

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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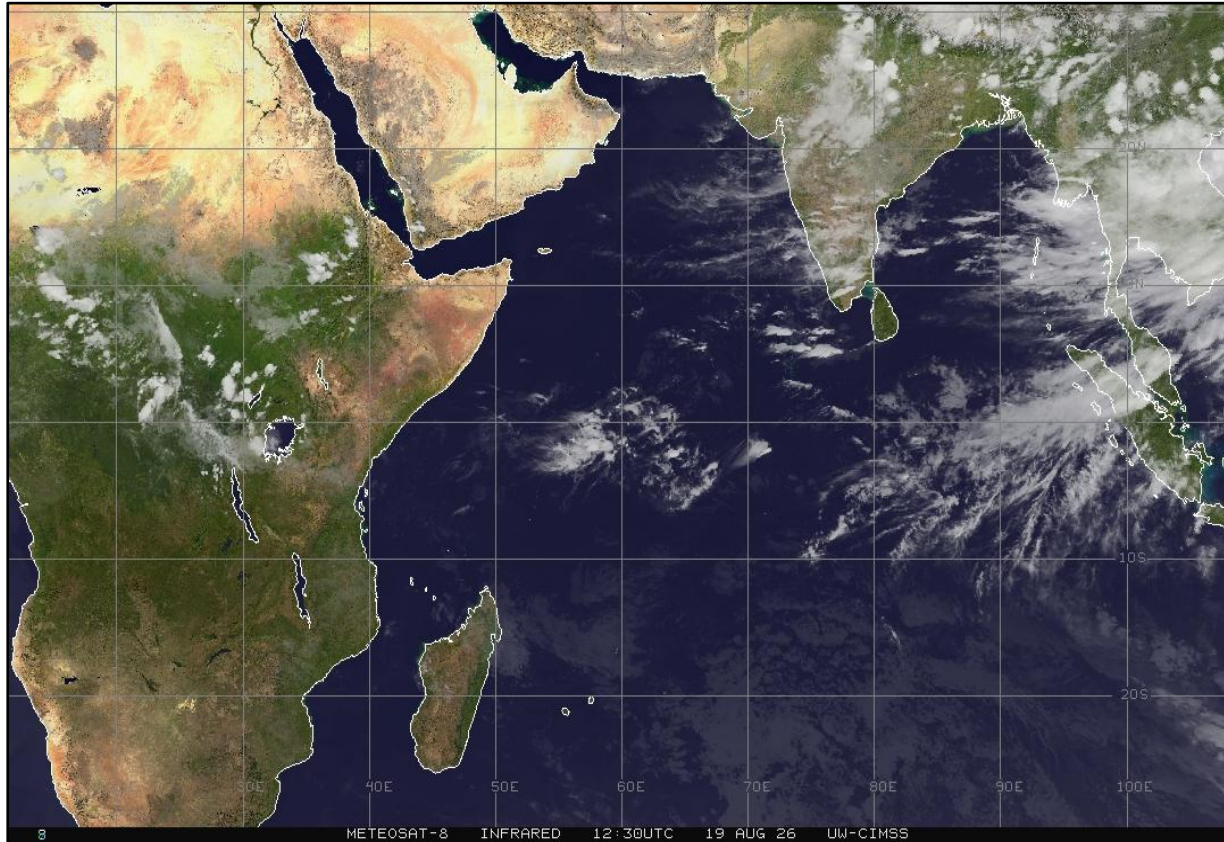
Date 2026.08.19

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WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for Next 24 hrs



Fleet Forecast for Area - E

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

Valid period: 2026.08.19/1400UTC to 2026.08.20/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.08.19

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 05, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 70.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 10, 15, 20, 25, 55, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

in between 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 and 15.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 40, 60, 65, 80 and 85.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 15, 60, 80.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 40, 65, 85.

