

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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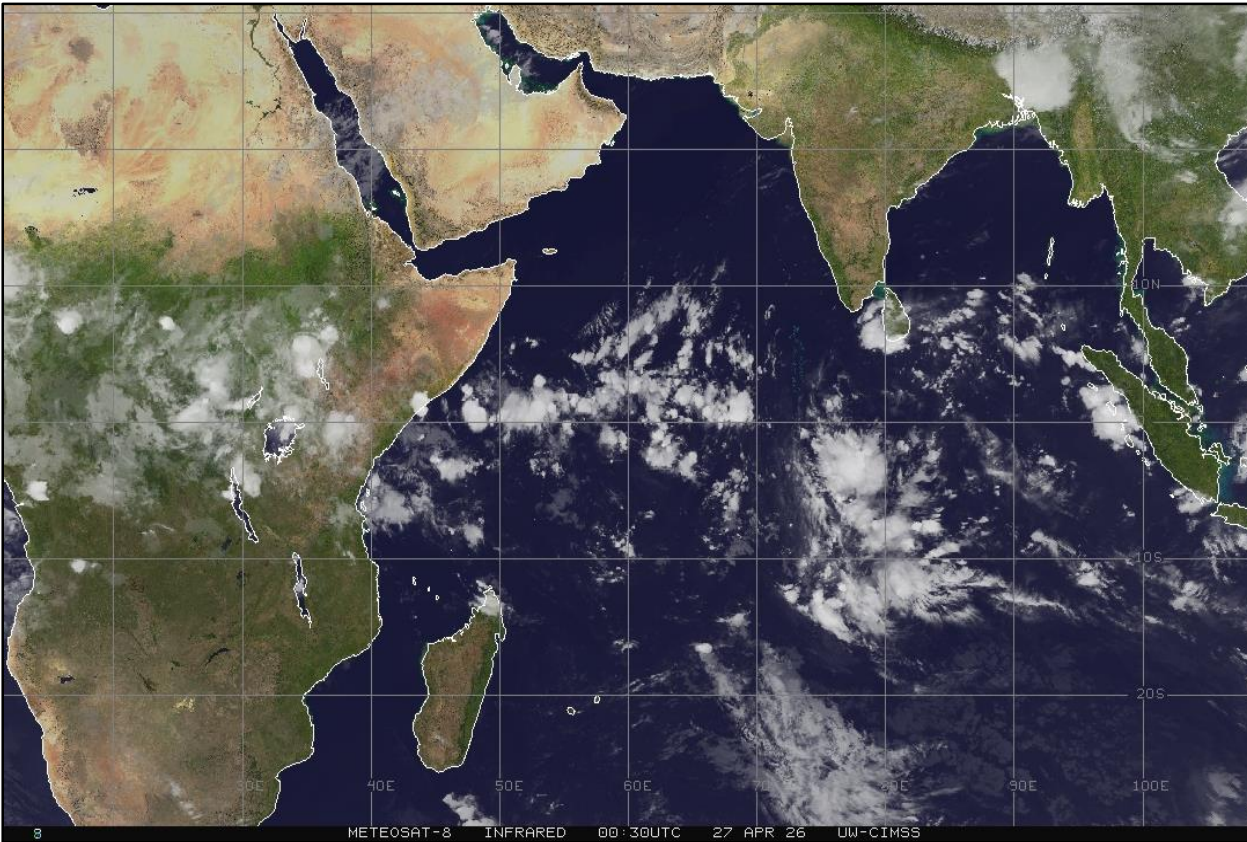
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Date 2026.04.27

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: 2026.04.27/0600UTC to 2026.04.27/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.04.27

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

ITCZ line is approximately along : EQ 60E, EQ 70E, 01S 80E

Shear line is approximately along : 06S 60E, 06S 70E, 07S 80E, 02S 90E, 01S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 20, 40, 55, 65, 80,

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 45, 50, 55, 60, 70, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of ITCZ:

West of 80E: Westerly or Variable/ (05-15) kts.

East of 80E: South-easterly / (05-15) kts.

In between ITCZ and Shear line

West of 85E: W'yly to NW'yly/ (05-15) kts.

East of 85E: S'yly or Variable / (05-15) kts.

