

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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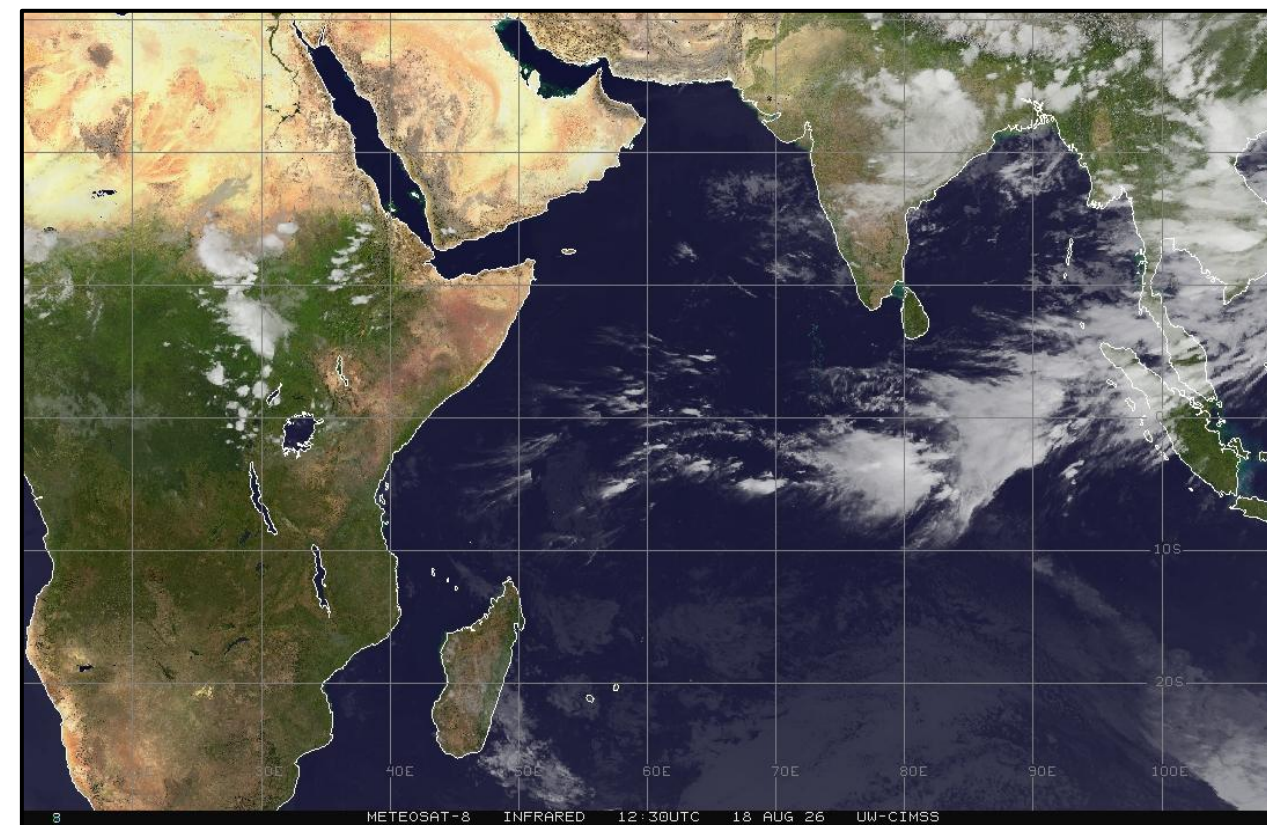
Date 2026.08.18

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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: 2026.08.18/1400UTC to 2026.08.19/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.18

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

Shear line is approximately along: 02N 60E, 04N 70E, 01S 80E, 01S 90E, EQ 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 35, 45, 50, 55.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 20, 40, 70.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 70E : SW'ly / (10-15) kts.

70E to 77E : W'ly to NW'ly / (10-15) kts.

East of 77E : W'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 05, 10, 50 and gusting up to 25 kts in sections 15.

