

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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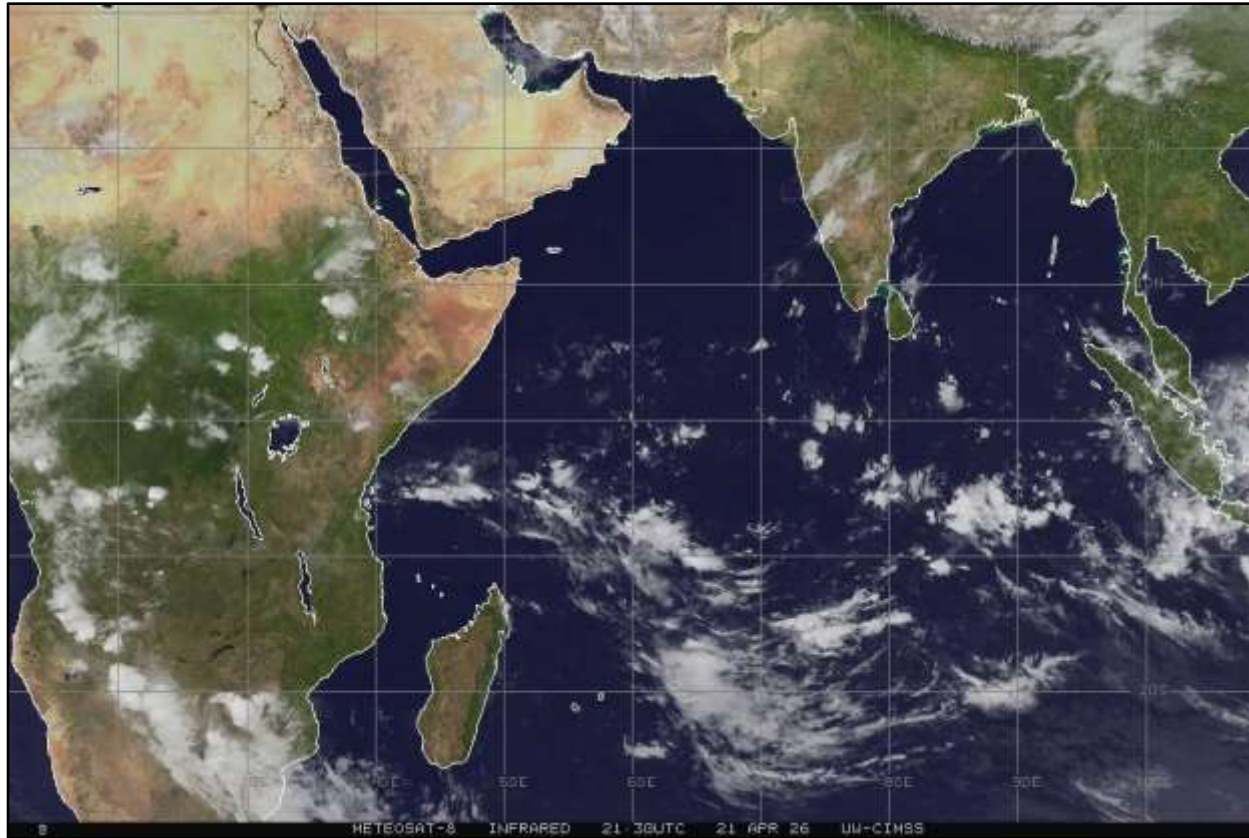
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Date 2026.04.22

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: 2026.04.21/1400UTC to 2026.04.22/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.04.21

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

ITCZ is not visible

Shear line is approximately along: 05S 60E, 05S 70E, 04S 80E, 01S 90E, EQ 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 30, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 65

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line:

SW'ly or Variable / (05-15) kts.

South of Shear line:

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

Seas:

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

Moderate in Sections : 70, 75

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

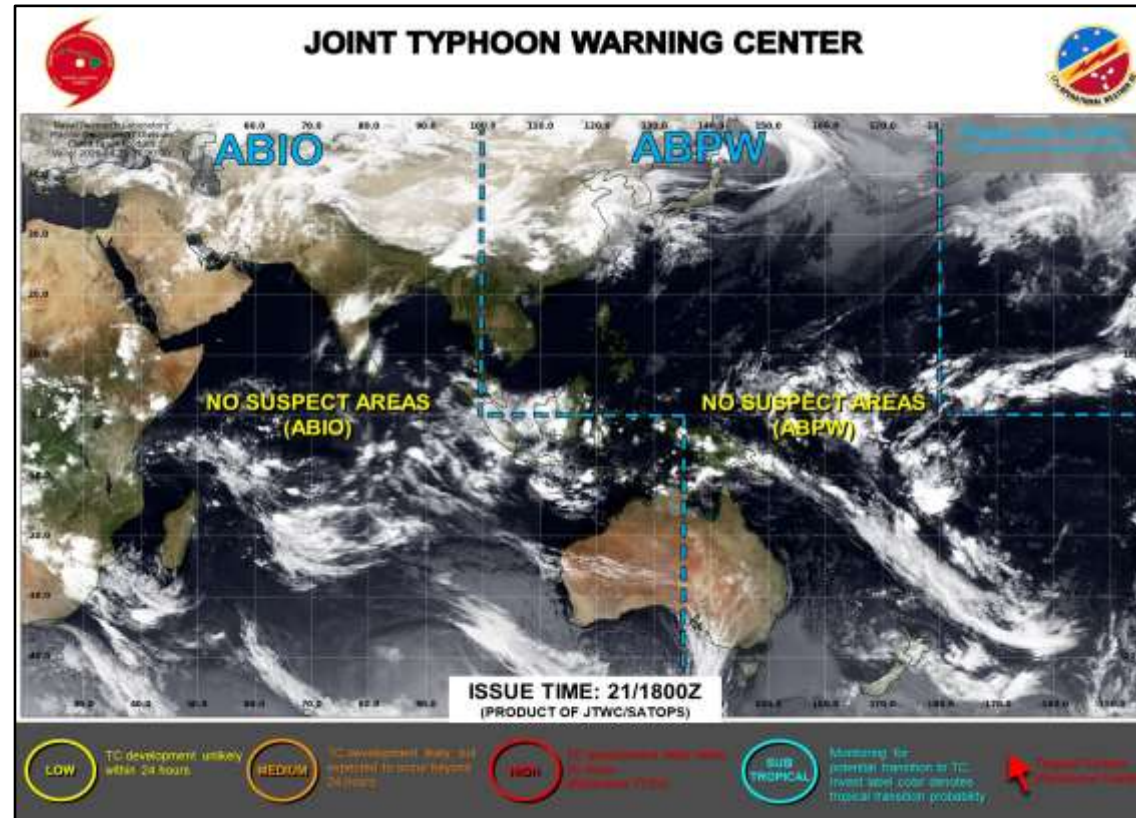
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- Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>



CYCLONE

Tropical Cyclone



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	02
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	03
Total Incidents	08

MARITIME INCIDENTS



18 Apr/Good Samaritans Pull Two From Water Before Coast Guard Arrives After Boat Overturms / USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.18	USA	Bogue Inlet	Search and Rescue (SAR)	One Boat	Chief Petty Officer Ken MacDougall urged boaters to check weather and water conditions and ensure they have proper safety equipment including life jackets.

Two people were rescued after their 14-foot boat capsized in Bogue Inlet due to waves. Coast Guard crews from Emerald Isle responded around 1300 hrs Saturday. Good Samaritans initially rescued the individuals and responders later brought them to shore with no injuries reported.



Source -: <https://wcti12.com/news/local/good-samaritans-pull-two-from-water-before-coast-guard-arrives-after-boat-overturms>

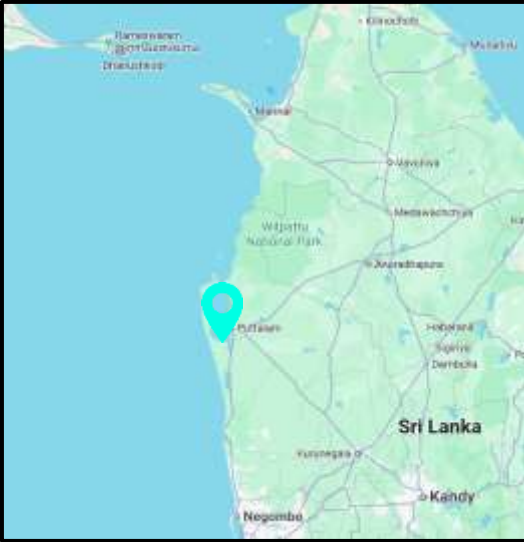


SMUGGLING

18 Apr/Navy Takes Hold of Over 1,300kg Of Smuggled Kendu Leaves / Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.18	Sri Lanka	Northwestern area	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The seized consignment of smuggled items was subsequently handed over to the Puttalam Excise Department for further investigation and necessary legal proceedings.

