

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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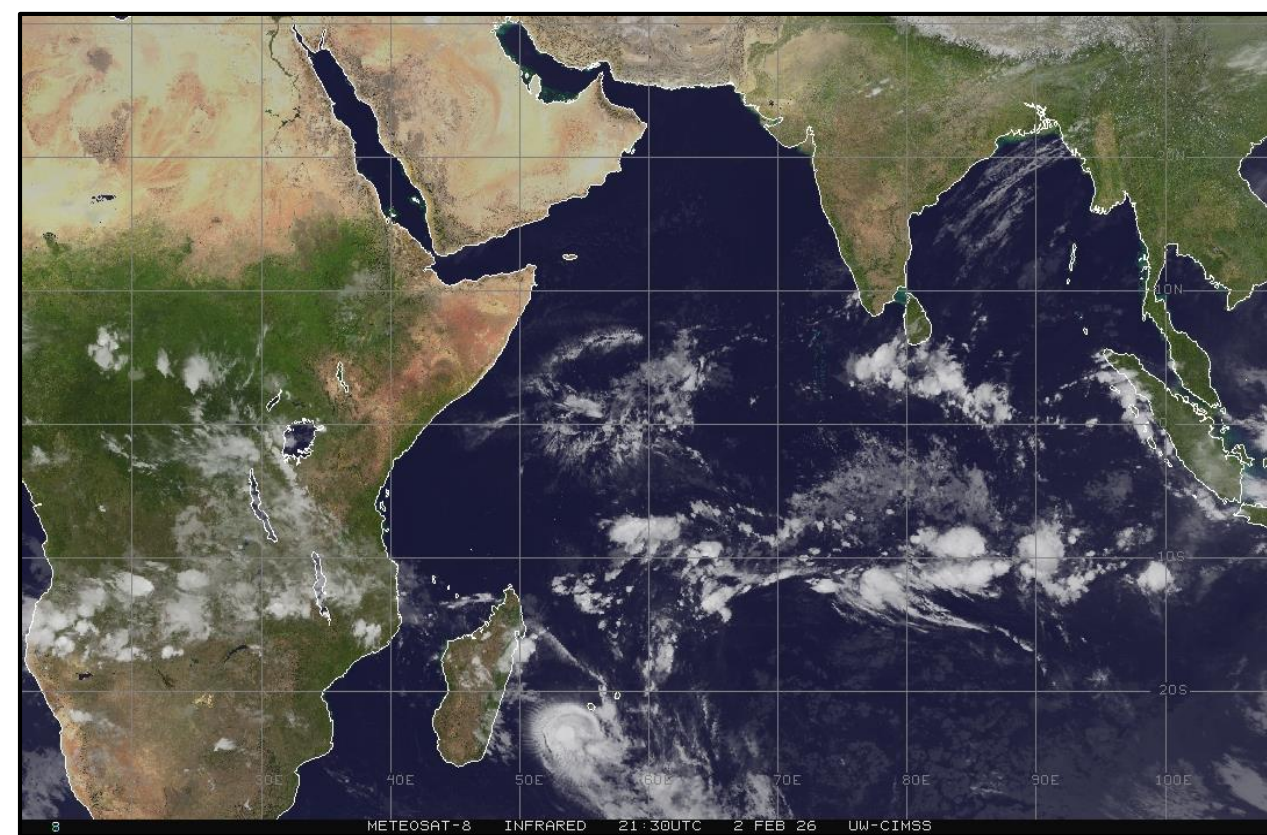
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Date 2026.02.03

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: 2026.02.03/0600UTC to 2026.02.03/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.02.03

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

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

ITCZ is approximately along : 10S 60E, 10S 70E, 07S 80E, 08S 90E, 09S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 25, 30, 35, 40, 55

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 80E: NE'ly or N'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 05

East of 80E: E'ly to NE'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 15

In-between Shear line and ITCZ

West of 80E: NW'ly to W'ly / (10-15)kts.

East of 80E: W'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 70 ,75

South of ITCZ:

West of 70E: SW'ly to W'ly or Variable / (10-20)kts.