South of Shear line:

West of 90E : SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 45, 60, 65, 70, 80, 85.

East of 90E : SE'ly / (10-15) kts.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 50.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 45, 60, 65, 70, 80, 85.

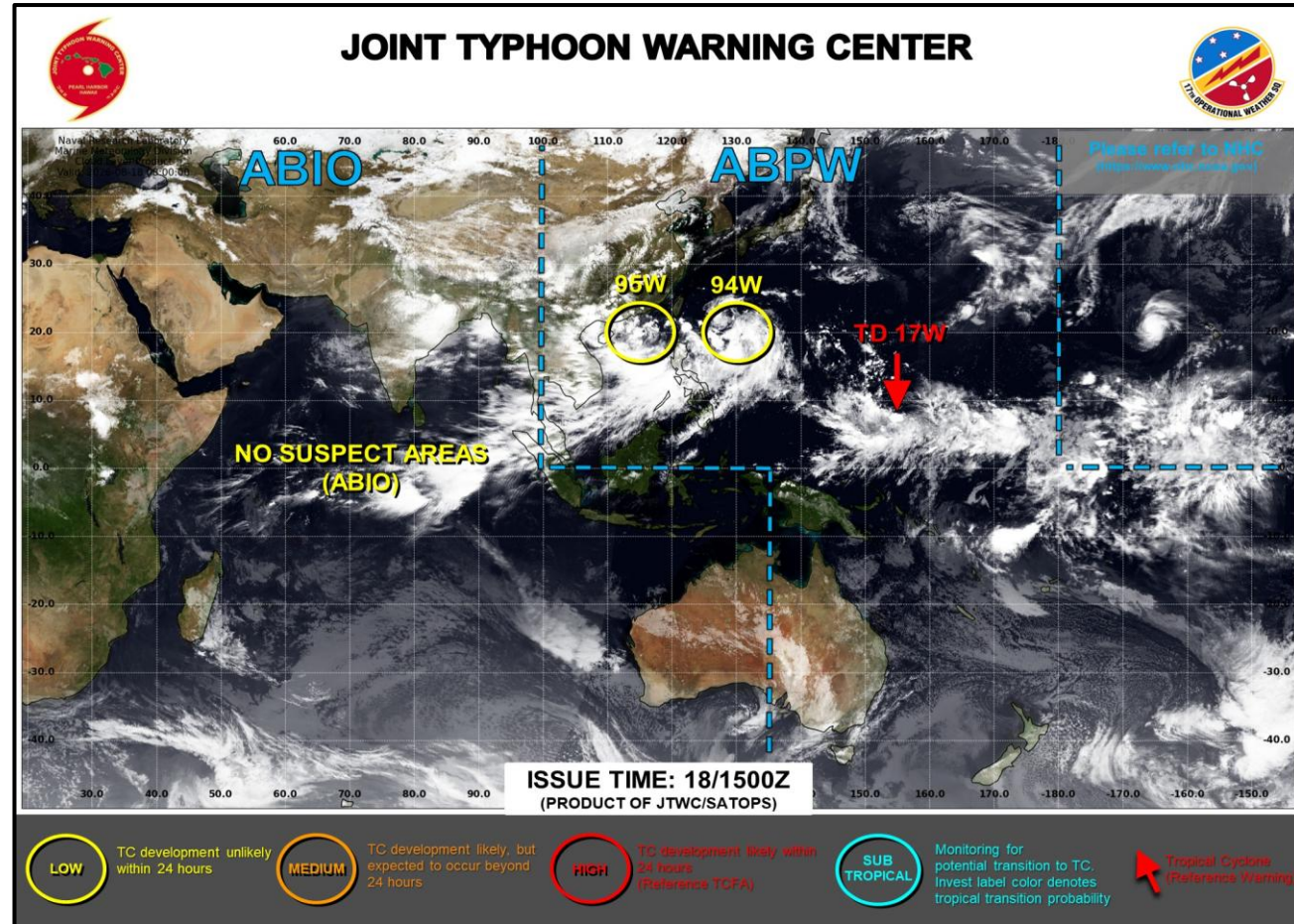
Moderate in sections : 30, 40.

