

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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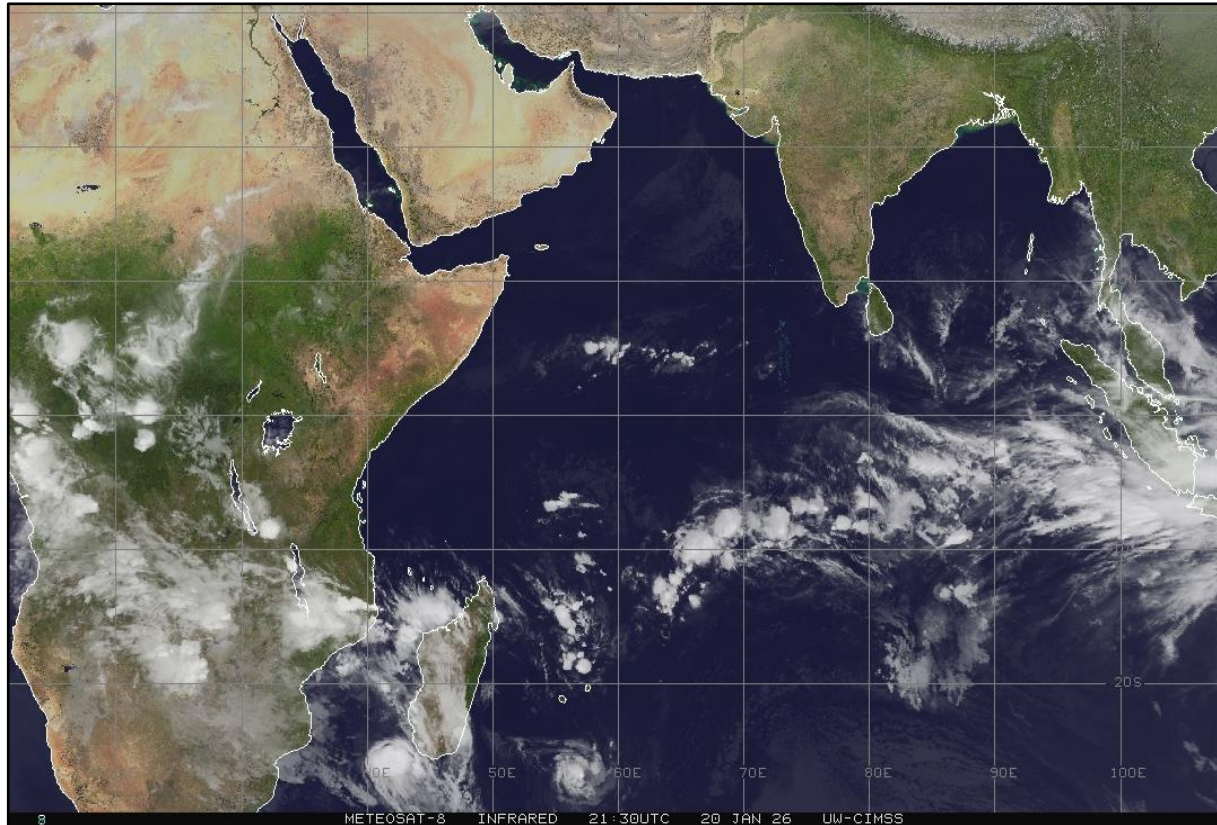
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Date 2026.01.21

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: 2026.01.21/0600UTC to 2026.01.21/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.01.21

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

Shear line is approximately along : 03S 60E, 01N 70E, 02N 80E, 08N 90E, 04N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 13S 60E, 09S 70E, 08S 80E, 11S 90E, 12S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 55, 60, 65, 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 20, 45, 50, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

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

East of 80E: N'ly to NW'ly/ (10-15)kts; gusting up to (20-25) kts in sections 10.

In-between Shear line and ITCZ

West of 80E: NW'ly or SW'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in section 65

East of 80E: W'ly to NW'ly/ (15-20)kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 70, 75

South of ITCZ:

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

East of 70E: SE'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to (20-25) kts in section 85.

Seas:

Rough in sections : 70

Fairly Rough, rough at times in sections : 65, 75

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 85.

