

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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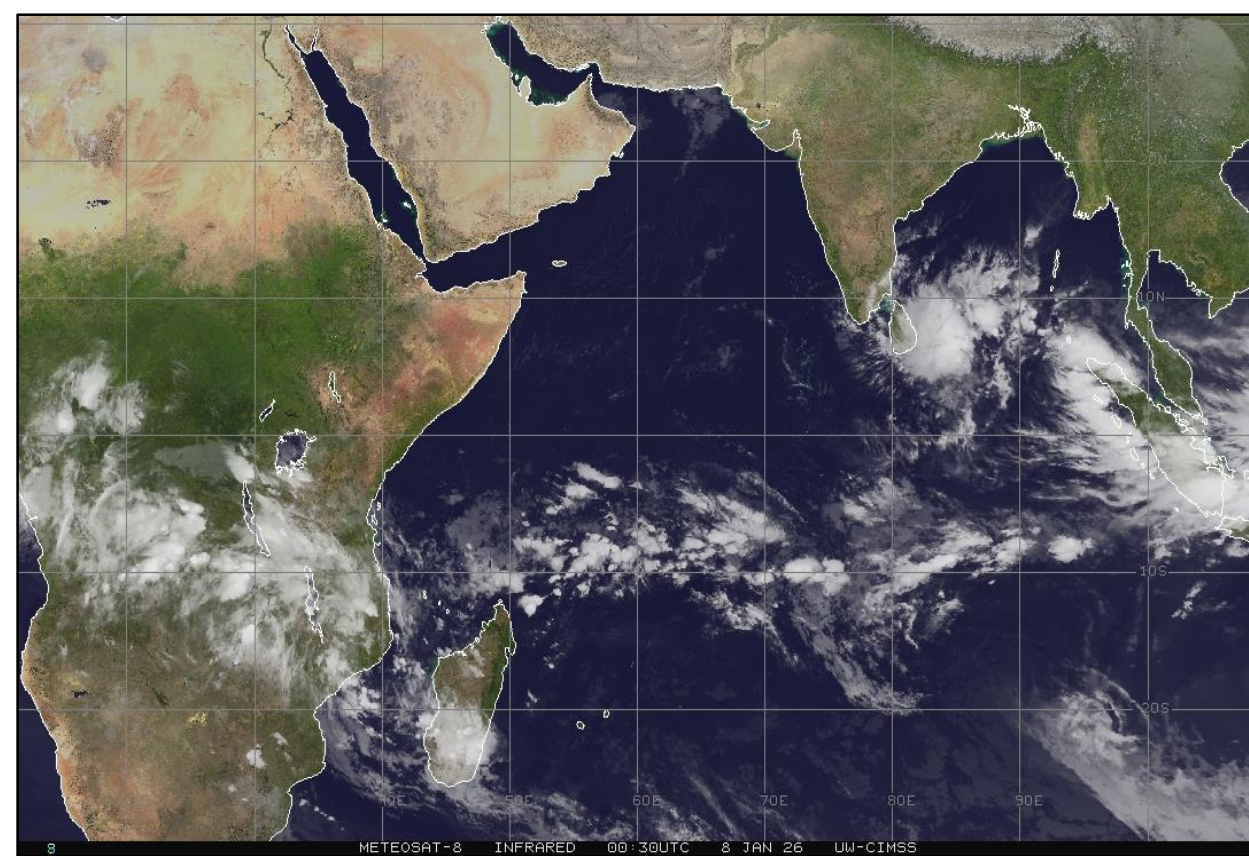
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WEATHER FORECAST



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: 2026.01.08/0600UTC to 2026.01.08/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.01.08

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

The depression over the Bay of Bengal, located to the southeast of Sri Lanka, was centered near latitude 5.3°N and longitude 86.0°E, about 490 km southeast of Pottuvil, at 11:30 p.m. yesterday (07). It is expected to move west-northwestwards and towards the eastern coast of the island during next 24 hours. This system is likely to intensify further into a deep depression during next 12 hours.