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

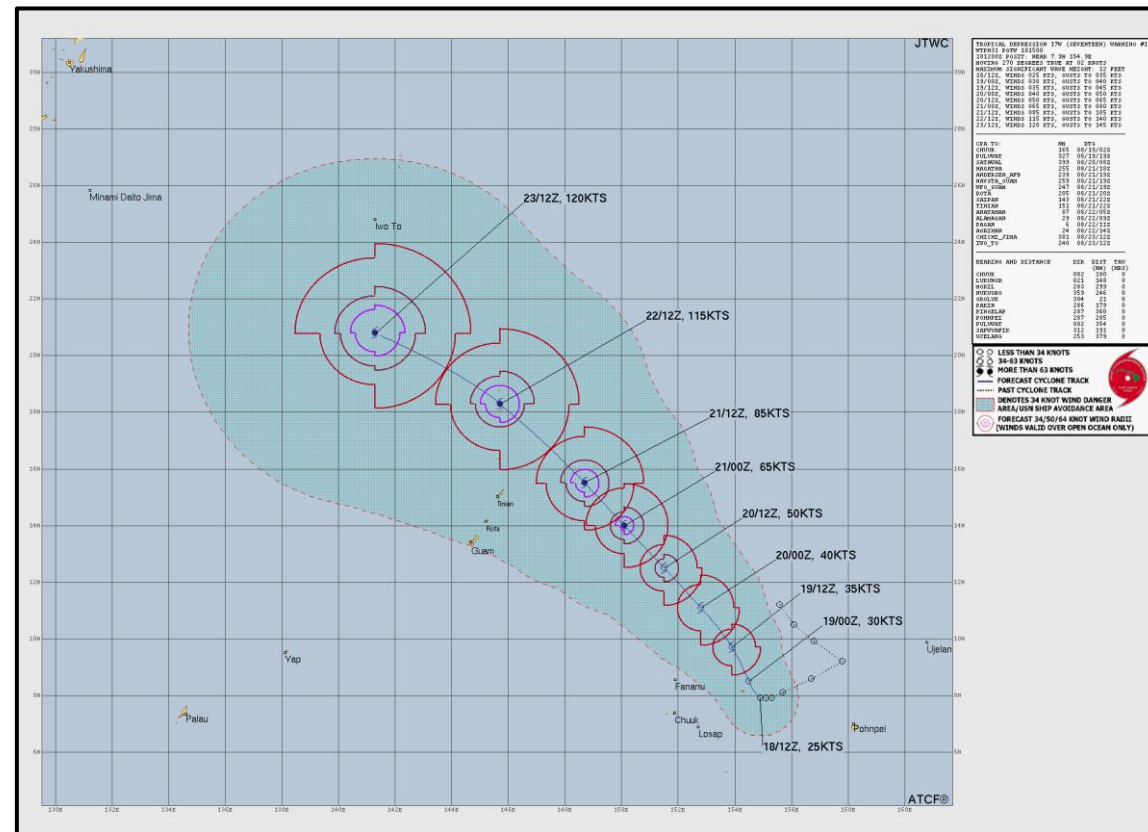


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "Seventeen"



