

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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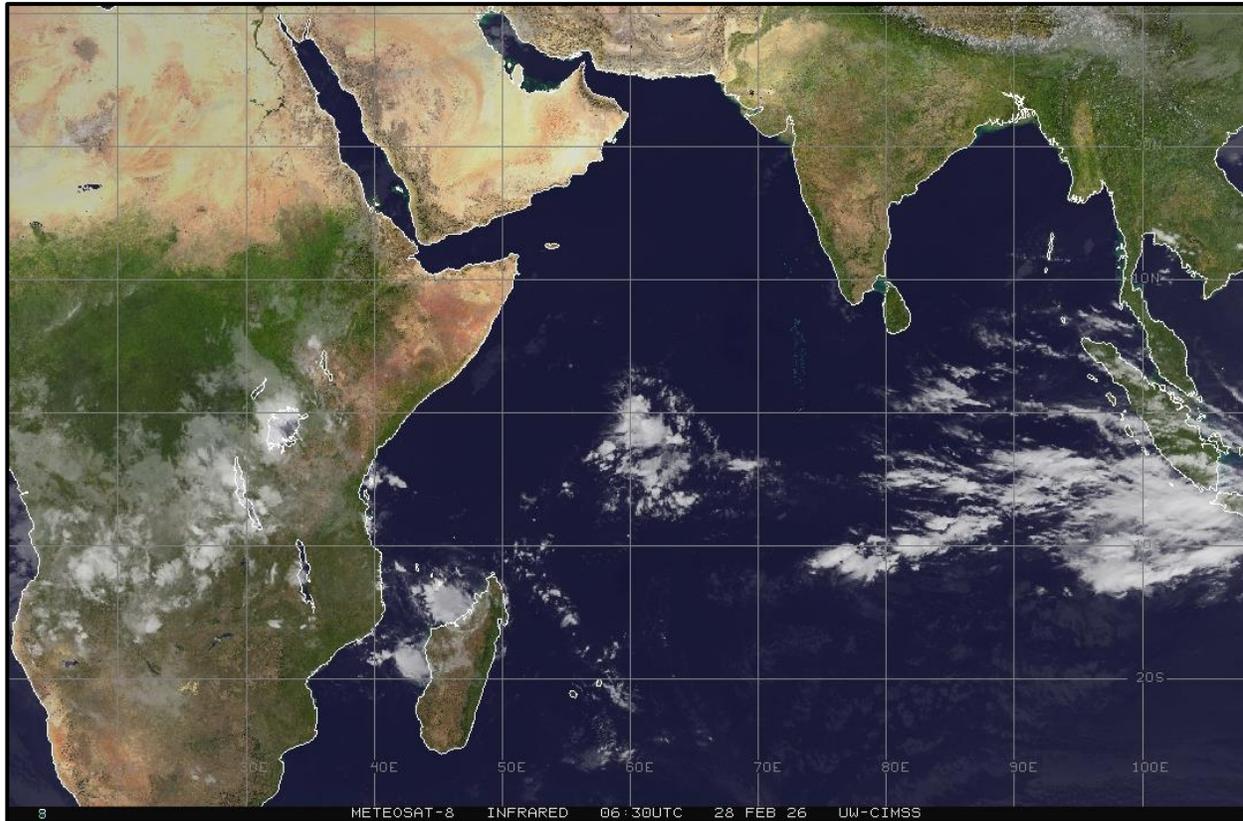
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Date 2026.02.28

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: 2026.02.28/0600UTC to 2026.02.28/1400UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.02.28

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

Shear line is approximately along : 02S 70E, EQ 80E, 08N 90E, 10N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 10S 60E, 10S 70E, 05S 80E, 07S 90E, 07S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 70, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 70E: NE'y / (10-15)kts

East of 70E: NW'y to W'y / (10-20)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 70E: N'y to NW'y / (10-15)kts

East of 70E: W'y / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 50, 55, 70, 75

South of ITCZ:

Clockwise / (15-20)kts.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 75

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 50, 55, 70, 85

Moderate elsewhere.

