

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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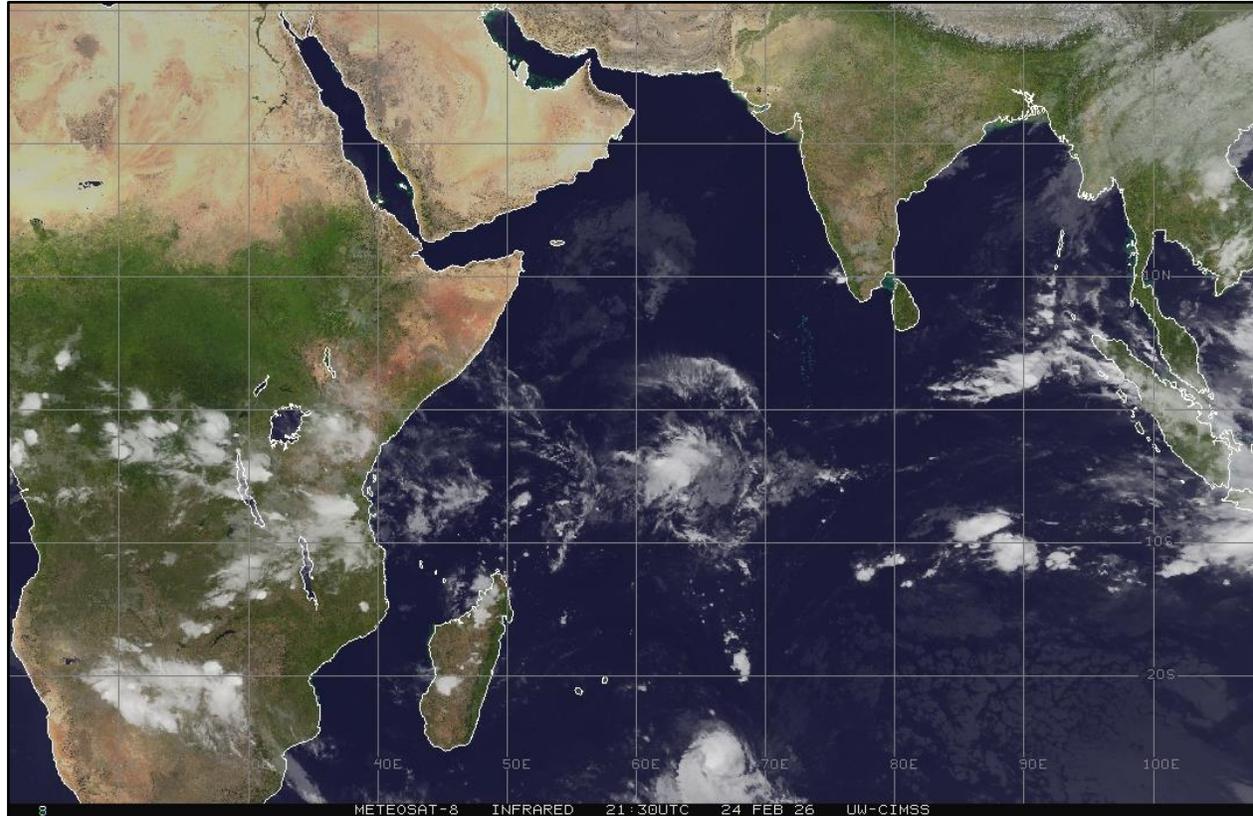
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Date 2026.02.25

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: 2026.02.25/0600UTC to 2026.02.25/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.02.25

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

Shear line is approximately along : 01N 60E, 04N 70E, 06N 80E, 11N 90E, 09N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 09S 60E, 08S 70E, 07S 80E, 08S 90E, 11S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 35, 40, 45, 60, 70, 75, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 30, 50, 55, 65, 80

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 80E: NE'ly or VRB / (10-15)kts.

In between 80E and 93E: cyclonic / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 15.