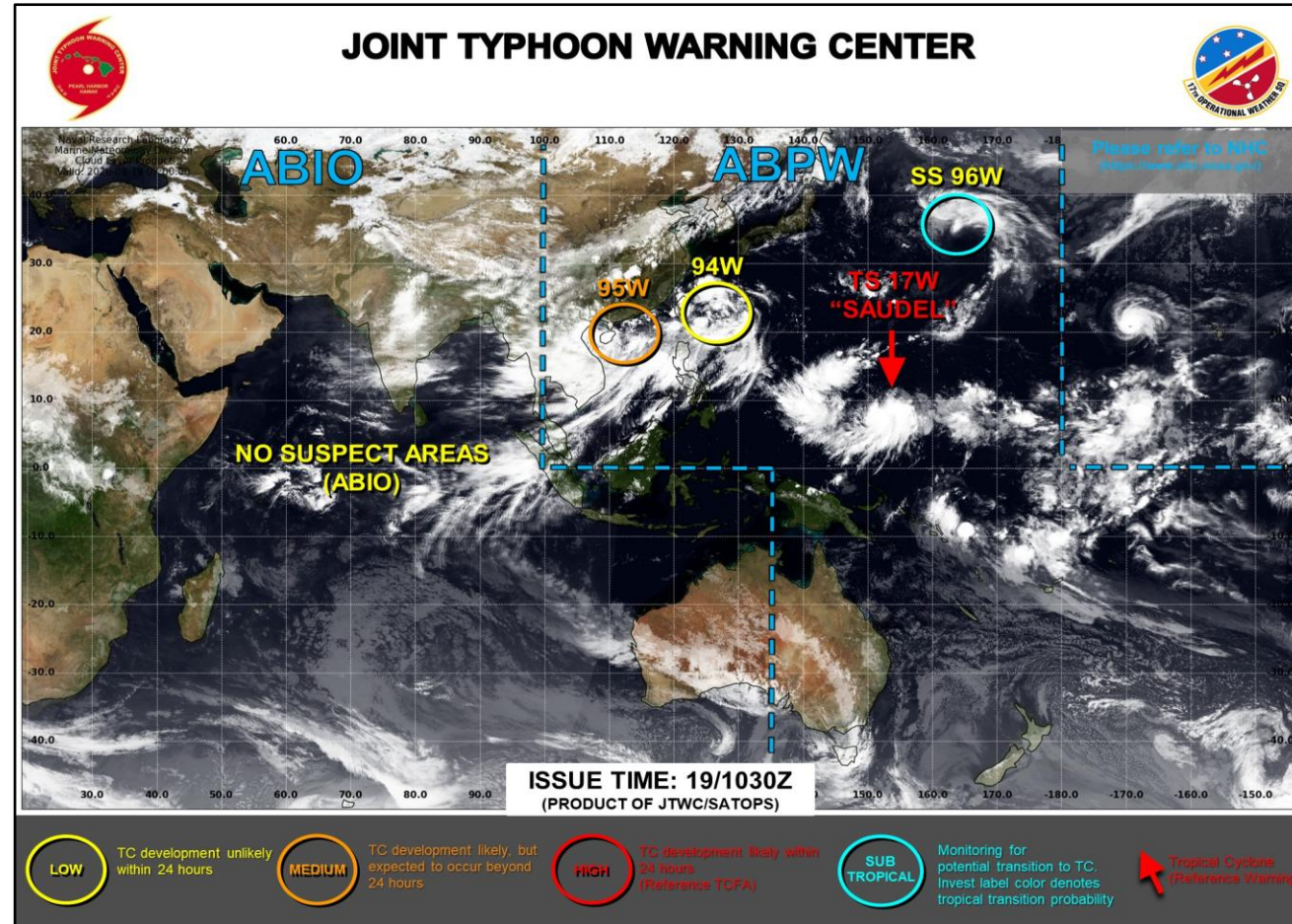
Moderate in sections : 45, 50, 70.

