as specified in their registration certificates.



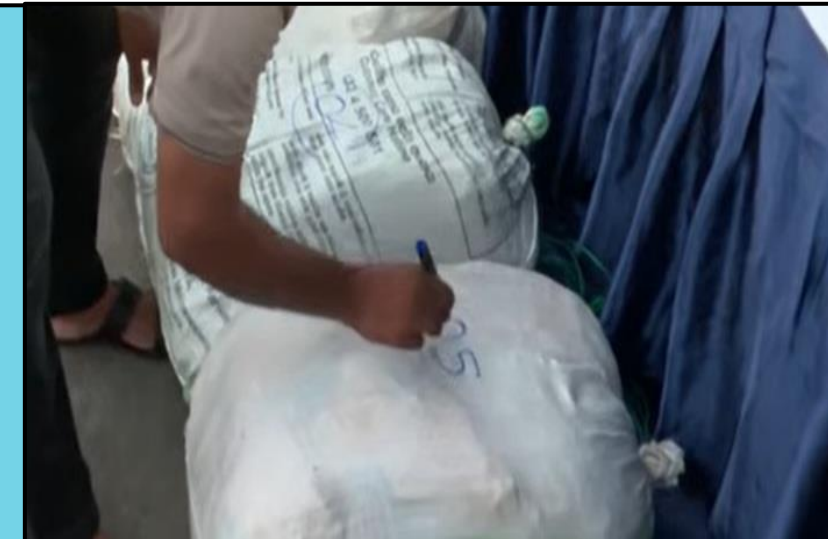
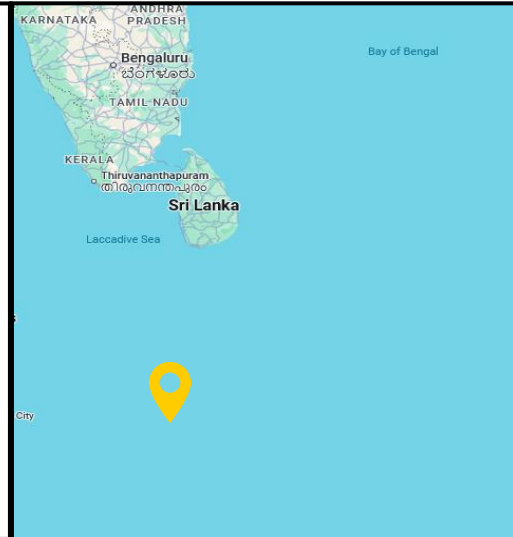
Source -: <https://www.bastillepost.com/global/article/5780449-afcd-lays-charges-against-local-coxswain-and-four-mainland-fishermen-deckhands-suspected-of-using-snake-cages-for-fishing>



17 Apr/Rs. 4 Bn Worth of Heroin Found in Fishing Boat Intercepted By Navy / Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.17	Sri Lanka	Southern Sea Area	Seizure of narcotics	Malty day fishing vessel	Four suspects were taken into custody along with the boat which was escorted to the Dikkowita Fisheries Harbour early Friday morning.

Sri Lanka Navy has uncovered approximately 150 kilograms of heroin from a multi-day fishing vessel intercepted in the deep sea south of the island. Deputy Defence Minister Aruna Jayasekara confirmed the discovery noting the heroin's estimated street value at around Rs. 4 billion. During the special naval operation officers found 150 packets of heroin concealed in six sacks aboard the vessel.



Source - : <https://www.newswire.lk/2026/04/17/rs-4-bn-worth-of-heroin-found-in-fishing-boat-intercepted-by-navy/>

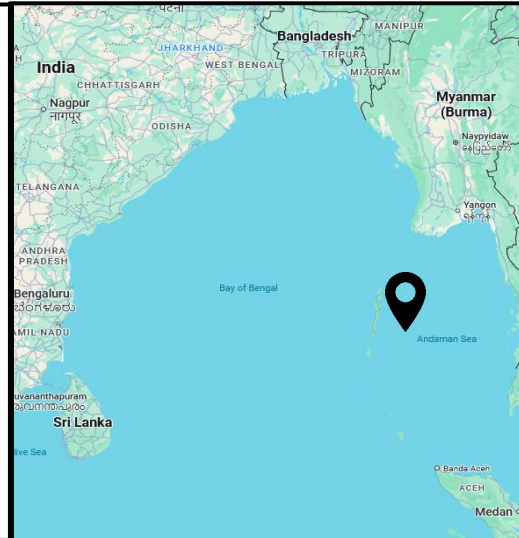
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



09 Apr/250 Missing After Migrant Boat Sinks / India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.09	India	Indian Ocean	Illegal Migrants boats capsizing	One Boat	The Rohingya, who are primarily Muslim, are denied citizenship by the government of Myanmar, a Buddhist-majority country.

About 250 Rohingya and Bangladeshis including children are missing after their boat capsized in the Andaman Sea. The boat departing from Bangladesh and bound for Malaysia, reportedly sank due to heavy winds rough seas and overcrowding. On 09 April a Bangladesh-flagged vessel rescued nine individuals who were clinging to debris. Many Rohingya have been fleeing to Bangladesh since a crackdown in 2017 but poor living conditions there have driven some to attempt dangerous crossings to Malaysia seen as a potential safe haven.



Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cz6778j78vlo>

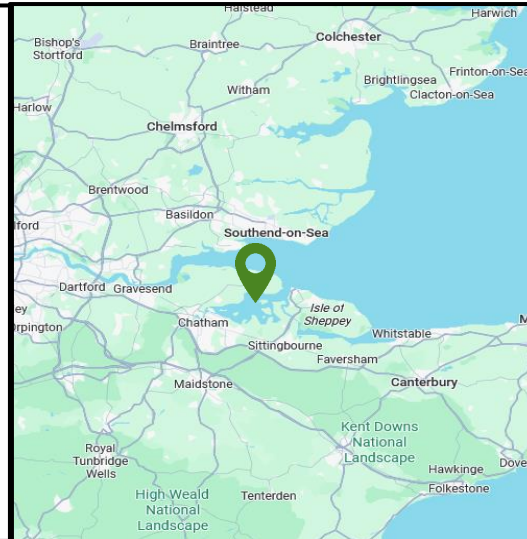
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



12 Apr /Diesel Spill After Boat Sinks at Thames Wharf / UK

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.16	UK	Thames wharf	Oil Spill	Vessel Name - MV Gleaner	The council said it had been speaking with potential salvors to refloat and dispose of the boat.

Diesel has been found in the water at Shortland Wharf in the Thames following the sinking of the MV Gleaner boat. Waikato Regional Council is investigating the diesel's source and extent after a smell and sheen were detected. Regional commander Celeste Davies- Calway noted there was no prior concern about diesel discharge before the sinking. Staff are deploying marine oil spill booms for assessment acknowledging the area's significant conservation value and the need to protect at-risk locations.



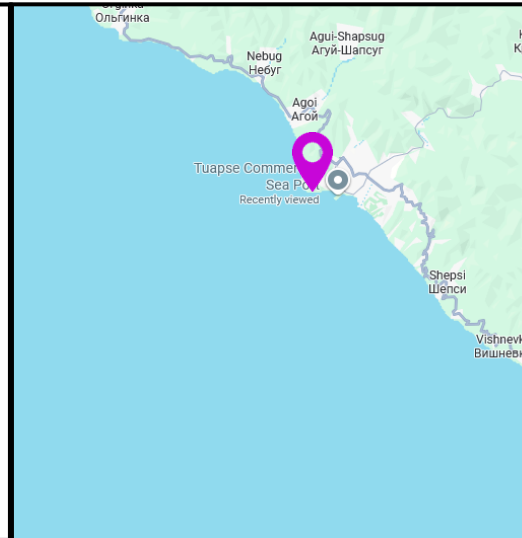
Source -: <https://www.sunlive.co.nz/news/380231-diesel-spill-after-boat-sinks-at-thames-wharf.html>



16 Apr/Two Killed in Ukrainian Drone Attack on Port of Tuapse / Russian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.16	Russia	Port of Tuapse	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	Drone fragments also damaged around six apartment blocks, a music school, two educational institutions, and about 24 houses.

On the night of 16 April a Ukrainian drone attack on the Russian port of Tuapse resulted in the deaths of two people including a 14-year-old girl and injuries to seven others. The attack also damaged a Liberian-flagged oil tanker and the city's infrastructure with debris hitting the nearby Rosneft-owned oil refinery. The governor of Krasnodar reported that the second fatality was an adult woman and the tanker's captain was hospitalised due to the incident.



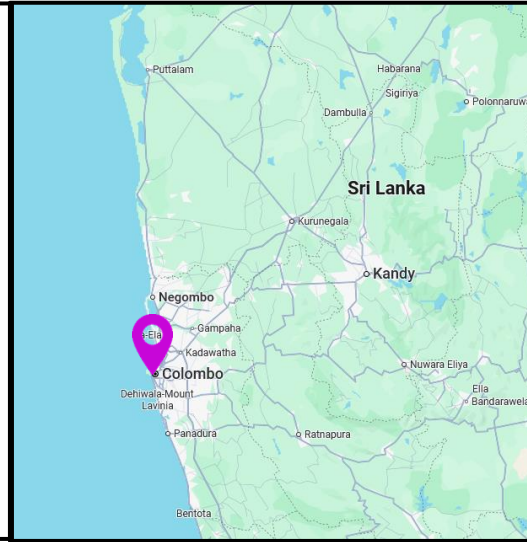
Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12862/two-killed-in-ukrainian-drone-attack-on-russian-port-of-tuap>



15 Apr/Indonesian Navy Ship KRI Bima Suci Arrives /Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.15	Sri Lanka	Port of Colombo	Naval Activities	Name - KRI Bima Suci	The crew will also visit a number of tourist attractions in Sri Lanka, providing opportunities for cultural exchange during the goodwill visit

The Indonesian Navy Sailing Ship KRI Bima Suci-945 arrived at the Port of Colombo on 15 Apr 26 for a goodwill visit emphasising the naval relationship between Sri Lanka and Indonesia. The Sri Lanka Navy extended a warm welcome in line with naval traditions. This visit is part of the ASEAN Plus Cadet Sail (APCS) 2026 programme involving naval cadets from 26 countries. Commanded by Commander Sugeng Haryanto the visiting ship will facilitate knowledge-sharing activities allowing Sri Lankan naval personnel to observe its operations and participate in various onboard programs.



Source -: <https://english.newsfirst.lk/2026/04/16/indonesian-navy-training-ship-kri-bima-suci-arrives>



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