

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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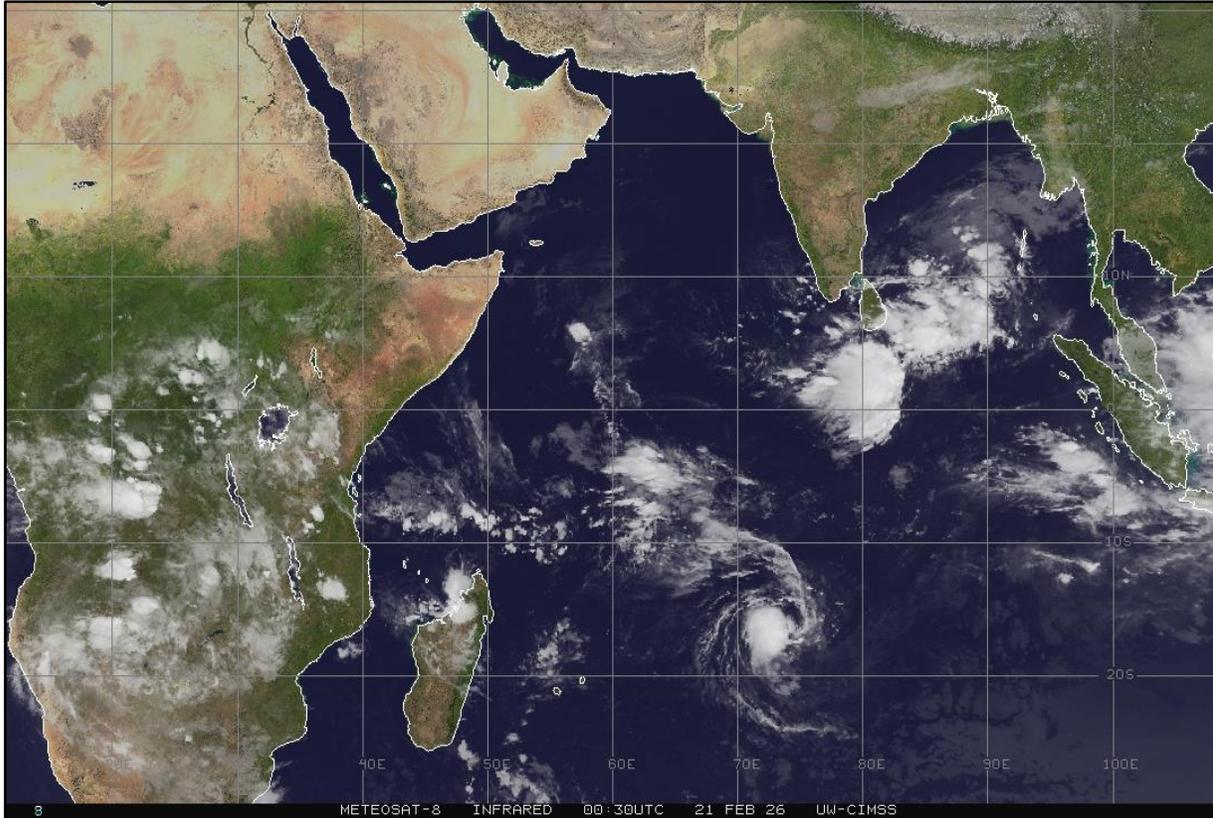
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Date 2026.02.21

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: 2026.02.21/0600UTC to 2026.02.21/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.02.21

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

Shear line is approximately along : 01N 60E, 03S 70E, 02S 80E, EQ 90E, 05N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 10S 60E, 10S 70E, 10S 80E, 04S 90E, 10S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 25, 30, 50, 55, 60, 80,

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 45, 65, 70, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 70E: NE'yly or VRB / (10-15)kts.

In between 70E and 90E: Anticlockwise / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10, 30.