East of 93E: VRB / (10-15)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 80E: W'ly to NW'ly / (10-20)kts

East of 80E: SW'ly or W'ly / (10-20)kts;gusting up to (20-25) kts in sections 50, 55, 70

South of ITCZ:

West of 75E: SE'ly or VRB / (05-15)kts

East of 75E: Clockwise / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 75 and 85

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 15, 75, 85

Moderate in sections : 10, 30, 40, 50, 55, 70, 80

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

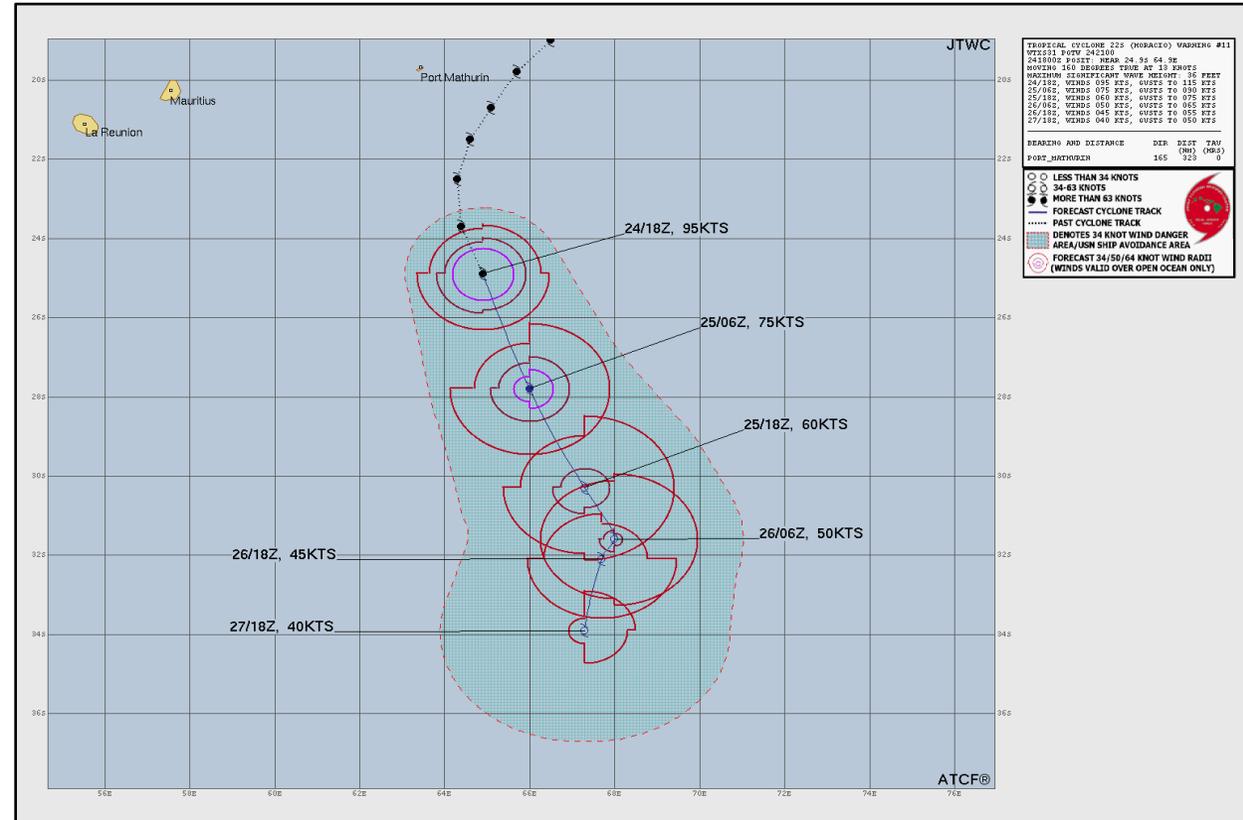
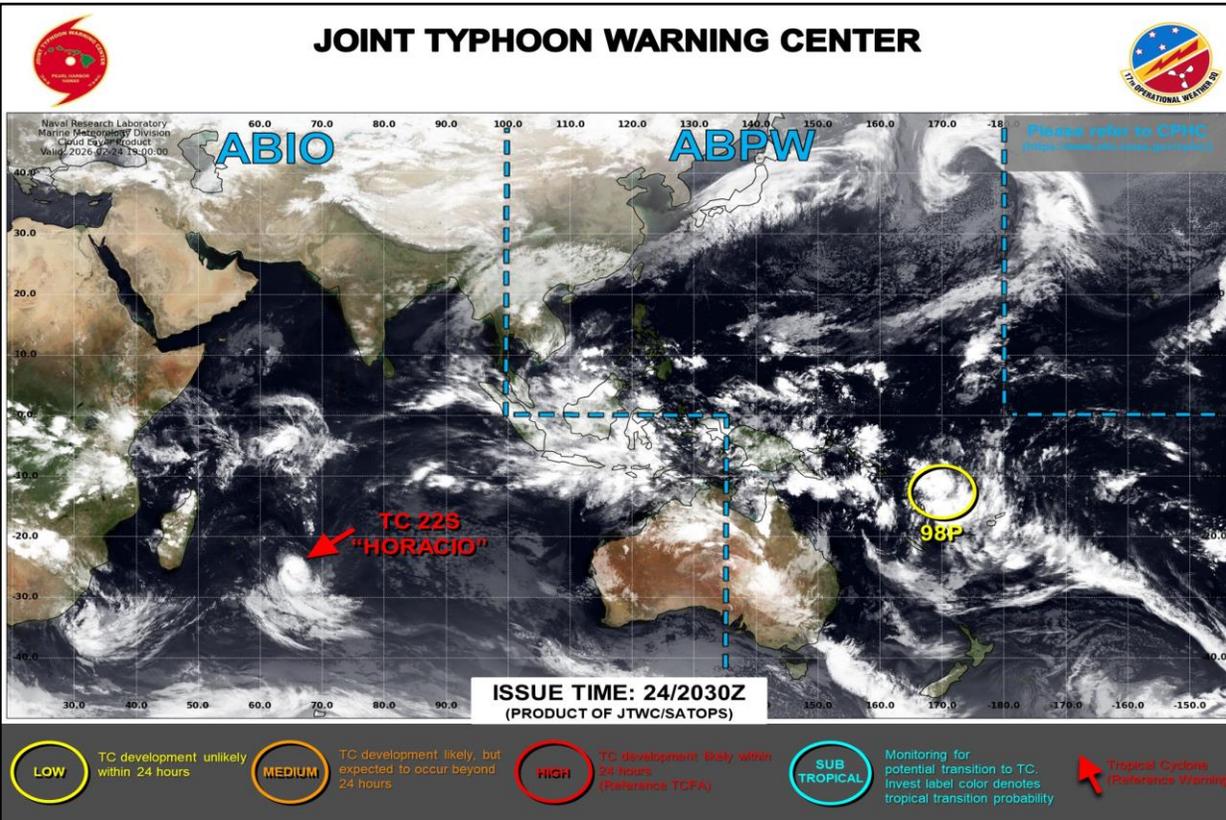
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