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



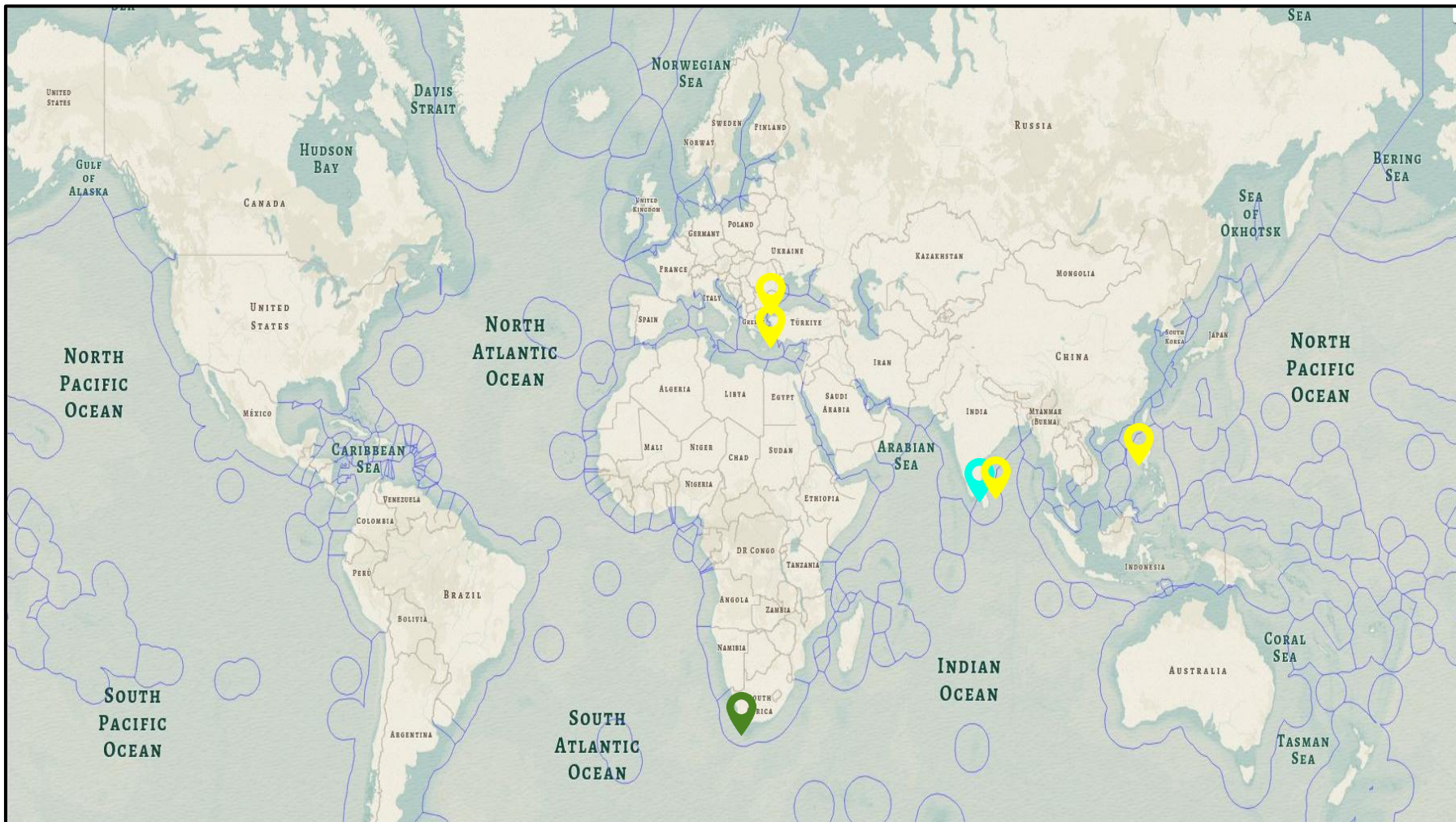
Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