East of 90E: SE'yly or VRB / (10-20)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 80E: NW'yly to W'yly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to (25) kts in section 60, 65

East of 80E: SW'yly or W'yly / (10-20)kts

South of ITCZ:

West of 80E: Clockwise / (15-25)kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in section 80

East of 80E: SE'yly / (10-20)kts

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 80

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 30, 60, 65

Moderate in sections : 50, 70

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

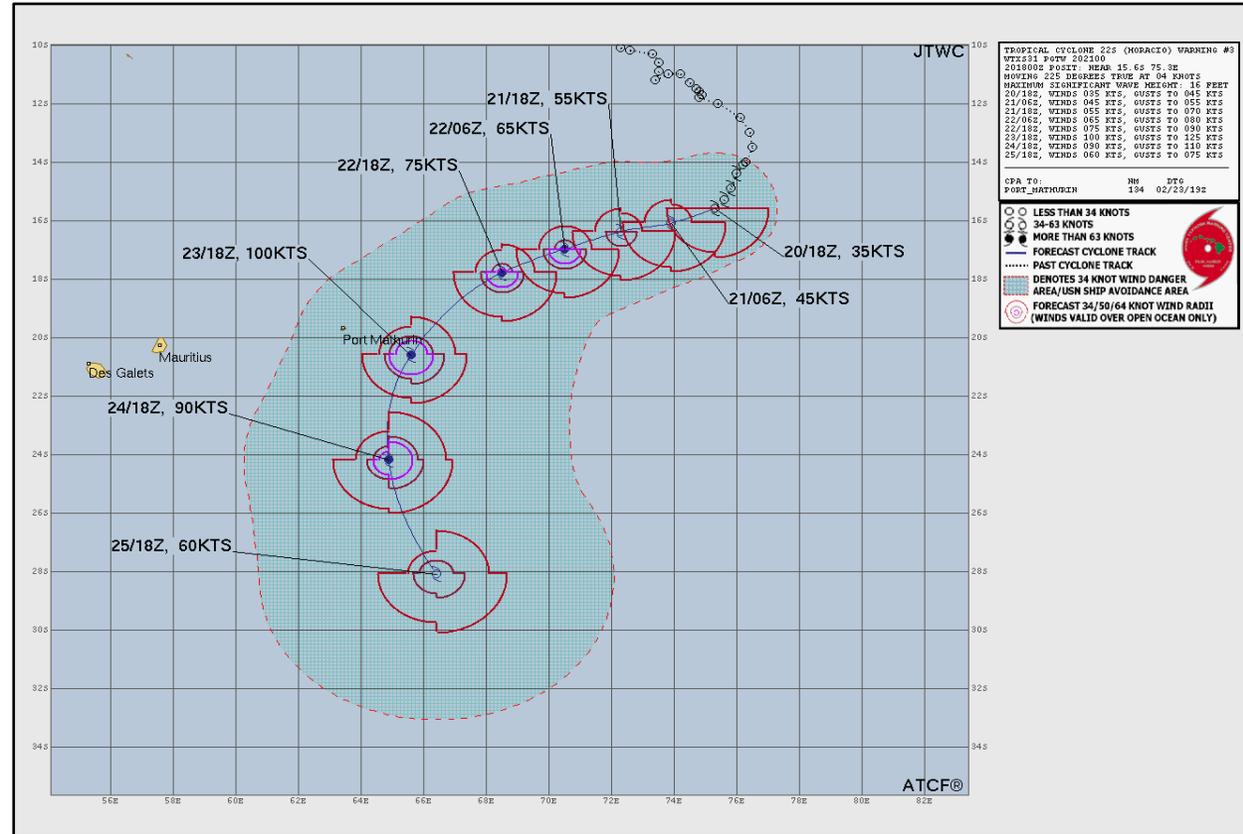
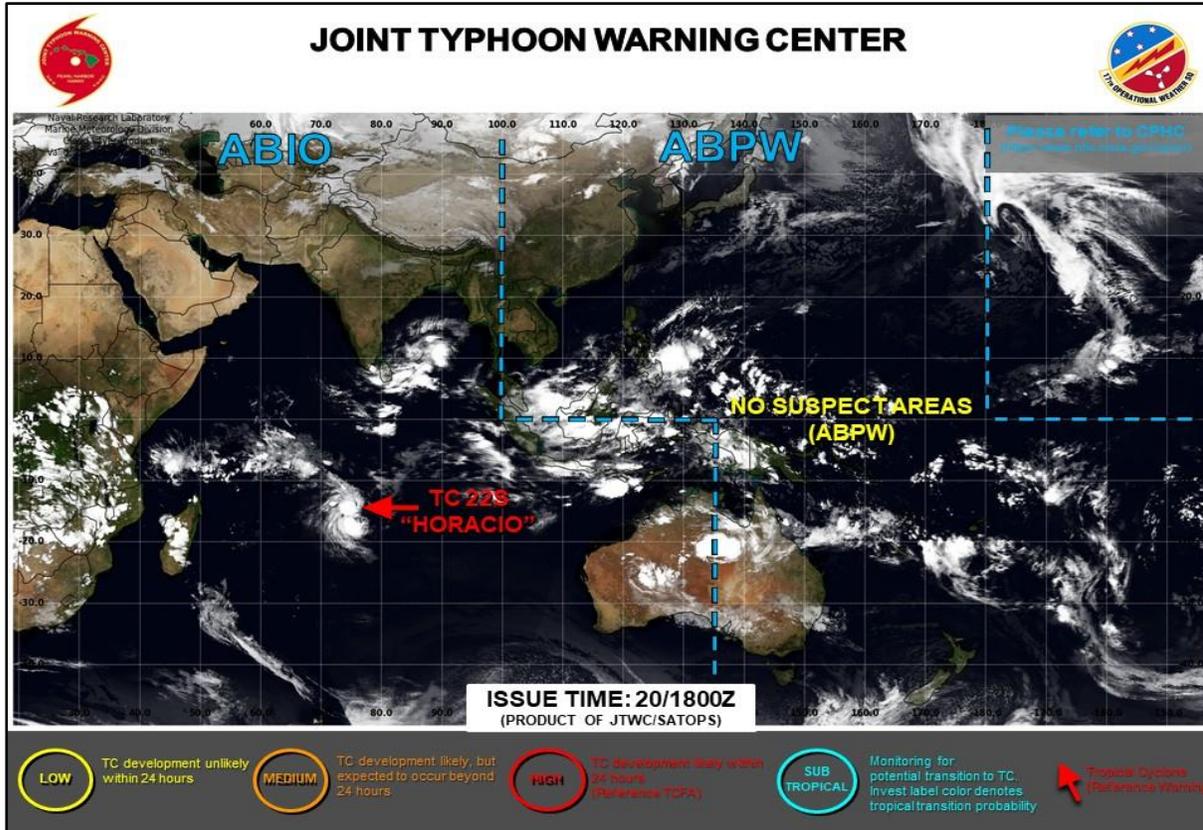
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone "HORACIO"