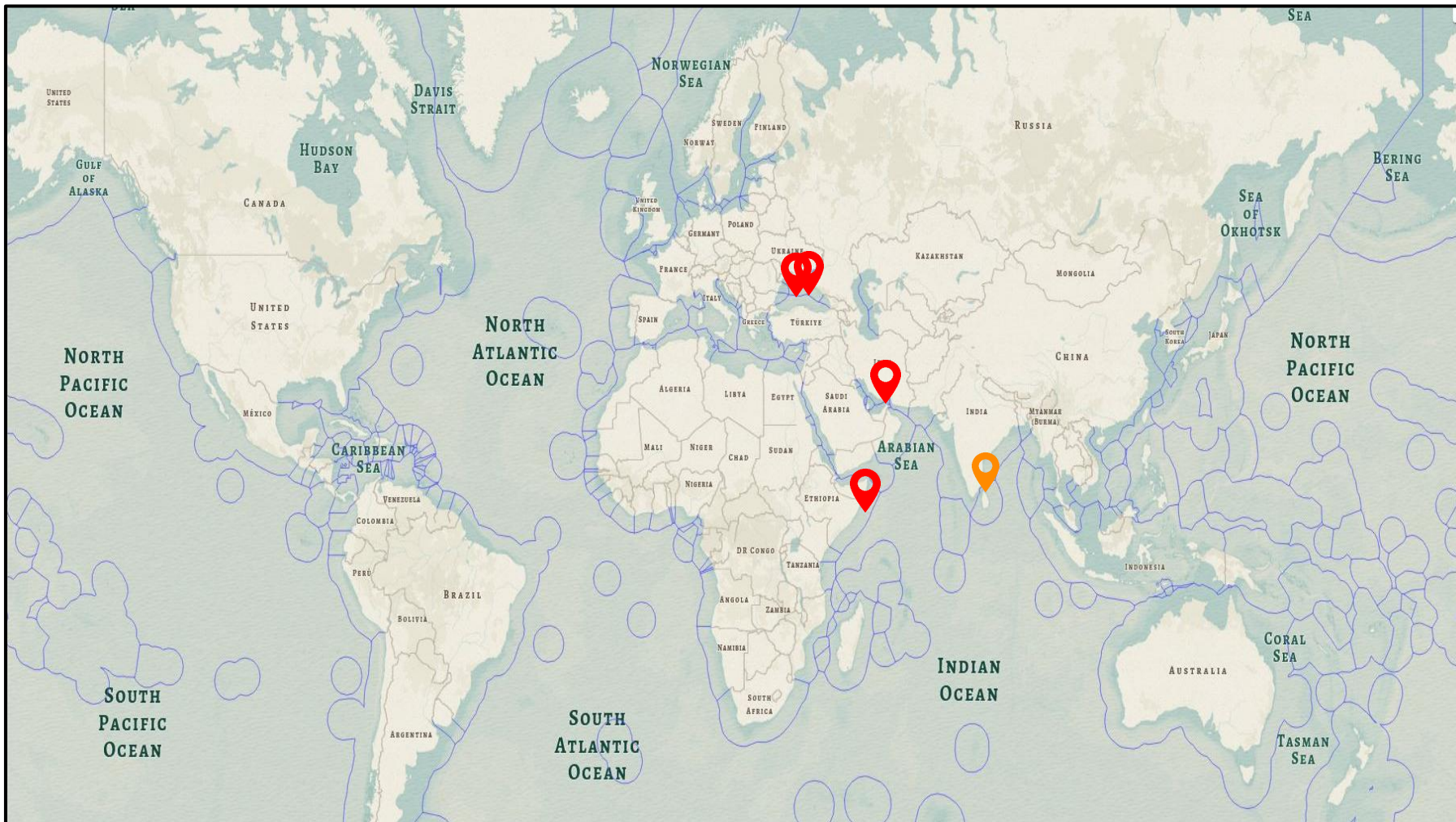
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TROPICAL CYCLONE "LALA"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	NIL
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	04
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	05

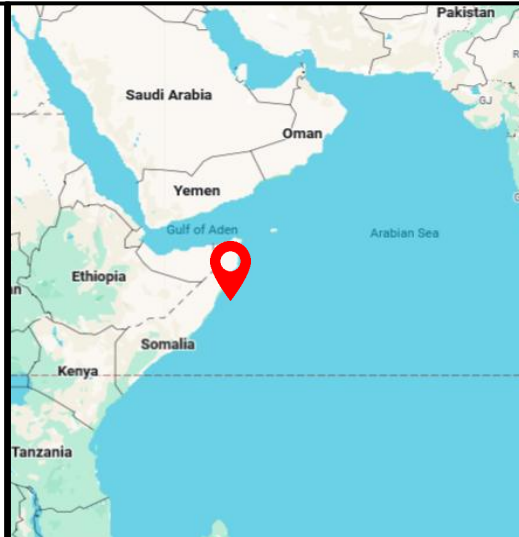
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