South of Shear line:

SE'yly / (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 : 40, 45, 70

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

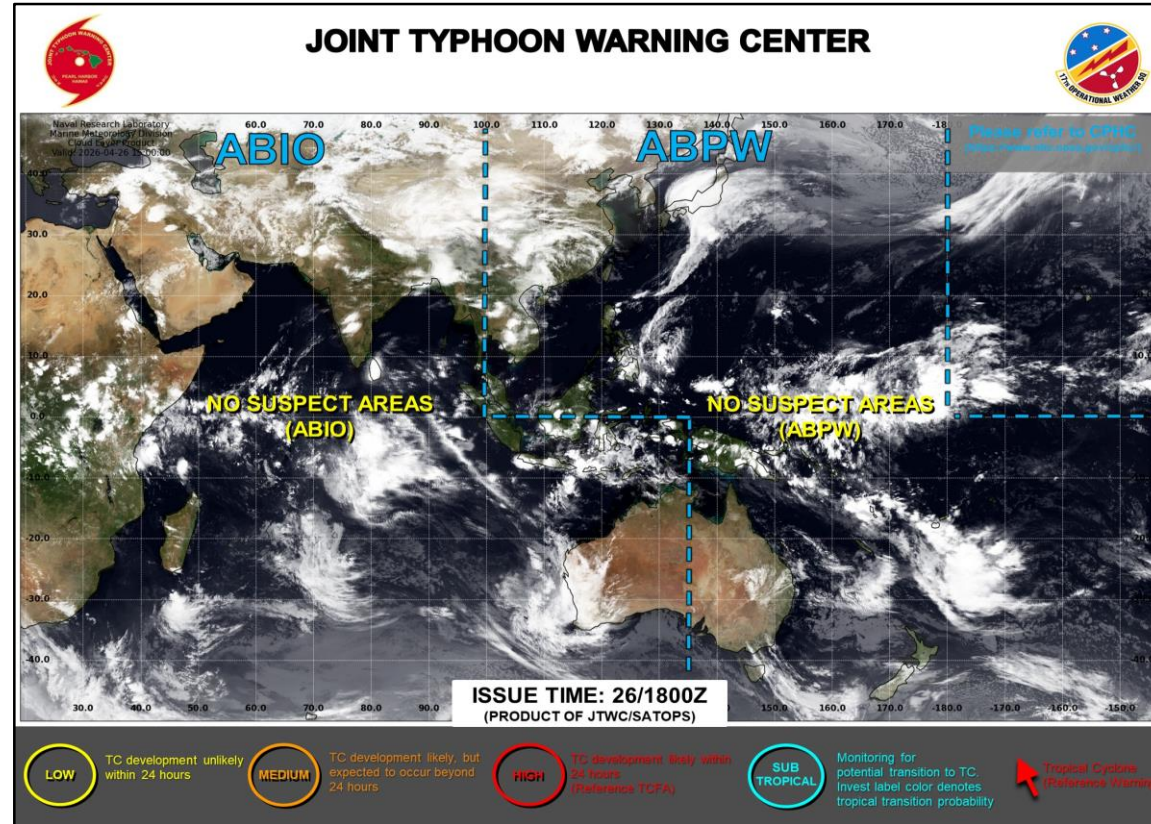
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

• 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	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	02
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	NIL
Total Incidents	06

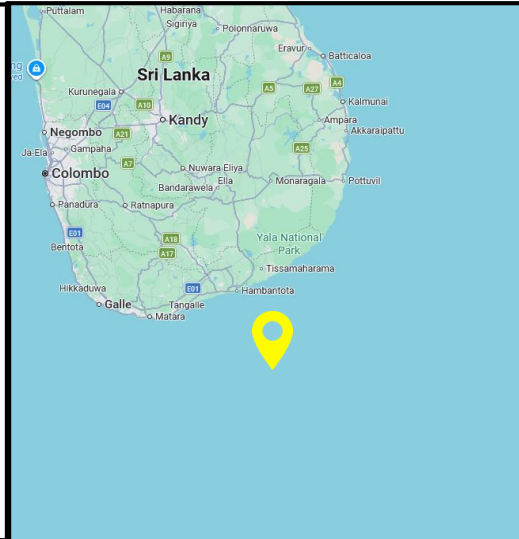
MARITIME INCIDENTS



25 Apr/ SLN Swiftly Responds to Bring Ashore Injured Fisherman for Urgent Medical Attention/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.25	Sri Lanka	Southern naval area	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Meanwhile, the Navy remains alert to such emergencies affecting the fishing and naval communities, in close coordination with MRCC Colombo.