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	03
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
Total Incidents	06

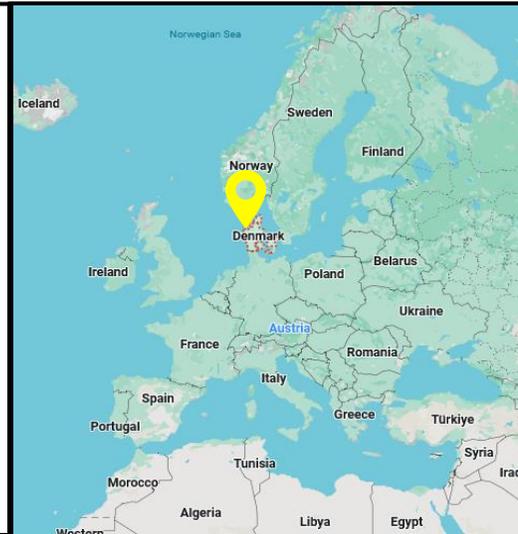
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19 Feb/ Danish Authorities Seize Vessel over Flag Discrepancies /denmark

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.19	Denmark	Denmark	Arrested	Name – Nora Flag – Comoros Type – Cargo	An inspection by Danish authorities revealed that there were no significant deficiencies identified in the vessel.

Denmark's maritime authorities detained a containership named NORA on 19 Feb 26 due to irregularities in its flag registration. Initially flagged under Comoros, the ship allegedly changed its flag to Iran but Comoros officials reported that the vessel is not listed in their registry. Notably Nora shares its IMO number with a previously sanctioned container ship known as Cerus.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12711/danish-authorities-seize-vessel-over-flag-discrepancies>

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20 Feb/ Two missing after cargo ship collides with fishing boat /Japan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.20	Japan	Off the city of Toba	Collision	Cargo ship and Fishing boat	Aerial footage aired by NHK showed the fishing boat split into two sections and heavily damaged as a result of the crash.

Japan Coast Guard said a 499 ton cargo vessel struck the smaller fishing boat shortly before 0100 Hrs. local time in waters off the city of Toba. The impact caused the recreational vessel to capsize. News Az reports citing Xinhua. Thirteen people were aboard the fishing boat when the collision occurred. Eleven were rescued by nearby ships and other vessels operating in the area, while two individuals remain unaccounted for. The coast guard continues search and rescue efforts and has launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.



Source -> <https://news.az/news/two-missing-after-cargo-ship-collides-with-fishing-boat-off-central-japan>

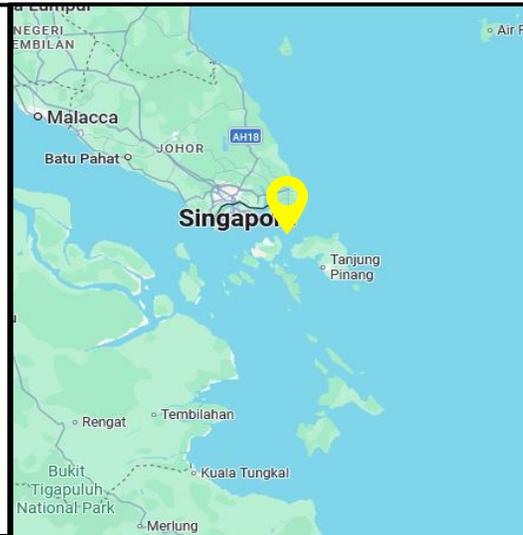
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20 Feb/ Crew Member Killed in Fire Aboard World Legacy / Singapore

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.20	Singapore	Off Singapore	Fire / Explosion	Name – World Legacy Flag – Liberian Type – Ro Ro passenger	After the situation was stabilized, the World Legacy proceeded to Singapore anchorage.

A fatal fire occurred aboard the Ro-Ro/passenger vessel World Legacy flagged in Liberia while en route to Singapore on 20 Feb 26 at around 0400 Hrs. The blaze started on deck nine prompting emergency response from the Singapore Civil Defense Force which managed to control the situation. One Indonesian crew member died but no injuries were reported among the remaining 270 passengers including 139 Singapore nationals. Evacuation procedures began immediately with 190 passengers safely disembarked at Harbour Front Ferry Terminal while the disembarkation of others is ongoing.



Source -> <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12710/crew-member-killed-in-fire-aboard-world-legacy-off-singapore>