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 30, 35, 80, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 40, 45, 60, 65, 70, 75

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line :

West of 75E: NE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05, 25

East of 75E: Cyclonic / (20-25) kts; gusting up to (30-35) kts in sections 05, 10, 15, 30.

In-between Shear line and ITCZ :

NW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65, 70.

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 80, 85.

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 30

Rough in sections : 15, 25,

Fairly Rough, rough at times in sections : 60, 65, 70, 80, 85

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 40, 45, 50, 75

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

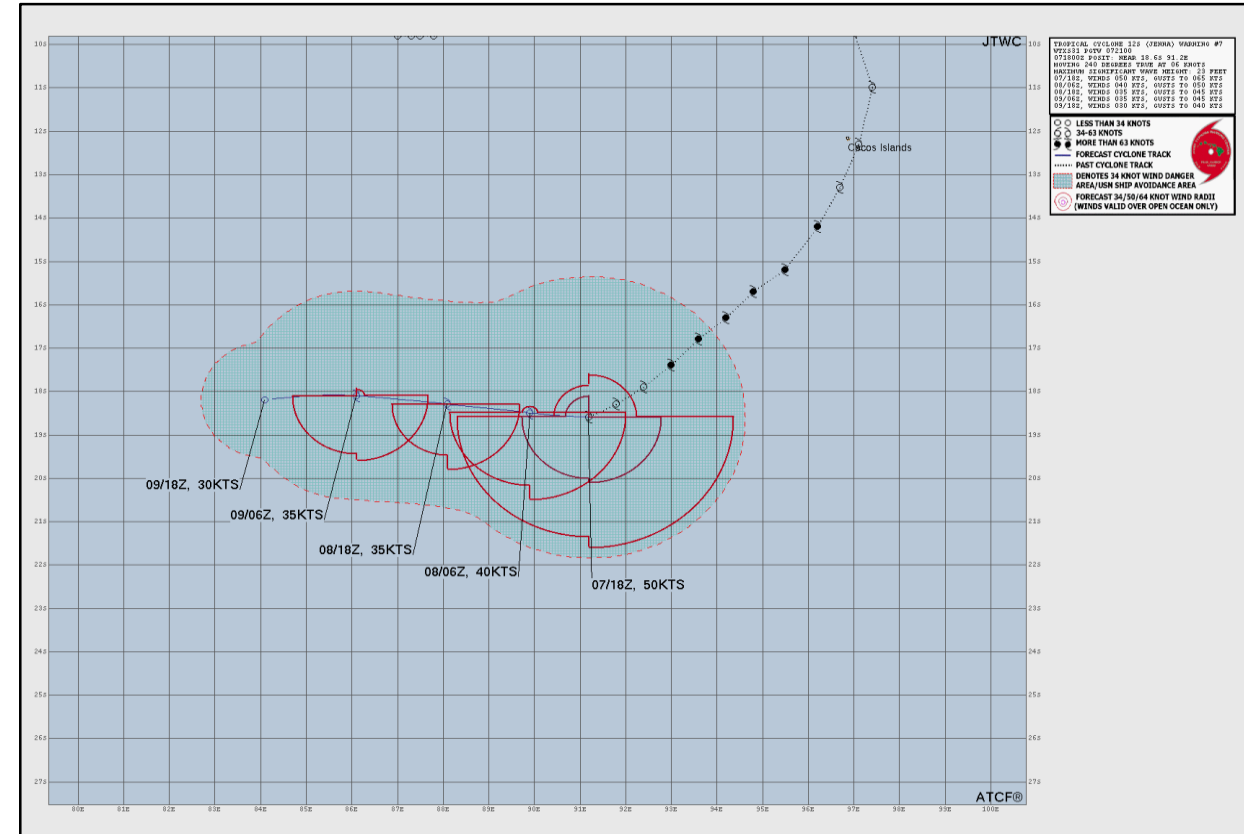
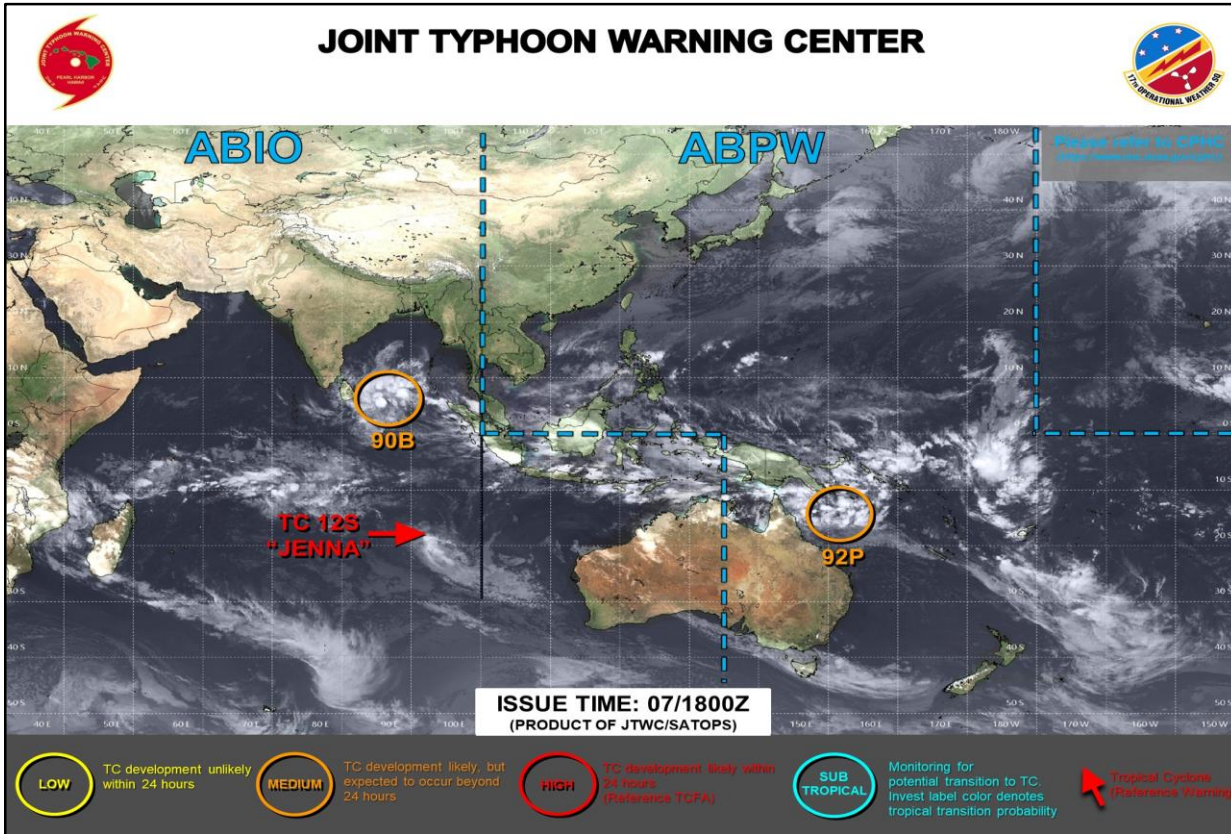
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers

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

CYCLONE

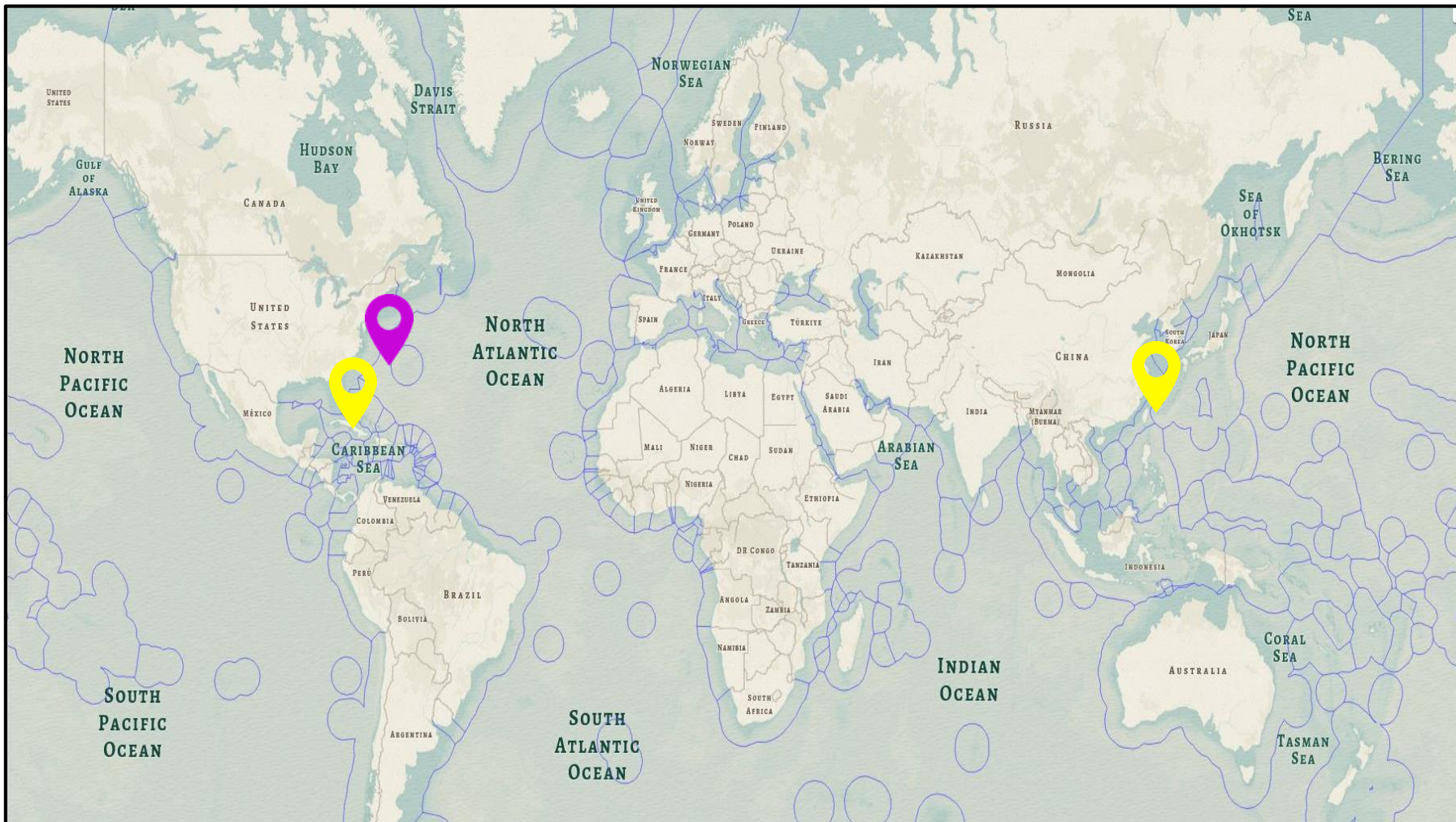



Tropical Cyclone Jenna



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY		NO
	Maritime Incidents	02
	Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
	Smuggling	NIL
	IUU Fishing	NIL
	Narcotic	NIL
	Irregular Human Migration	NIL
	Marin Environment Pollution	NIL
	Other	01
Total Incidents		03

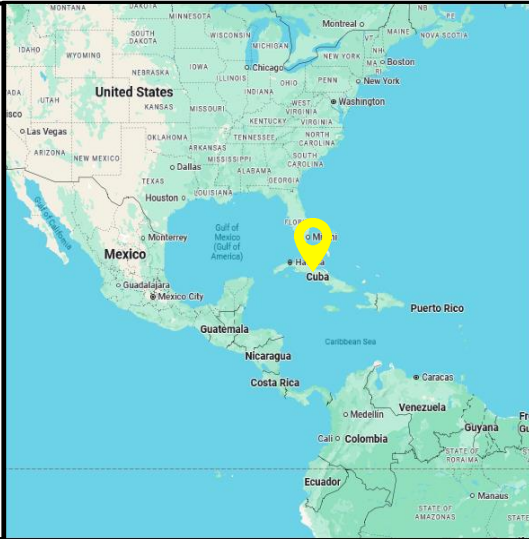
MARITIME INCIDENT



03 Jan/ Tourists rescued after sailing boat hit by cargo vessel in Caribbean/ Cuba

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.03	Cuba	Caribbean Island	Rescue Operations	Sailing Vessel	Video footage from rescuers depicted individuals being rescued and taken to safety on land, where they underwent medical evaluations.