TROPICAL CYCLONE "LALA"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	04
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	01
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	06

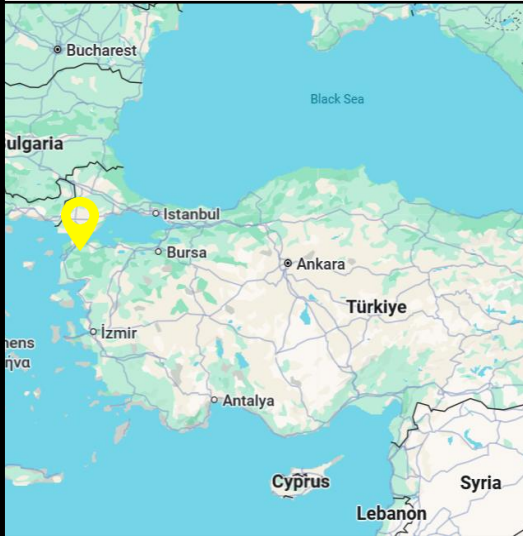
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18 Aug/Machinery Failure Disables Cargo Vessel in Canakkale Strait /Turkiye

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.18	Turkiye	Canakkale Strait	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name: KAPITAN SHYRIAGIN IMO:9137234 Type: Cargo	A pilot captain boarded the vessel, which was escorted by the Kiyem-1 boat and Rescue-17 tugboat, and safely towed and anchored at Dark Harbour.

The Tanzania-flagged cargo vessel KAPITAN SHYRIAGIN became disabled in the Canakkale Strait on 18 Aug 26 due to machinery failure while sailing from Mersin to Yalova. No injuries or pollution were reported. The Canakkale Ship Traffic Service Centre managed the incident, coordinating the response for safe movement of the vessel.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13183/machinery-failure-disables-cargo-vessel-in-canakkale-strait>

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14 Aug/Tug Runs Aground off Zambales/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.14	Turkiye	off Zambales	Mechanical breakdown/Engine Failure /No Communication	Name: SL SUAL	Efforts are now focused on the drafting of a salvage plan to remove the vessel from the area.

A tug, SL SUAL 1, was intentionally run aground by its crew near Zambales, Philippines, on 14 Aug 26 after suffering a hull breach that flooded the engine room. To prevent further damage and the tug from sinking, the crew decided to ground the vessel. Despite challenging sea conditions, all nine crew members were safely evacuated by the Philippine Coast Guard, local fishermen, and disaster response teams, with no injuries reported and no oil leakage detected from the tug.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/amp/story/security/incidents/accidents/video-tug-runs-aground-off-zambales-philippines-all-nine-crew-rescued>

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18 Aug/Five Rescued After Boat Sinks Off Lesvos/Greece

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.18	Greece	off Lesvos	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The circumstances surrounding the vessel's sinking are unclear. This incident follows a previous boating accident in Greece where a rented tourist boat capsized off Sithonia, resulting in the unharmed rescue of four passengers near Ampelitsi islet. The partially submerged vessel was later towed away.

Five people were rescued after their recreational craft sank off Plomari, Lesvos, on Tuesday evening, as reported by the Greek Coast Guard. The incident prompted a search-and-rescue operation coordinated by the joint rescue coordination center. All occupants were recovered and taken to Tarti beach, where they were reported to be in good health.