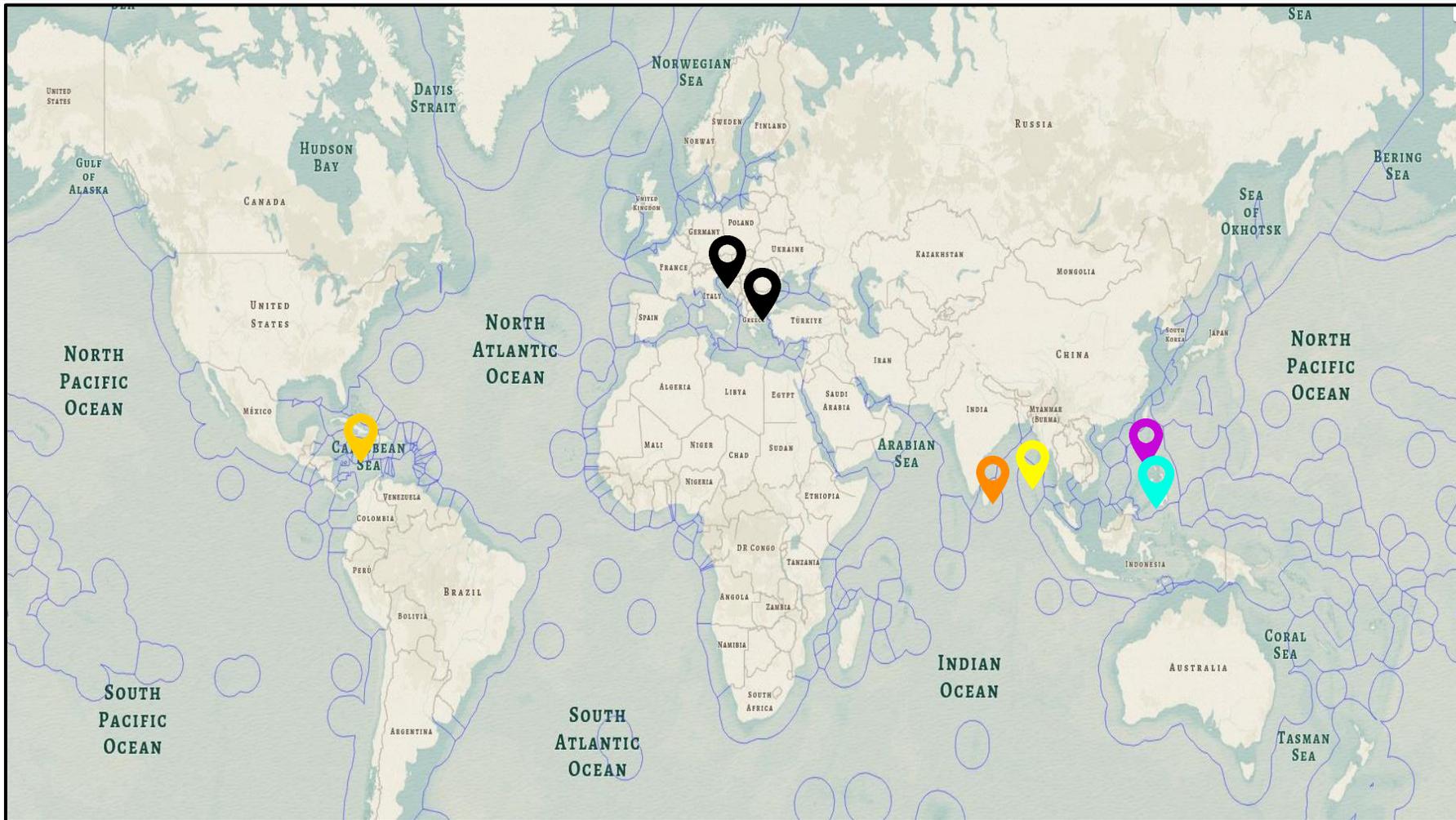
Tropical Cyclone "HORACIO"