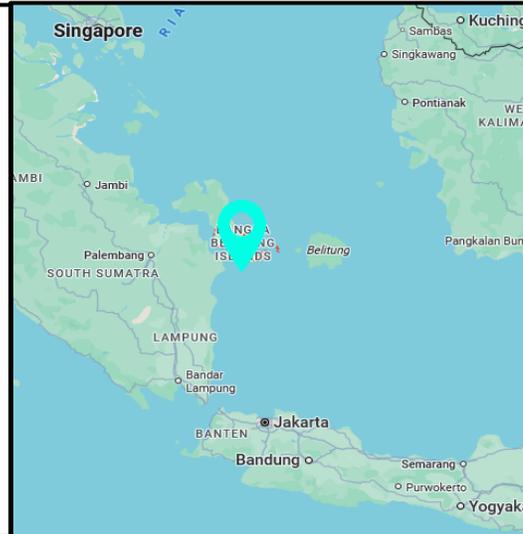
SMUGGLING



20 Feb/ Police Uncover the Sea Route for the Smuggling/ Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.20	Malaysia	South Bangka	Contraband Goods Smuggling	Speed boat	The evidence that was set aside was 50 kilograms. However, in one shipment the amount reached 7.5 tons

The Special Criminal Investigation Directorate (Dittipidter) of the National Police has seized a ship involved in the illegal transportation of tin sand from South Bangka to Malaysia. This action is linked to a prior case of smuggling 7.5 tonnes of tin sand. The ship serves as a transport method from land to sea, where cargo is transferred to another vessel for shipment to Malaysia. The seizure occurred in the Dermaga Kubu area, and additional evidence including 50 kilograms of lead sand previously set aside by Malaysian authorities has also been collected.



Source -: <https://voi.id/en/news/559648>

NARCOTIC



18 Feb/ Coast Guard recovers 1 ton of cocaine after boat crew tosses drugs /USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.18	USA	100 NM north Puerto Rico	Seizure Of Narcotics	Speed boat	The abandoned boat was later found ashore near Arecibo, Puerto Rico, by U.S. Border Patrol agents. Photos show a small white boat on the beach.

The US Coast Guard seized over 2,000 pounds of cocaine from a boat trafficking drugs north of Camuy, Puerto Rico. The Coast Guard's HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft spotted the "go-fast" boat, which was carrying multiple bales and fuel containers. After the boat crew attempted to evade capture by throwing their cargo overboard, the Coast Guard Cutter Joseph Napier recovered 29 bales, later confirmed to contain cocaine totaling 2,083 pounds valued at approximately \$13.3 million. The drugs were handed over to Homeland Security agents in San Juan.



Source -> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coast-guard-cocaine-seizure-puerto-rico-boat/>

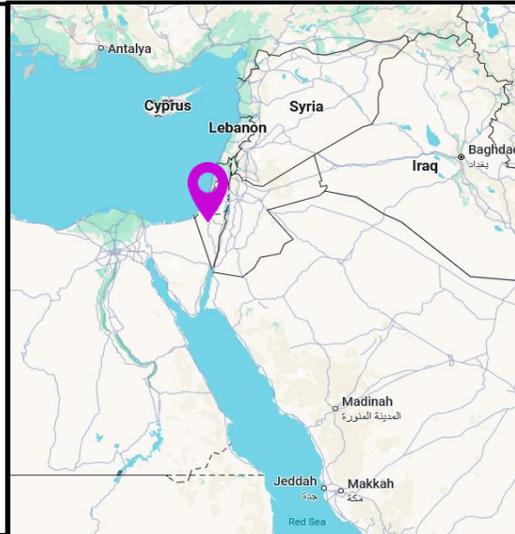
OTHERS



19 Feb/ First female missile boat commander in Navy history /Israel

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2026.02.19	Israel	Israel	Others	Combat vessel	The Israel Defense Forces will make history on Thursday as Major R. is appointed commander of a missile boat in the Israeli Navy, becoming the first woman to hold the role.

Major R. has been appointed as the first female missile boat commander in the Israel Defense Forces overseeing a Sa'ar 4.5-class missile ship in Flotilla 3. This role entails full responsibility for the ship and its crew during combat missions. Previously the ship participated in significant operations including strikes on the Syrian Navy targeting senior Hamas and Hezbollah operatives and providing support for ground forces in Lebanon and Israel's air defence.



Source -> <https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/artc-idf-names-first-female-missile-boat-commander-in-navy-history>



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