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

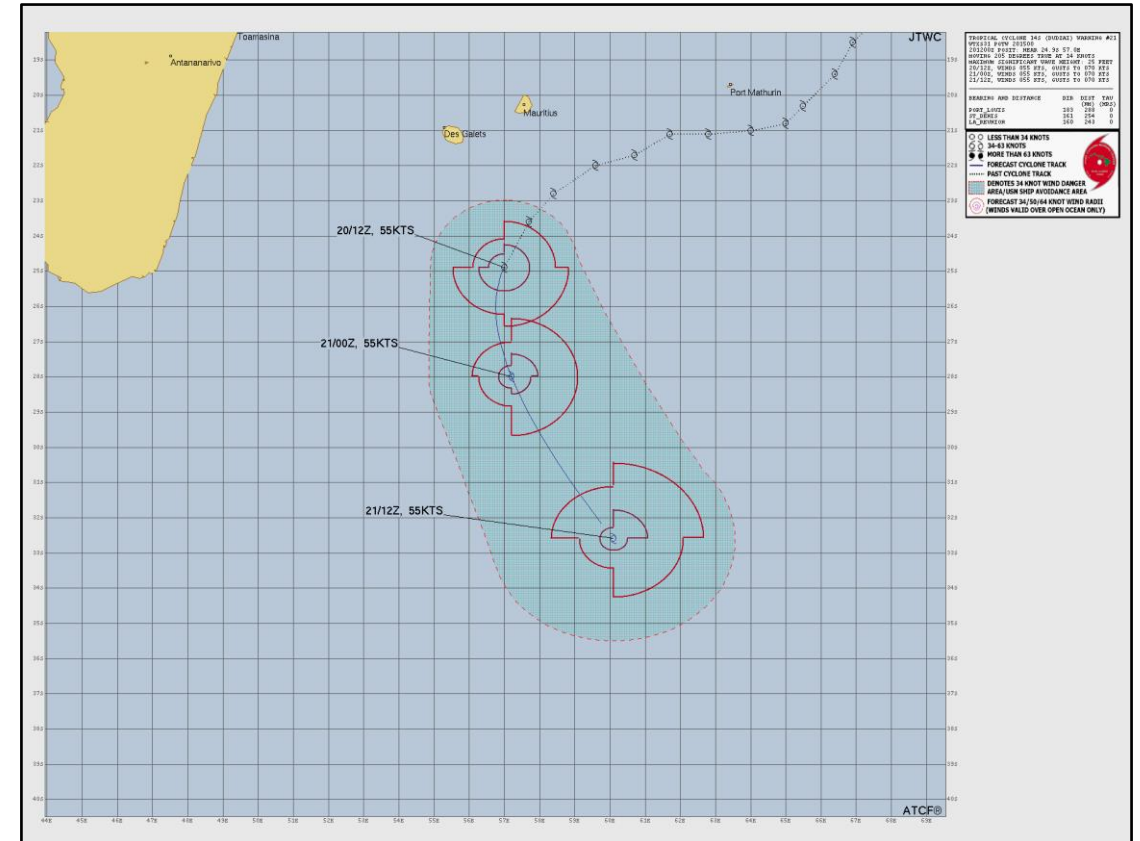
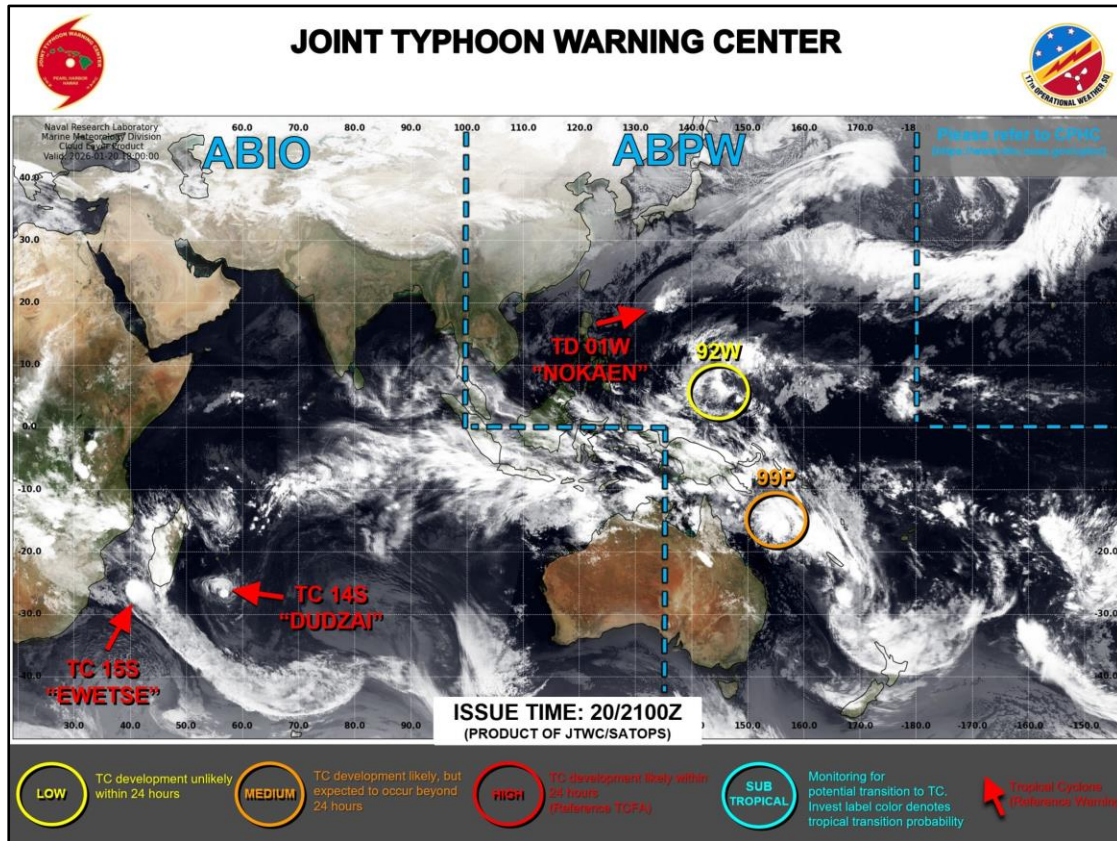
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone 14S "Duduzai"