Based on intelligence information the Sri Lanka Navy recovered a massive haul of over 1,300kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during a search operation conducted in the Kudawa area of Kalpitiya on 18 Apr 26. Accordingly naval personnel from SLNS Vijaya in the Northwestern Naval Command carried out the search in the coastal scrublands of Kudawa. During the search the team discovered 42 suspicious sacks within the thicket. Upon closer inspection the sacks were found to contain approximately 1,302 kg of Kendu leaves which are suspected to have been smuggled into the country.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/04/20/202604201600/>



21 Apr/Customs Seize 90 Kg of Marijuana Hidden in LED Panels / Poland

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.21	Poland	Airport warehouse	Seizure of narcotics	-	The shipment, declared as LED panels, arrived in a wooden crate containing 47 units.

Polish customs officers intercepted nearly 90 kg of marijuana concealed in LED panels from Canada during a risk-based inspection. The recipient a 40-year-old Chinese woman has been detained and charged with narcotics importation. A court has remanded her in custody for three months, and she faces a prison sentence of three to 20 years if convicted. The investigation is managed by the Mazovian customs office with oversight from the Warsaw- Ochota district prosecutor's office.



Source -: <https://tvpworld.com/92822859/poland-foils-plot-to-smuggle-marihuana-in-led-panels-arrests-chinese-woman>

NARCOTIC



19 Apr/Forces Strike Suspected Narcotic Boat 3 Kill / US

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.19	USA	Caribbean Sea	Seizure of narcotics	One Boat	Joint Task Force Southern Spear forces struck a boat allegedly ferrying illicit narcotics in the Caribbean US Southern Command announced Sunday night.

Three men were killed in the latest strike by SOUTHCOM marking the 53rd operation since President Trump announced the first on 01 Sep 26 with at least 179 fatalities reported. This strike is the first on a ship in the Caribbean in April and the sixth in the month, reflecting a renewed effort by SOUTHCOM. The vessel targeted was allegedly operated by a designated terrorist organisation with claims it was transporting drugs like cocaine and fentanyl which Trump has labelled as a weapon of mass destruction.



Source -: <https://news.usni.org/2026/04/20/u-s-forces-strike-suspected-narco-boat-3-killed>

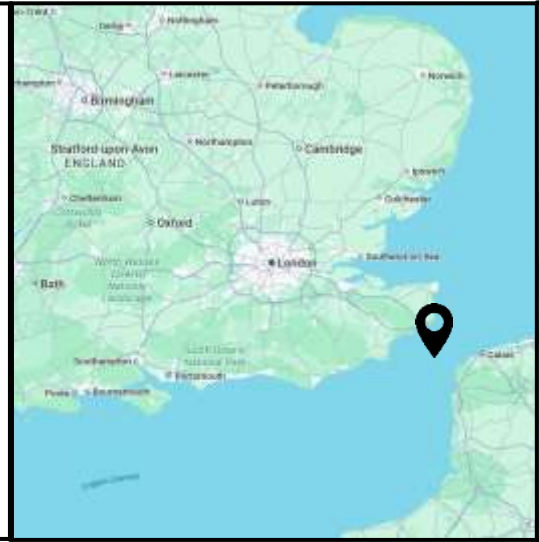
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



18 Apr/More Than 600 Migrants Cross Channel in One Day /UK

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2026.04.18	UK	English Chanel	Illegal broader crossing	Nine boats	The deal expired on 31 March but a two-month extension has been signed, costing the UK £16.2m while the two sides continue to negotiate a new contract.

On Saturday over 600 migrants crossed the Channel on small boats marking the second busiest day of 2023 with 602 arrivals in Dover. This brings the total for the year to over 6,000. The previous record for a single day was 605 arrivals on 25 Feb 26. The Home Office stated it is working to reduce small boat crossings and highlighted a recent three-year £476 million agreement with France to enhance patrols against smuggling involving nearly 700 officers and the use of drones and buggies.



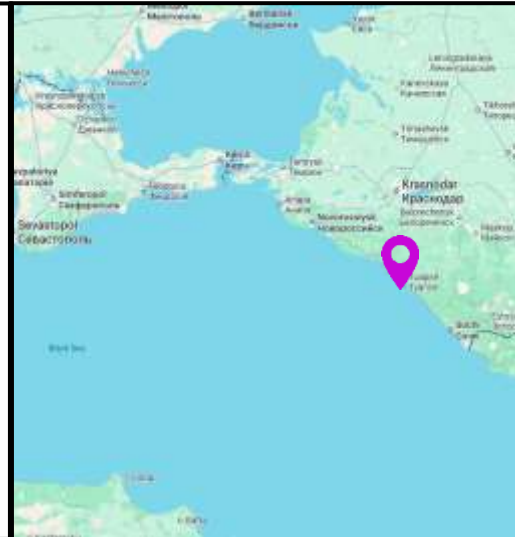
Source -: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cly6v5w9l8qo>



20 Apr/Ukrainian Drone Strike On Tuapse Port Kills One / Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.20	Russia	Tuapse Port	Other Military /Coastguard activities	-	Oil booms have been deployed to contain the spill, while six vessels including speedboats and oil skimmers are engaged in the cleanup operation.