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	01
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	02
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	01
Total Incidents	07

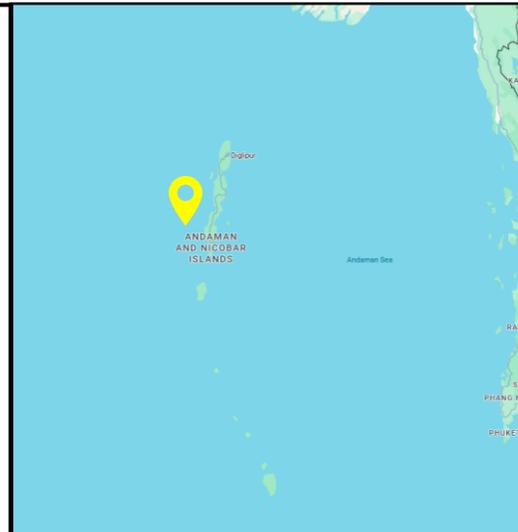
MARITIME INCIDENTS



23 Feb/Pawan Hans Chopper Crashes Into Sea During Landing Attempt in Andaman/Andaman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.23	Andaman	Andaman	Rescue Operations	-	Operations at the airstrip were briefly affected as officials assessed the situation and ensured there was no fuel leakage or environmental damage.

A Helicopter operated by national carrier Pawan Hans made an emergency landing in the sea near the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Tuesday morning, triggering fresh concerns over aviation safety just a day after a fatal air ambulance crash in Jharkhand claimed seven lives.



Source -: <https://sundayguardianlive.com/india/pawan-hans-chopper-crashes-into-sea-during-landing-attempt-in-andaman-all-7-on-board-rescued-safely-172103/>

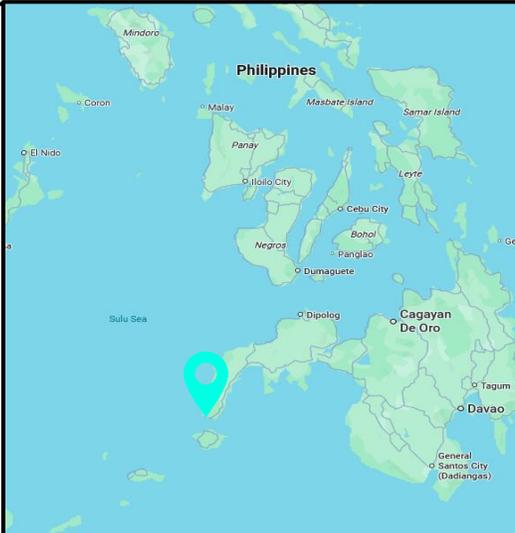
SMUGGLING



23 Feb/Seizes Php 14 Million Smuggled Cigarettes In Zamboanga Coastal Sweep /Philippine

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2026.02.23	Philippine	Zamboanga Coast	Contraband Goods Smuggling	One Boat	In this case, the key priority of Enhanced Managing Police Operations guided the patrol, ensuring the effective interception of contraband while maintaining public safety.

On 23 Feb 26 the Philippine National Police intercepted a motorised boat off Barangay Sinunuc Zamboanga City carrying smuggled cigarettes valued at approximately Php 14 million. Commanded by PNP Chief PGEN Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr the operation involved multiple enforcement units and focused on upholding the law against illegal trade. The intercepted boat, marked "YANA-1", contained 350 master cases of assorted cigarettes. It has been secured for legal processing under the Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act of 2024.



Source - : <https://www.facebook.com/pnp.pio/posts/pnp-seizes-php-14-million-smuggled-cigarettes-in-zamboanga-coastal-sweepin-a-res/1400896352081758/>

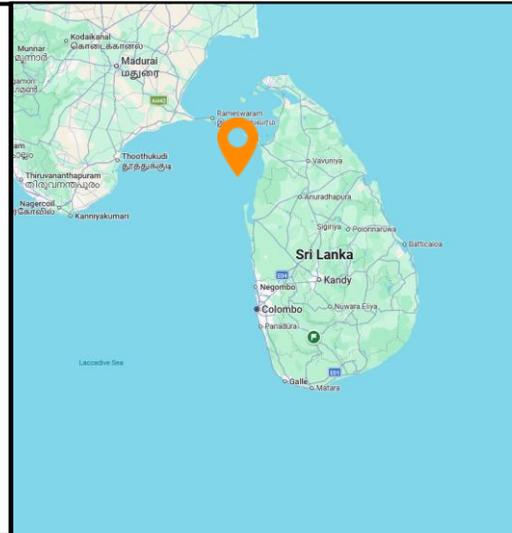
IUU FISHING



22 Feb/Navy seizes an Indian fishing boat poaching in Mannar seas/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.22	Sri Lanka	South Of Mannar	Poaching / Maritime Boundary Violations	One Boat	The seized boat (01) and Indian fishermen (12) were handed over to the Fisheries Inspector of Dikovita for onward legal proceedings.