The Sri Lanka Navy responded to a maritime emergency on 25 Apr 26 by rescuing an injured fisherman from the multiday fishing trawler Hasitha Putha 4' which had been fishing approximately 45 nautical miles off the south coast. The fisherman suffered a serious bone fracture prompting a request for assistance from the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources via the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo. The Navy quickly dispatched a craft from the Southern Naval Command to conduct the retrieval and ensure the fisherman received urgent medical attention.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2026/04/26/202604261530/>

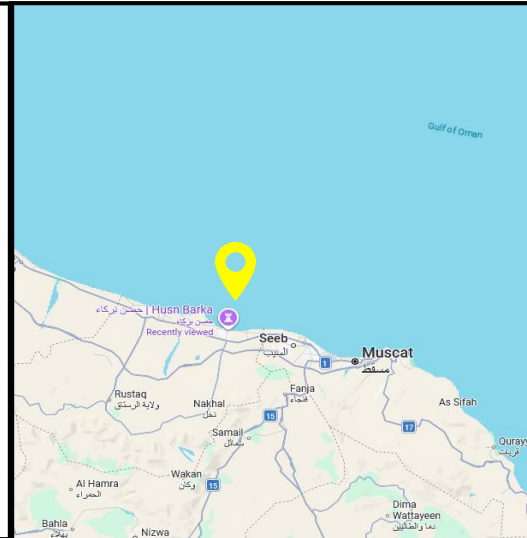
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26 Apr/Three Rescued After Boat Capsizes off Barka Coast /Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.26	Oman	Coast Of Barka	Search and Rescue (SAR)	One Boat	The distressed vessel was later secured and towed to the marine dock at the fishing port in the Wilayat of Barka.

Three Omani citizens were successfully rescued after their vessel capsized off the coast of Barka, thanks to a coordinated effort between the Royal Oman Police's Coast Guard Unit and local fishermen. All individuals were reported safe following the operation conducted in South Al Batinah Governorate.



Source -: <https://gulfnews.com/world/gulf/oman/three-omanis-rescued-after-boat-capsizes-off-barka-coast-1.500519792>

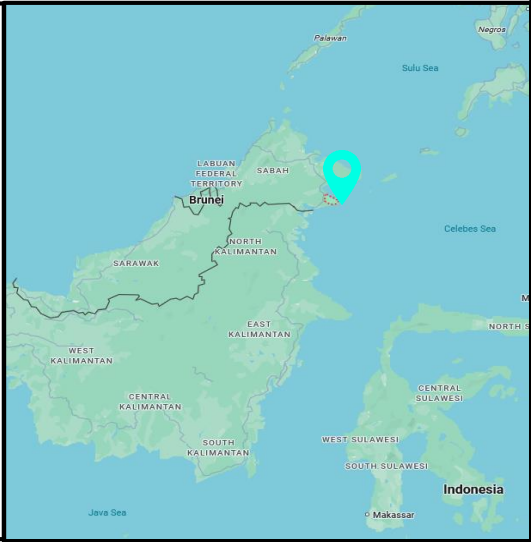
SMUGGLING



25 Apr/Booze Smugglers Illegal Migrants Nabbed Near Semporna /Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.25	Malaysia	Off Semporna	Contraband /Goods smuggling	Speed Boat	Suspected smugglers and illegal immigrants were nabbed in two raids in the waters off Semporna early Saturday (April 25).

On a recent operation Sabah Region 4 Marine Police halted a speedboat heading to Pulau Bohayan at around 0700Hrs. They discovered six boxes containing 144 bottles of liquor believed to be smuggled from the Philippines valued at RM51,320. The liquor was confiscated and two men aboard were arrested under the Customs Act 1967. Additionally another boat inspection led to the arrest of seven individuals and their skipper who lacked documentation under the Immigration Act 1959/63.



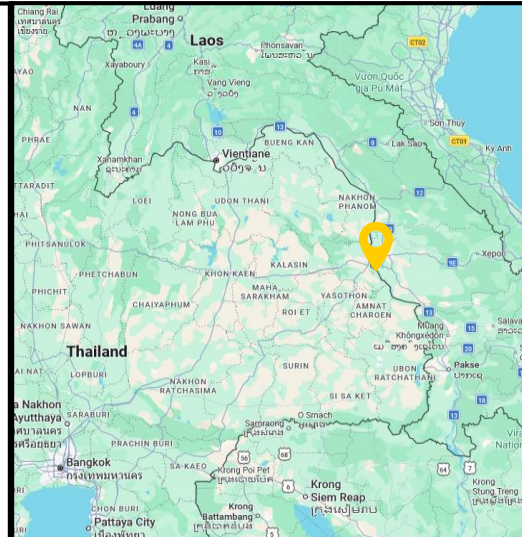
Source -: <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2026/04/26/booze-smugglers-illegal-migrants-nabbed-near-semporna>



24 Apr/Smugglers Abandon 500kg of Meth Near Mekong River/Thailand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.24	Thailand	Mekong River	Seizure Of Narcotics	-	A total of 500 packages were seized, with a combined weight of 500kg.