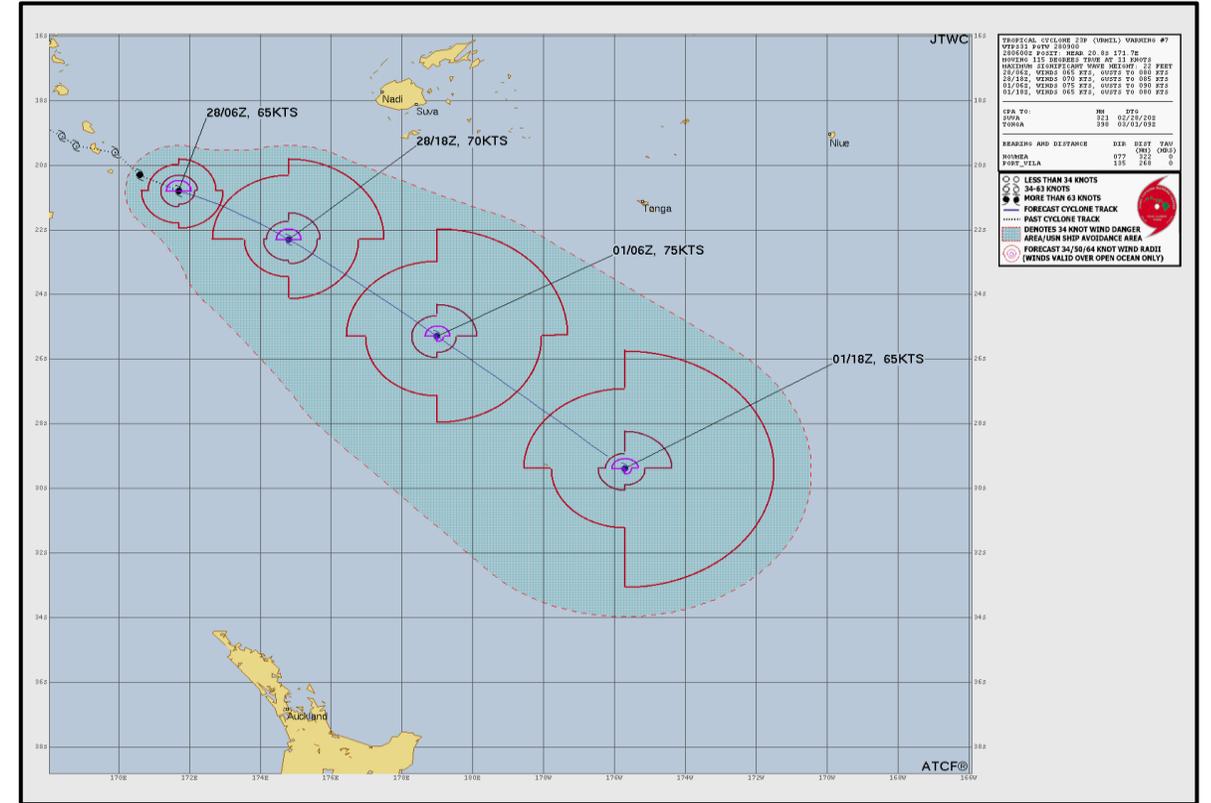
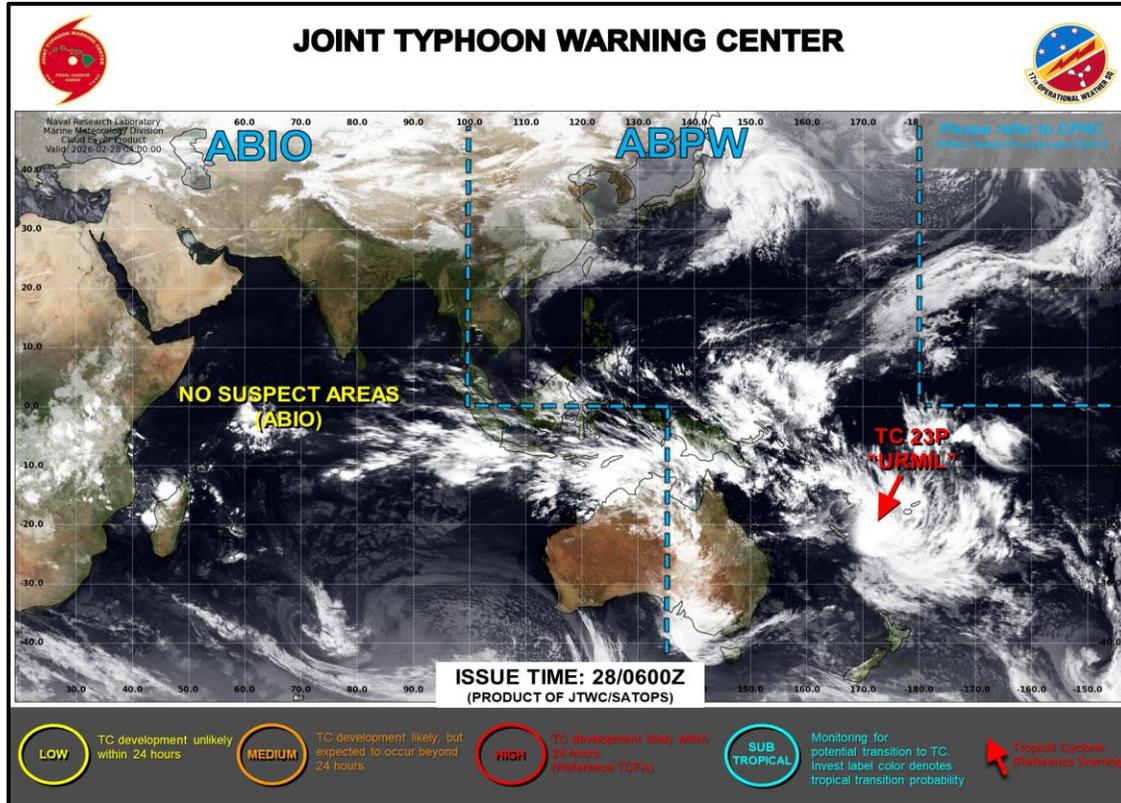
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