17 Aug/General Cargo Vessel Hijacked by Pirates off Somali Coast/Somalia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.17	Somalia	Western Indian Ocean	Piracy	Name: LUTUF IMO:9109134 Type:General Cargo	Eight unauthorized armed individuals seized a vessel around 1136 UTC, with the UKMTO confirming the situation as a hijacking. The condition of the crew remains unknown, and authorities are currently investigating the incident.

On 17 Aug 26, the Cameroon-flagged cargo vessel Lutuf was hijacked by eight armed men off the coast of Mareeyo, Somalia. The crew's condition is unknown, and authorities are investigating the incident, which was confirmed as a hijacking by the UKMTO.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13179/general-cargo-vessel-hijacked-by-pirates-off-somali-coast>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



16 Aug/Greek-Managed Tanker Hit by Drone Strike While Loading Oil off Novorossiysk/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.16	Russia	Near Novorossiysk	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name: MT Skiros Type: Oil Tanker	Vanguard, a maritime security firm, has identified the attacked vessel as the Liberian-flagged Skiros. Details regarding the extent of the damage, crew injuries, and pollution are still unknown, and no party has taken responsibility for the attack.

Greek news media reported that on 16 Aug 26 a Liberia-flagged oil tanker was struck by an aerial drone while loading oil near Novorossiysk, Russia. The tanker had previously sailed from Turkey. Video footage shows the drone making an initial pass before returning to strike the bridge, which caught fire.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13178/greek-managed-tanker-targeted-in-drone-strike-while-loading->

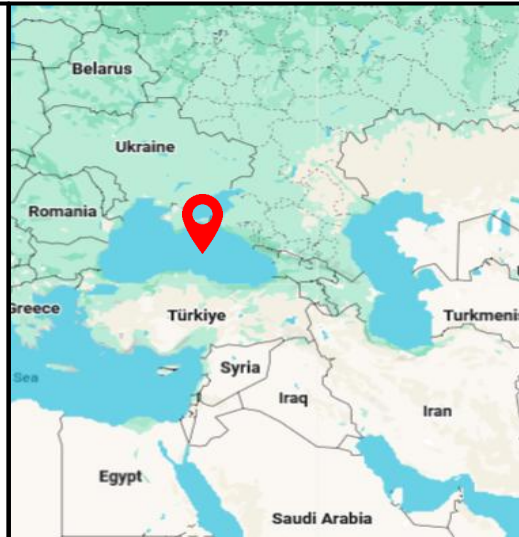
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17 Aug/Two Bulk Carriers Attacked in Black Sea, All Crew Members Safe/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.17	Russia	Approximately 20 NM off Novorossiysk	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name: ANNA S Type: Bulk Carrier Name: ELINA B Type: Bulk Carrier	MV Anna S was hit by a missile while heading to Novorossiysk, causing an explosion and fire. All 21 crew members evacuated and were rescued by MV Elina B. Five hours later, MV Elina B was also struck but continued towards Turkey. The status of MV Anna S is unknown, including whether it is afloat or sinking.

On 17 Aug 26, two bulk carriers, Anna S and Elina B, were attacked by missiles near Novorossiysk in the Black Sea. Anna S was significantly damaged and caught fire, leading its 21 crew members to evacuate to Elina B. About five hours later, Elina B was also struck but remained operational and continued towards Turkey with the rescued crew, all of whom were reported safe.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13182/two-bulk-carriers-attacked-in-black-sea-all-seafarers-report>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



18 Aug/Liberian-Flagged Bulk Carrier Hit in Hormuz, Chief Engineer Killed /Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.18	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name: MINOAN DIGNITY Type: Bulk Carrier	The vessel sustained damage from an unidentified projectile at 0135 UTC while exiting the Strait of Hormuz, leading to the Chief Engineer's death. The Omani Coast Guard aided in rescuing the remaining crew, with no reports of pollution.