During an operation conducted in the dark hours of 22 Feb 26 the Sri Lanka Navy seized 01 Indian fishing boat and apprehended 12 Indian fishermen while they were poaching in Sri Lankan waters, in the sea area south of Mannar.



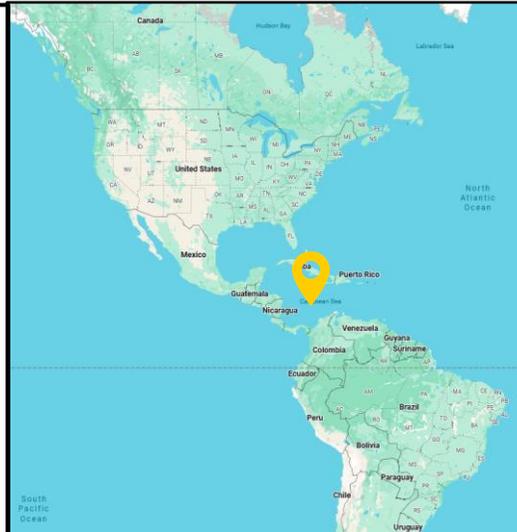
Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/23/202602231705/>



23 Feb/Another US boat strike in Caribbean Sea kills three/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.23	USA	Caribbean Sea	Sea Based Drug Trafficking	One Boat	The latest operation brings the total death toll from US boat strikes, which began in September last year, to around 150.

The U.S. military conducted a strike in the Caribbean Sea against alleged drug smugglers, resulting in the death of three individuals, according to the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM). The operation, directed by Gen. Francis L. Donovan, targeted a vessel identified as operating along known drug trafficking routes. Footage released showed the vessel exploding following the strike. No U.S. forces were harmed during the operation.



Source -: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/2/23/another-us-boat-strike-in-caribbean-sea-kills-three-pentagon-says>

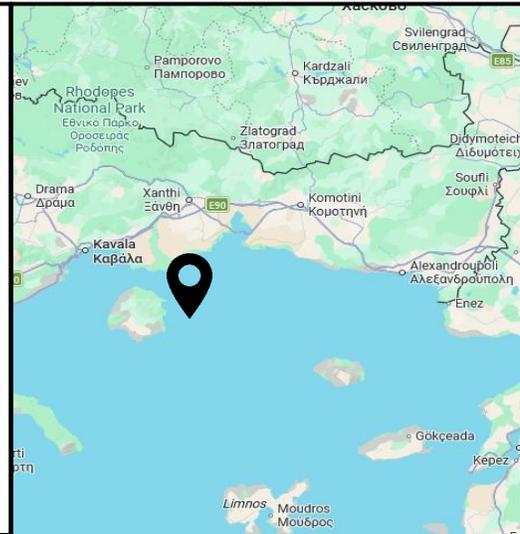
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



21 Feb/Five dead, dozens missing after migrant boat capsizes /Greece

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.21	Greece	Kala Limena	Human Smuggling By Sea	One Boat	The incident occurred approximately 15 nautical miles south of Kala Limena, a coastal settlement on Crete's southern shore, according to the Hellenic Coast Guard.

At least five migrants were confirmed dead and around 20 others remain missing after a wooden boat carrying dozens capsized in waters south of Crete early Saturday, Greek authorities said. Greece situated along a key migration route into the European Union remains a primary entry point for refugees and migrants attempting perilous sea crossings. Authorities have not yet confirmed the nationalities of those on board. Investigations are underway to determine the exact circumstances surrounding the capsizing.