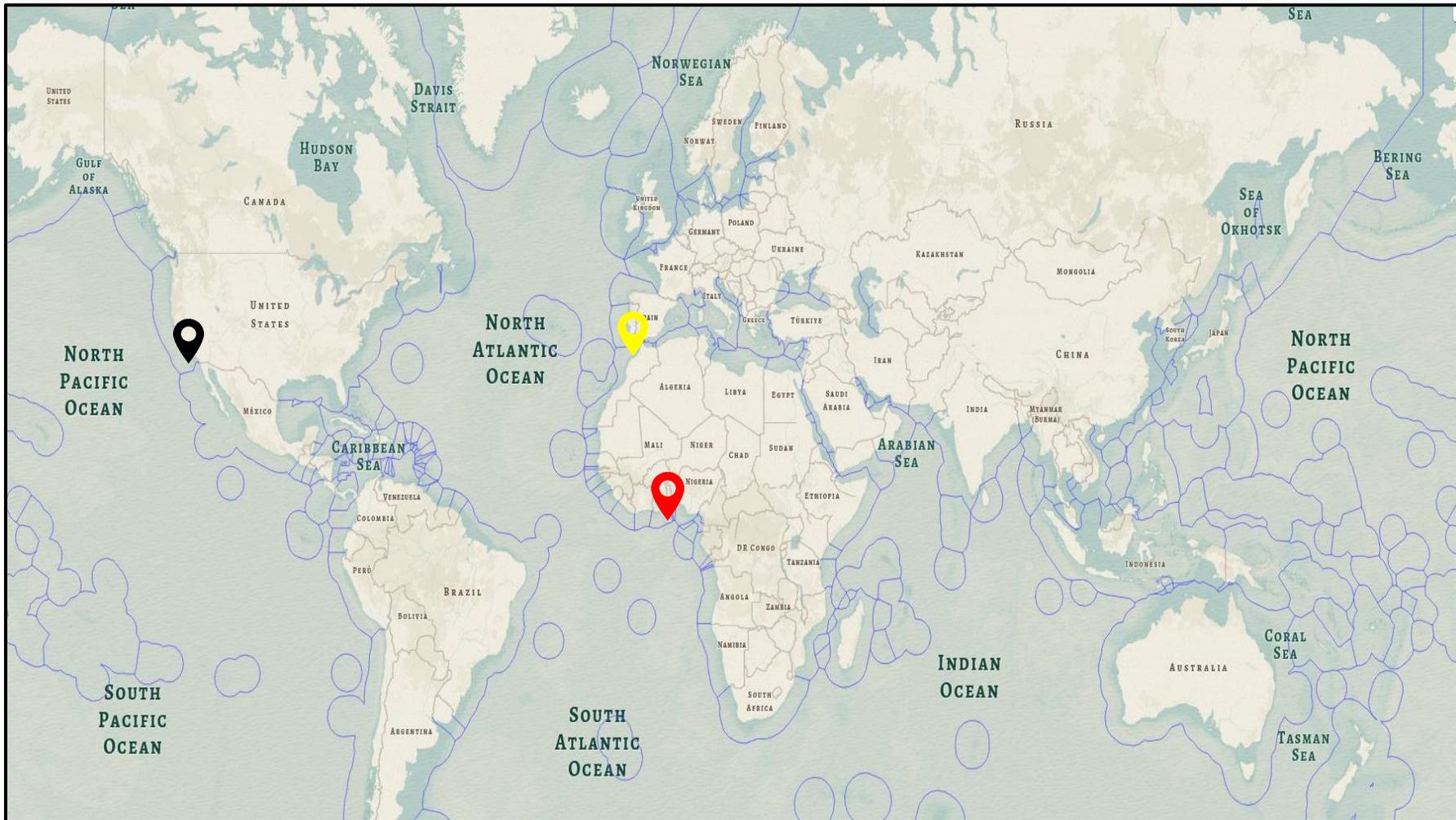
Tropical Cyclone "URMIL"