Russian officials reported a Ukrainian drone strike on the Tuapse seaport on 20 Apr 26 causing a fire and resulting in at least one fatality. Veniamin Kondratiev confirmed the attack indicating that one person was killed and another injured with falling drone debris damaging several structures including a kindergarten and a residential building. The Russian defence ministry stated that 112 Ukrainian drones were intercepted during this incident which also led to an oil spill near the port.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12875/ukrainian-drone-strike-on-tuapse-port-kills-one-and-cause-oil-spill>

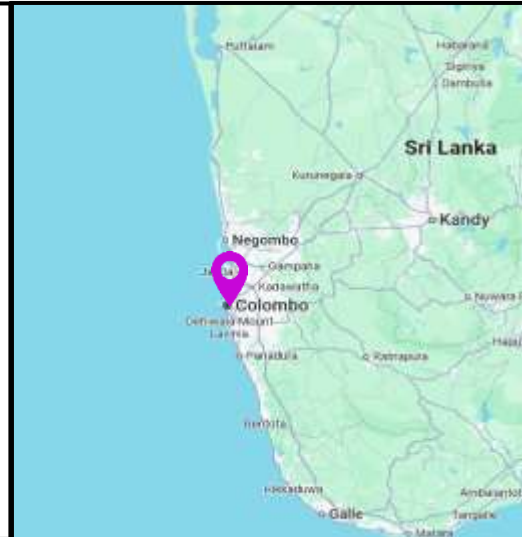
OTHER



21 Apr/Indian Navy Ship 'Nireekshak' Call Port of Colombo / Sri Lanka

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2026.04.21	Sri Lanka	Colombo port	Naval Activities	Name - Nireekshak	The crew is also scheduled to participate in several activities organised by the Sri Lanka Navy and to visit tourist attractions within the country.

The Indian Navy Ship (INS) 'Nireekshak' arrived in Sri Lanka for an Operational Turnaround (OTR) and a training visit on 21 Apr 26. The Sri Lanka Navy welcomed the visiting ship at the Port of Colombo in accordance with time-honoured naval traditions the Sri Lanka Navy said. Commanded by Commander Sailesh Kumar Tyagi the Diving Support Vessel is scheduled to conduct a training programme with the diving personnel of the Sri Lanka Navy.



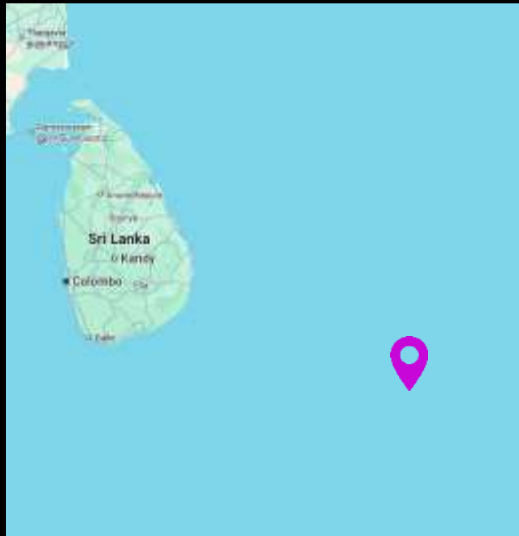
Source -: <https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=121539>



21 Apr/Navy SEALs Board and Seize Sanctioned Iranian Oil Tanker in Indian Ocean/US

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2026.04.21	USA	Indian Ocean	Naval Activities	Name - Tifani	A US military official told NYT the White House will determine the ultimate fate of the vessel and its cargo.

US Navy SEALs seized the tanker M/T Tifani carrying Iranian oil in the Indian Ocean part of the Trump administration's strategy to pressure Iran's economy amid ongoing US-Israeli tensions. The operation which followed a maritime blockade outside the Strait of Hormuz resulted in the vessel being held in military custody. The US Central Command reported 27 ships were turned back from Iranian ports in the past week with military leaders pledging to target any Iranian-flagged vessels or those supporting Iran.



Source -: <https://united24media.com/latest-news/us-navy-seals-board-and-seize-sanctioned-iranian-oil-tanker-in-indian-ocean-18122>



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