Two British tourists were rescued among 20 people after their sailing vessel was struck by a cargo ship and sank off Colombia’s Caribbean coast on 3 January. The incident near Cartagena prompted the captain to issue a mayday alert, leading the crew and passengers to abandon the vessel for emergency life rafts.



Source -: <https://marineindustrynews.co.uk/video-tourists-rescued-after-sailing-boat-hit-by-cargo-vessel-in-caribbean/>

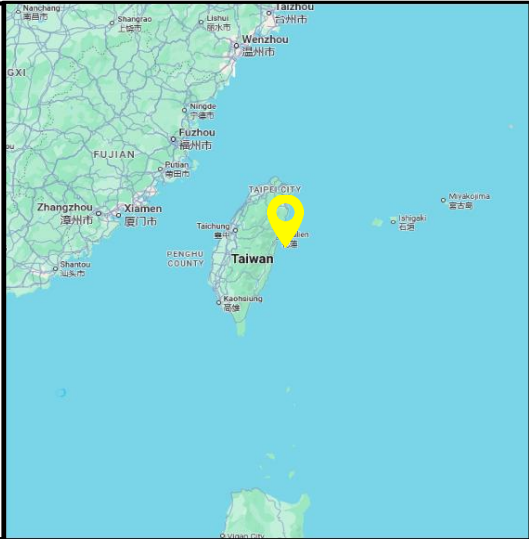
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06 Jan/ Searches for missing ROCAF F-16V pilot after jet crashes/ Taiwan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.06	Taiwan	Sea off Hualien	Rescue Operations	-	Deployment of navy, air force, and army assets and personnel, supported by national search-and-rescue organizations and Taiwan's Coast Guard Administration (CGA).

Taiwan's military and coast guard are conducting a large scale search and rescue operation following the crash of a Republic of China Air Force F-16V Block 20 fighter jet into the sea off Hualien County during a routine nighttime training mission. The pilot remains unaccounted for as of the latest updates.



Source -: <https://www.aerotime.aero/articles/taiwan-search-missing-f-16v-pilot-crash-hualien>

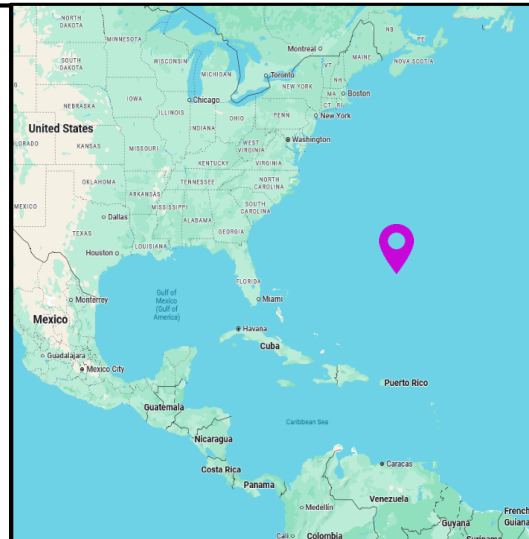
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



07 Jan/ Oil Tanker "Marinera" Seized by US Forces After Weeks/ USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.07	USA	North Atlantic Ocean	Seizure	Name - Marinera Flag - Russia Type - Crude Oil Tanker	The vessel changed its name to Marinera on 1 January and its flag of registration to Russia on 4 January.

The oil tanker Marinera, previously named Bella 1, has been seized by the US in the North Atlantic, as reported by the US European Command on X. The US Coast Guard executed the seizure under a warrant from a US federal court, facing no resistance during the operation.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12609/oil-tanker-marinera-seized-by-us-forces-after-weeks-long-eva>



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