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS



26 Feb/ 85 containers fall into Sea at Casablanca Port, traffic temporarily suspended/ Morocco

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.26	Morocco	Casablanca Port	Damage/Lost cargo	Name- Ionikos Flag – Liberia Type- Container Ship	As a precaution, maritime traffic at the Port of Casablanca was temporarily suspended to assess navigation risks and facilitate the recovery effort.

A maritime incident occurred at the Port of Casablanca as dozens of containers fell into the sea, disrupting port traffic. The Liberian-flagged container ship Ionikos, which had just unloaded cargo from China, experienced high waves as it was exiting the harbor toward Spain around 1145 pm. The vessel is currently stationary about six nautical miles from the port.



Source -: <https://en.yabiladi.com/articles/details/189294/containers-fall-into-casablanca-port.html>

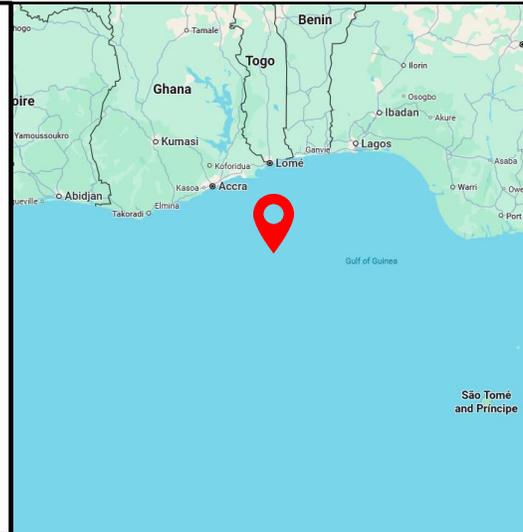
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



25 Feb/ Ghana Navy Rescues 71 Fishermen After Armed Pirates Attack Their Boats/ Ghana

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.25	Ghana	Gulf of Guinea	Assault / Violence	fishing boats	At least four fishing boats, including Argentina 2, Argentina 3, Sea Lion, and Berema Nsukwa, were targeted.

Ghana's armed forces rescued 71 fishermen after gunmen attacked their boats off the coast of Senya Bereku. The incident took place in the Gulf of Guinea, a region notorious for maritime piracy, leaving the fishermen stranded at sea without their outboard motors.



Source -: https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/ghana-navy-rescues-71-fishermen-after-armed-pirates-attack-their-boats/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=ghana-navy-rescues-71-fishermen-after-armed-pirates-attack-their-boats

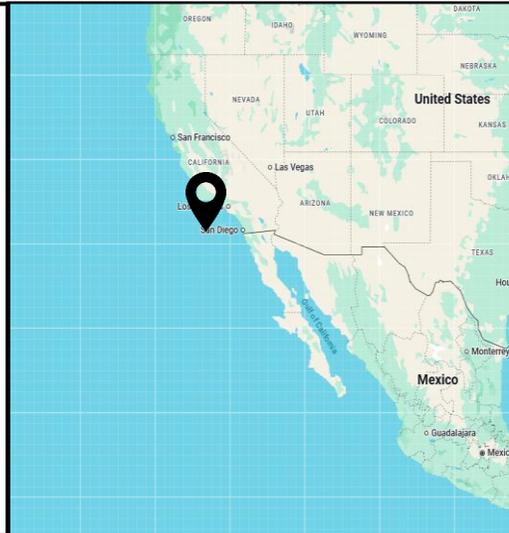
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



26 Feb / Coast Guard Cutter Interdicts 20 Individuals on Suspected Smuggling Vessel/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.26	USA	San Diego	Failed Border Crossings	18-foot panga-style vessel	The Coast Guard has interdicted 20 suspected aliens approximately 8 miles west of Sunset Cliffs, San Diego.

At 0830 pm, Coast Guard Cutter Forrest Rednour observed an 18-foot panga-style vessel entering U.S. waters and sent a boarding team to intercept it. The team found 20 suspected aliens on board: 19 claimed Mexican nationality, and one claimed Sudanese nationality.



Source -: <https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/maritime-security/coast-guard-cutter-interdicts-20-individuals-on-suspected-smuggling-vessel/>



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