Source -: <https://www.tovima.com/society/five-rescued-after-boat-sinks-off-lesvos/>

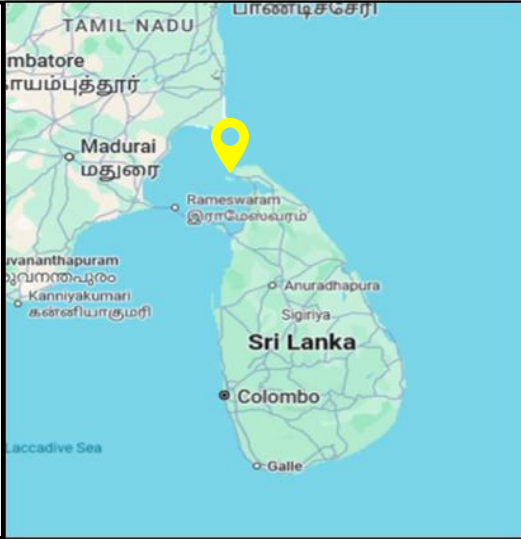
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16 Aug/Navy Comes to The Aid of Distressed Persons From Capsized Boat off Nagadeepa/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.16	Sri Lanka	off Nagadeepa	Capsizing /Sinking	-	The Navy coordinated the transfer of the distressed individuals from Nagadeepa to Jaffna Hospital for further medical attention.

A search and rescue operation by the Navy was initiated after a passenger craft capsized in the Nagadeepa sea area on 16 Aug 26. The craft, carrying 8 passengers and 2 operators, left Kurikadduwan jetty at 1520 hrs but did not reach its destination at Delft. Despite warnings about rough sea conditions, the Navy commenced the operation after receiving a distress signal. Fortunately, all individuals on board managed to swim to Nagadeepa Island after the incident.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/navy-comes-to-the-aid-of-distressed-persons-from-capsized-boat-off-nagadeepa.html>

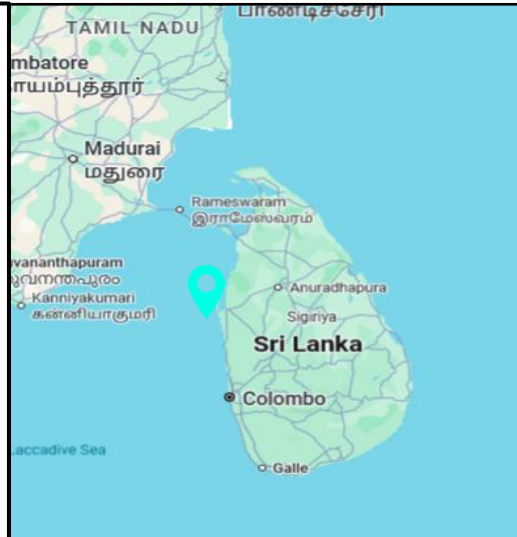
SMUGGLING



18 Aug/Navy Seizes 750,000 Smuggled Pharmaceutical Capsules in Puttalam Lagoon/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.18	Sri Lanka	Puttalam lagoon	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	The seized dinghy and capsules were handed over to the Police Narcotic Bureau in Puttalam for onward legal action.

The Navy seized a dinghy containing 750,000 smuggled pharmaceutical capsules during a search operation in the Puttalam lagoon area on 18 Aug 26. The operation was conducted by personnel from SLNS Vijaya of the Northwestern Naval Command, who acted on prior information. The dinghy and its cargo were found abandoned due to naval surveillance in the region.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/august/navy-seizes-750,000-smuggled-pharmaceutical-capsules-in-puttalam-lagoon.html>

MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



17 Aug/Cape Town Environmental Crisis Triggered as Thousands of Dead Fish Wash Ashore/South Africa

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.17	South Africa	Bloubergstrand	Biological Marine Pollution	-	The fish mortality could significantly affect South Africa's commercial fisheries and seafood supply chains if the outbreak persists.

On 17 Aug 26 thousands of dead pilchards, seabirds, and seals washed ashore at Bloubergstrand, Cape Town, South Africa. Scientific testing detected genetic material consistent with pilchard herpesvirus. Authorities are also investigating environmental factors, including harmful algal blooms and oceanographic changes, as possible contributing causes.



Source -: <https://streamlinefeed.co.ke/news/cape-town-environmental-crisis-triggered-as-thousands-of-dead-fish-wash-ashore>



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