Authorities seized 500 Kg of highgrade crystal methamphetamine marked with the "Golden Flying Horse logo left by fleeing smugglers near the Mekong River in Tha Uthen district. Local officials and security forces made the discovery during a patrol on Friday night. Investigators revealed that the narcotics contained in 12 sacks had been transported from Laos by traffickers in a longtail boat and were temporarily hidden on the Thai side before the smugglers retreated upon seeing the patrol team.



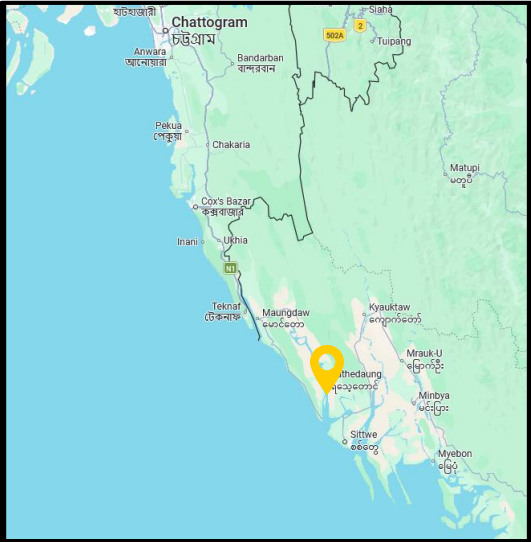
Source -: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/3243819/smugglers-abandon-500kg-of-meth-near-mekong-river>



24 Apr/AA Arrests 11 Smuggling Marijuana into Sittwe/ Bangladesh

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2026.04.24	Bangladesh	Rathedaung Town coastline	Seizure Of Narcotics	Two Boat	A Second boat, which arrived at 0230 pm to tow the disabled vessel was also seized. Four additional Bangladeshi nationals on board were arrested.

The Arakan Army (AA) intercepted two boats and arrested 11 Bangladeshi nationals for marijuana smuggling into Sittwe Rakhine State on 24 Apr 26. The AA Coast Guard seized a vessel near Rathedaung Township where they found six men and one woman arrested and discovered 23 packets of marijuana weighing approximately 32 kilograms along with other items such as aphrodisiacs birth control pills mobile phones and Bangladeshi Taka.



Source -: <https://www.narinjara.com/news/detail/69ed174fb4daf4566220f07b>

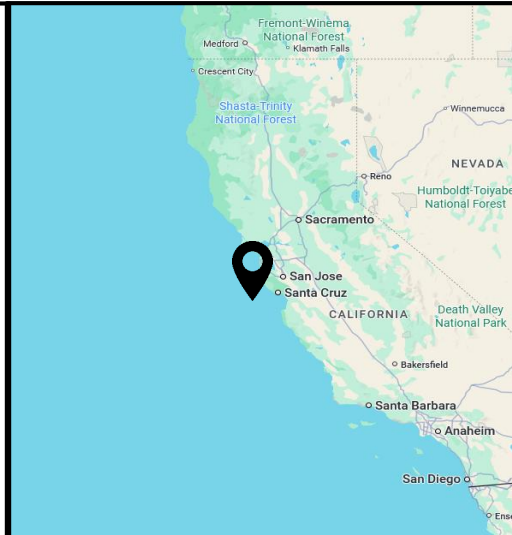
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



17 and 21 Apr/CBP Joins Forces With Coast Guard to Intercept Three Smuggling Boats/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.04.17 to 21	USA	California coast	Illegal Broader Crossing	Three Boat	The next day, CBP apprehended another suspected smuggler boat 80 nautical miles southwest of San Diego.

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced its partnership with the US Coast Guard to intercept smuggling boats along the California coast resulting in the apprehension of 60 individuals across three vessels between 17 and 21 Apr 26. Notably on 17 Apr 26 CBP's San Diego Marine Unit intercepted a 24-foot boat near San Clemente Island with 13 people aboard. Additionally assisted by the Coast Guard's Cutter Florence Finch CBP's Long Beach Marine Unit apprehended 29 Mexican nationals near San Nicolas Island with the Coast Guard transporting them to Newport Harbour for processing.



Source -: <https://www.foxnews.com/us/cbp-joins-forces-coast-guard-apprehend-60-smugglers-california-coast>



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