East of 70E: SE'ly to E'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 80

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in section : 05, 70, 75

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 60, 80

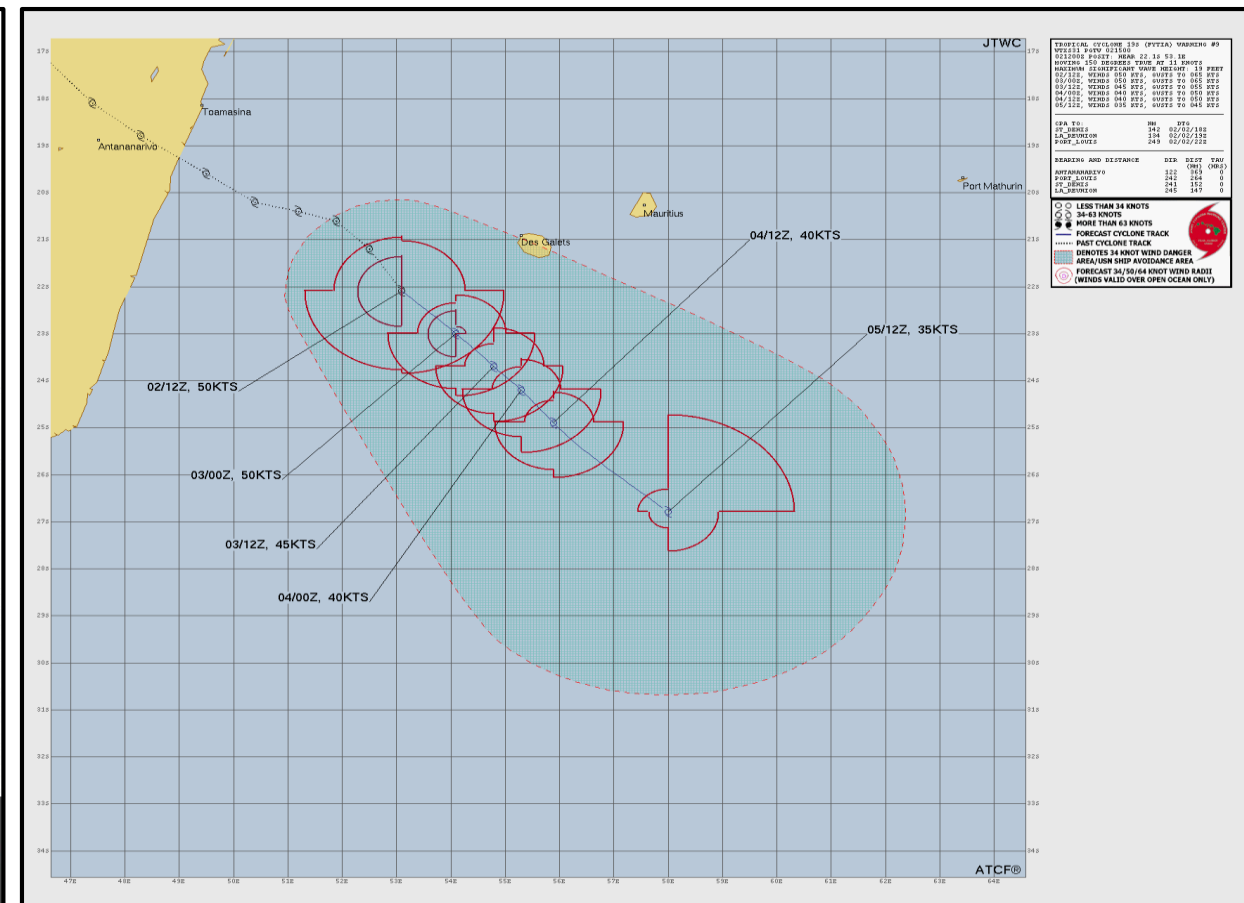
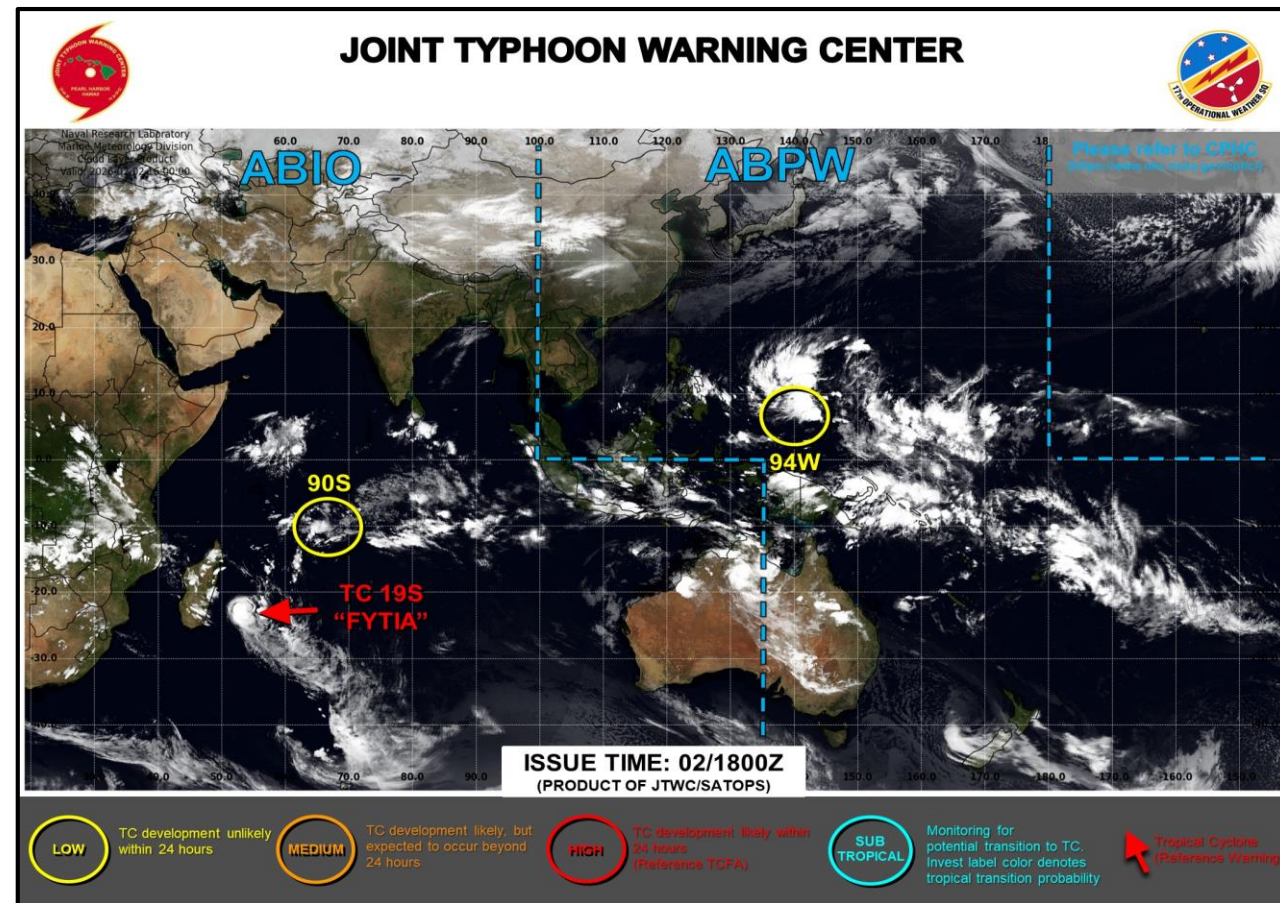
Moderate in sections : 00, 10, 25, 30, 35, 60, 65, 85