On 18 Aug 26, the Minoan Dignity, a Liberian-flagged bulk carrier, was hit by an unknown projectile in the Strait of Hormuz, damaging its engine-room and resulting in the death of the Chief Engineer. The crew was rescued by the Omani Coast Guard, and there were no reports of pollution.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/13181/liberian-flagged-bulk-carrier-hit-in-hormuz-chief-engineer-k>

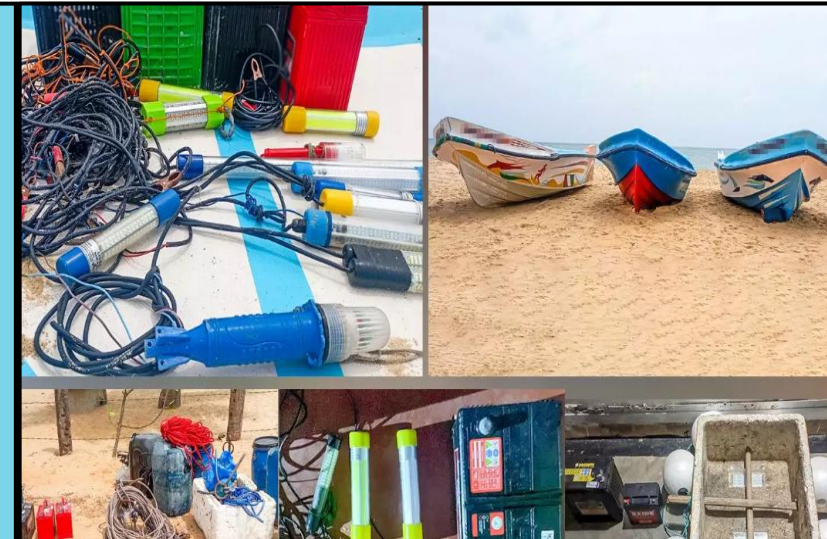
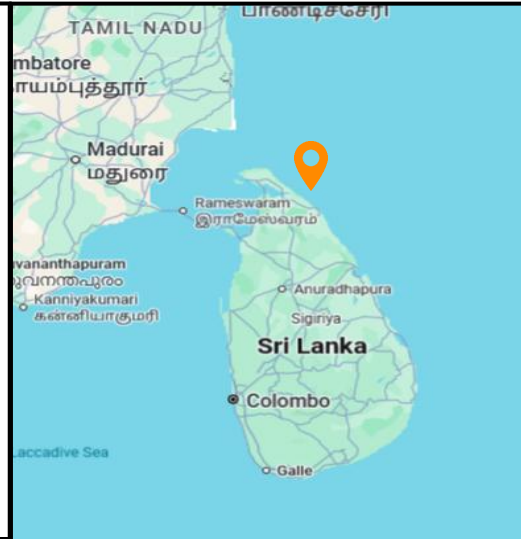
IUU FISHING



18 Aug/Navy Nabs 50 Persons Over Illegal Fishing Activities/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.01 To 2026.08.15	Sri Lanka	Trincomalee, Mullaitivu, Jaffna and Mannar coastal areas	Illegal Fishing Apparatus	-	The Sri Lanka Navy, alongside the Police and Department of Fisheries, carried out operations against illegal fishing from 1 to 15 August 2026, resulting in the apprehension of 50 individuals and the seizure of 24 dinghies. The operations targeted prohibited fishing methods, leading to the confiscation of commercial explosives and banned fishing gear, with suspects and seized items handed over for legal action.

From 1 to 15 Aug 26, the Sri Lanka Navy, in collaboration with the Police and the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, executed operations against illegal fishing in various coastal regions. This resulted in the apprehension of 50 individuals and the seizure of 24 fishing dinghies, along with commercial explosives and prohibited fishing gear. The suspects and confiscated items were referred to the appropriate authorities for legal action.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/navy-nabs-50-persons-over-illegal-fishing-activities.html>



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