Source -: <https://newskarnataka.com/world/five-dead-dozens-missing-after-migrant-boat-capsizes/24022026>

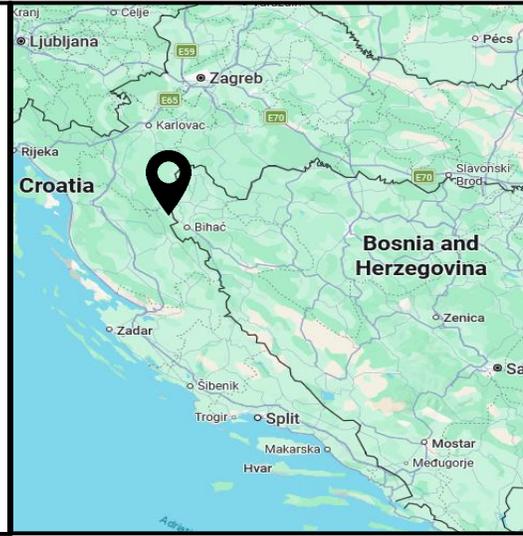
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23 Feb/One dead as migrant boat capsizes /Croatia

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2026.02.23	Greece	River In Croatia-Bosnia border	Human Smuggling	One Boat	One man died and several other people were missing on Monday after a migrant boat capsized on a river on the Croatia-Bosnia border.

In the early hours near Hrvatska Kostajnica, Croatia, border police responded to cries for help from the Una River. One migrant was rescued but another was found dead and searches continue for additional missing individuals. These migrants were attempting to reach the EU highlighting Croatia's role as a transit country for undocumented migrants. In 2025 over 12,500 migrants used the Balkan route with more than 400 fatalities or disappearances reported since 2014 according to the International Organization for Migration.



Source -: <https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2634104/world>

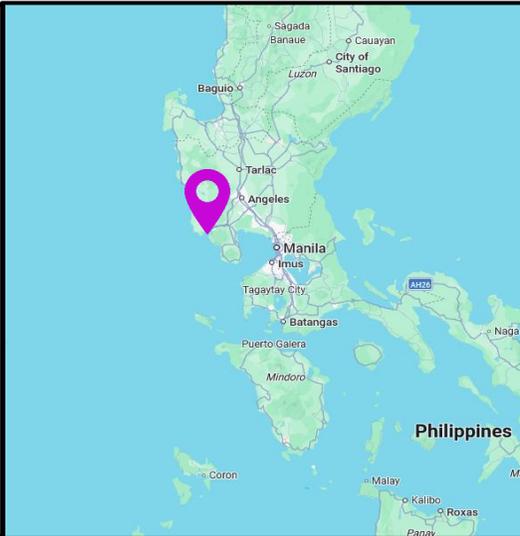
OTHERS



24 Feb/navy commissions new patrol vessel, missile boat / Philippine

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2026.02.24	Philippine	Subic Bay	Naval Activity	Two Navy ship	Two of the Philippine Navy's newest ships entered active duty during a commissioning ceremony at the Naval Operating Base in Subic Bay on Tuesday.

The BRP Rajah Sulayman (PS-20), named after a pre-Hispanic Tagalog ruler and the BRP Audrey Bañares (PG-910) were recently commissioned into service. The Rajah Sulayman part of a ₱30 billion (\$573 million) contract with South Korean Hyundai is the first of six vessels while the Audrey Bañares is the last of nine Acero-class Shaldag Mk. Two gunboats were obtained for P10 billion (\$180 million) from Israel. The commissioning signifies an advancement in the Philippine defence posture as noted by Armed Forces chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr during the event.



Source -: <https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2026/02/philippine-navy-commissions-new-patrol-vessel-missile-boat/>



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