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

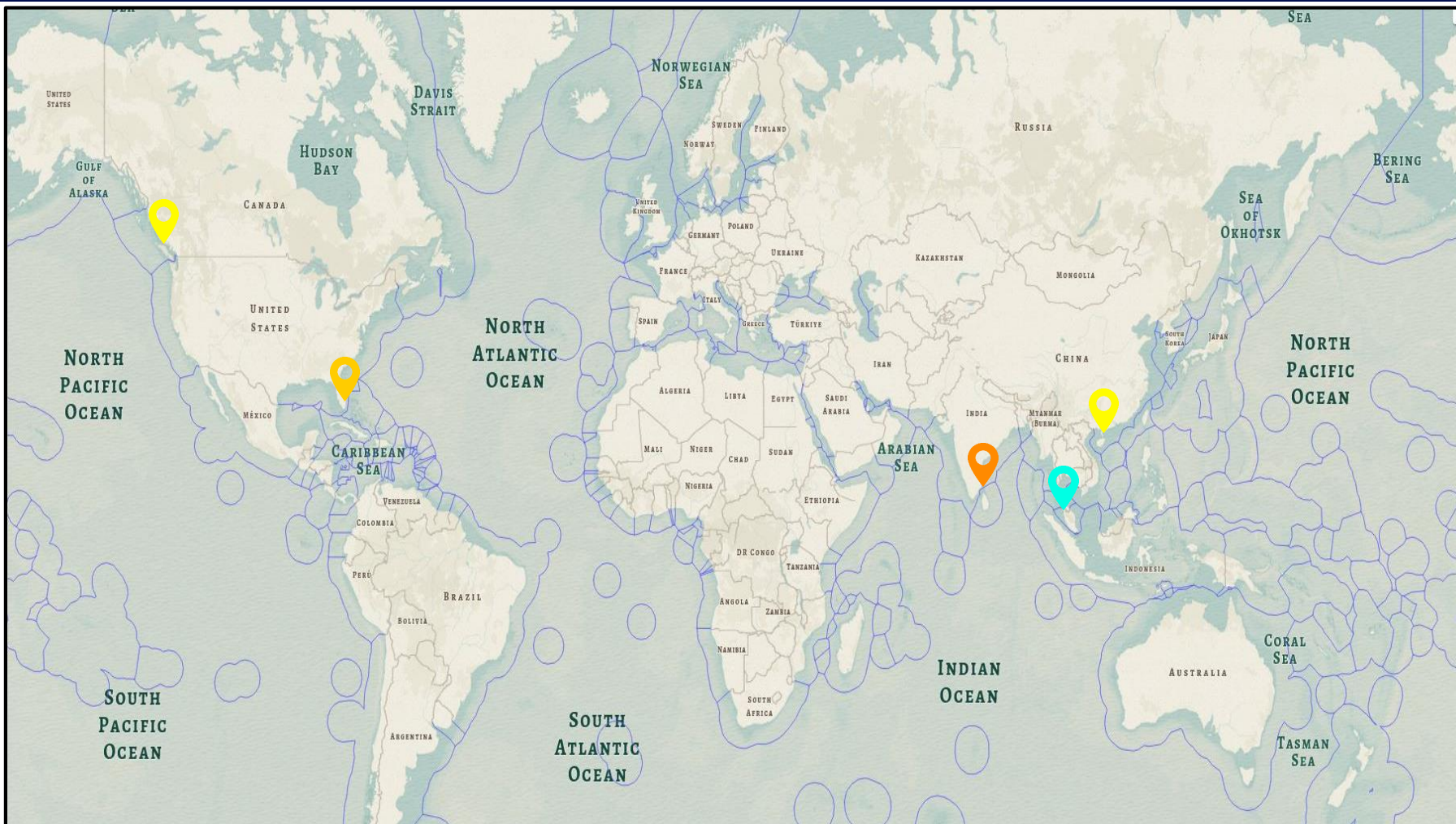
- Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

CYCLONE



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY		NO
	Maritime Incidents	02
	Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
	Smuggling	01
	IUU Fishing	01
	Narcotic	01
	Irregular Human Migration	NIL
	Marin Environment Pollution	NIL
	Other	NIL
Total Incidents		05

MARITIME INCIDENT



31 Jan/Bulk Carrier Two Crew Members Missing/ China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.31	China	Hainan Island	Sink	Name - Chang Xin 198 Type - Cargo Flag - China	By 1245 hrs two sailors had been recovered from the water, with two more rescued shortly afterward.

Two sailors are missing after the bulk carrier Chang Xin 198 sank in the Gulf of Tonkin on 31 Jan 26 due to cargo shifting in severe weather. The vessel capsized around 1000 hrs .throwing six crew members into the water. Four survivors were rescued by the following day, but efforts to locate the two missing sailors continue under the Chinese Coast Guard amid challenging conditions.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12666/two-crew-members-missing-after-bulk-carrier-sinks-off-hainan/>

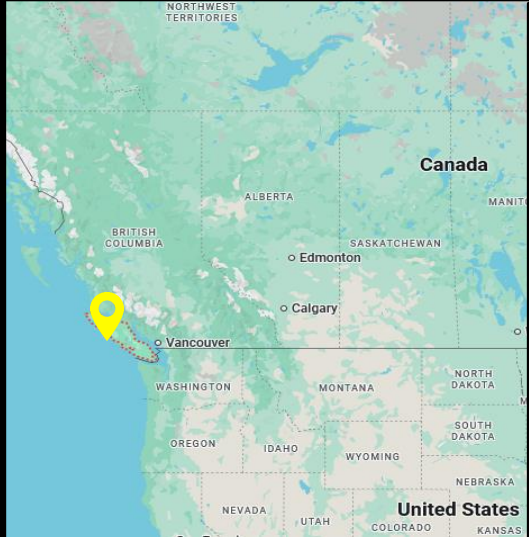
MARITIME INCIDENT



01 Jan/Three yachts sink after marina fire on Vancouver Island/ Canada

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.01	Canada	Vancouver Island	Fire	Three Yachts	No one was injured and no one was aboard the boats that sank, he said.

Three boats sank at Van Isle Marina in Sidney, BC.on Sunday due to a fire that produced a large column of smoke. Firefighters responded shortly after 0730 am. PT discovering three yachts each 65 to 70 feet long, in flames. Although they protected nearby vessels the yachts ultimately sank in their slips. The fire is believed to have burnt for 15 to 20 minutes before being reported and is not considered suspicious. The Canadian Coast Guard is working with local officials on pollution containment and an environmental response plan.



Source -: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/van-isle-marina-fire-yachts-sink-9.7070199/>

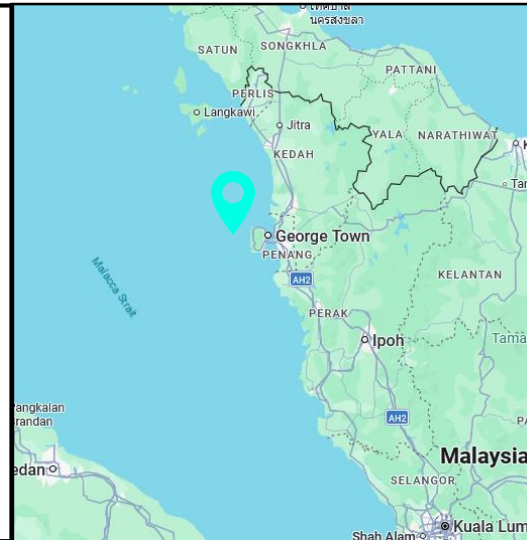
SMUGGLING



29 Jan/02 tanker Arrested Illegal STS Oil trance /Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.29	Malaysia	24 Nm off Muka Head	Illegal STS Transfer	02 Tanker	This seizure is part of Malaysia's intensified crackdown on frequent illicit STS transfers and sanctions-evasion activities within its waters.

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) seized two tankers on 29th Jan for conducting an illegal ship-to-ship transfer of crude oil approximately 24 nm off Muka Head Penang. The seized oil valued at around 512 million ringgit (US\$130 million) was discovered during a patrol after MMEA received intelligence about the operation. Both tankers were detained, and the crew, made up of nationals from China, Myanmar, Iran, Pakistan and India was taken into custody.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12663/malaysia-seizes-crude-oil-worth-dollar130-million-from-tanke/>

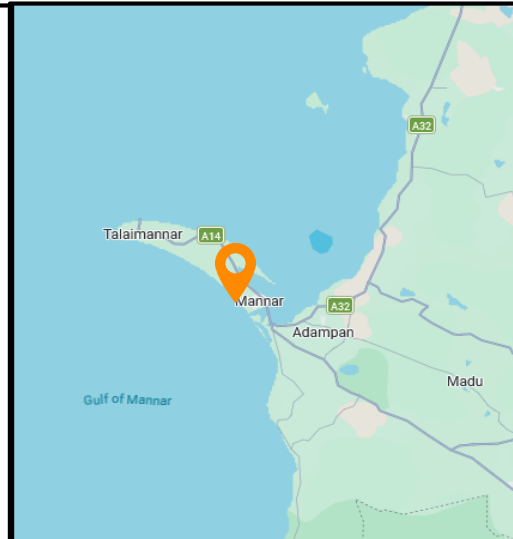
IUU FISHING



31 Jan/ Navy apprehended Three suspects with 17kg of turtle flesh /Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.31	Sri Lanka	Northceteral naval area	Illegal STS Transfer	One OFRP	Navy clamps down on illegal meat mongers on Nachchikuda beach.

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended Three suspects with 17kg of turtle flesh 39 turtle eggs and a dinghy One during a search operation in the Nachchikuda beach area of Mannar on 31st Jan 26. The search operation, conducted by SLNS Buwaneka under the North Central Naval Command, resulted in the search of a suspicious dinghy. A subsequent inspection led to the discovery and seizure of these flesh and eggs, made ready for sale. Three suspects, identified as residents of the Nachchikuda area in Mannar are aged between 26 and 32 years. The suspects along with the turtle flesh, eggs, and the dinghy were handed over to the Kilinochchi Wildlife Office for further investigation and legal proceedings.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/02/202602021300//>



02 Feb/Charter boat captain busted with 50+ pounds of cocaine in /USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.02	USA	South Florida	Illegal STS Transfer	Charter boat	A significant amount of cocaine seized in Miami.

Over 50 pounds of cocaine a vessel a handgun and \$8,000 in illicit proceeds were seized during the arrest of a charter boat captain in South Florida. The US citizen captain faces charges of cocaine possession with intent to distribute. US Border Patrol Chief Michael W Banks emphasized the importance of enforcement operations in preventing narcotics from entering communities.



Source -: <https://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/charter-boat-captain-busted-with-50-pounds-of-cocaine-in-south-florida-border-patrol/3758337/>



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