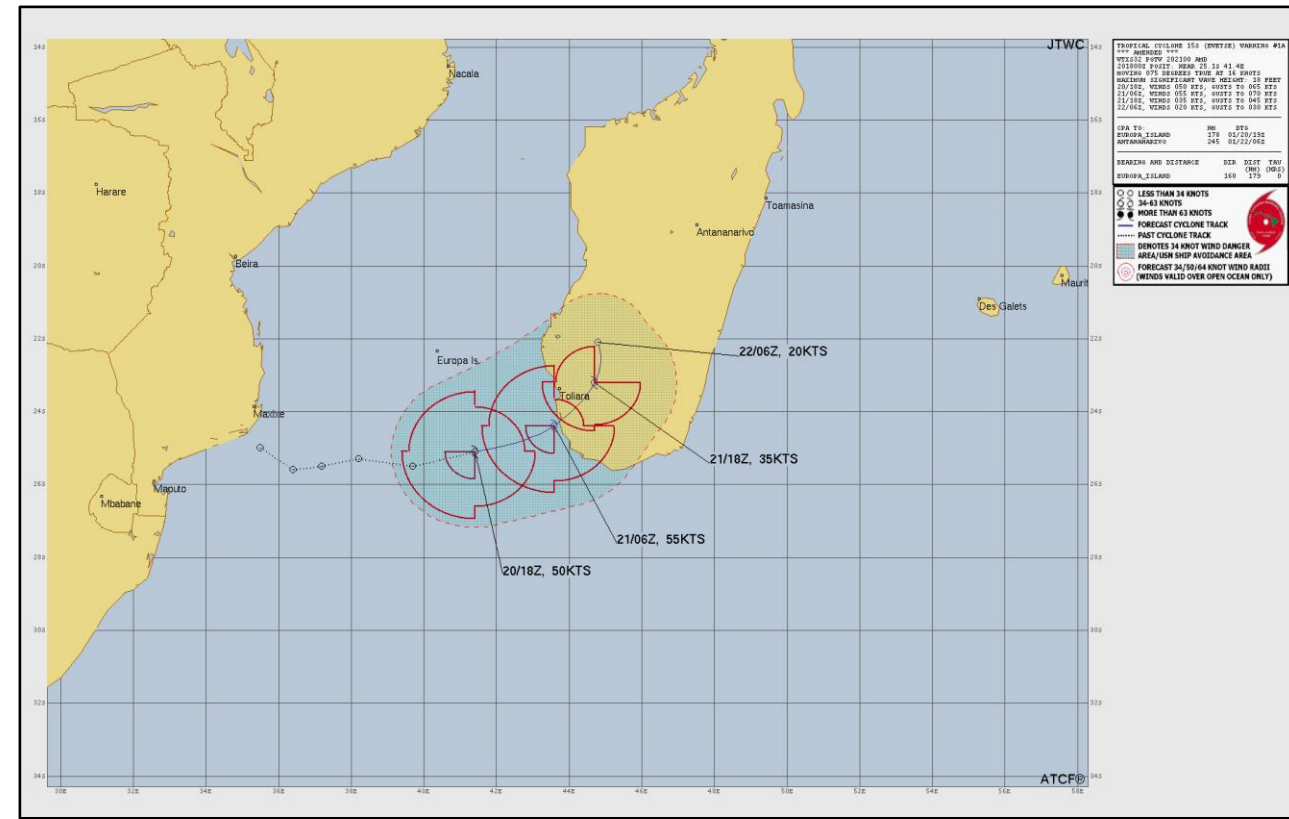
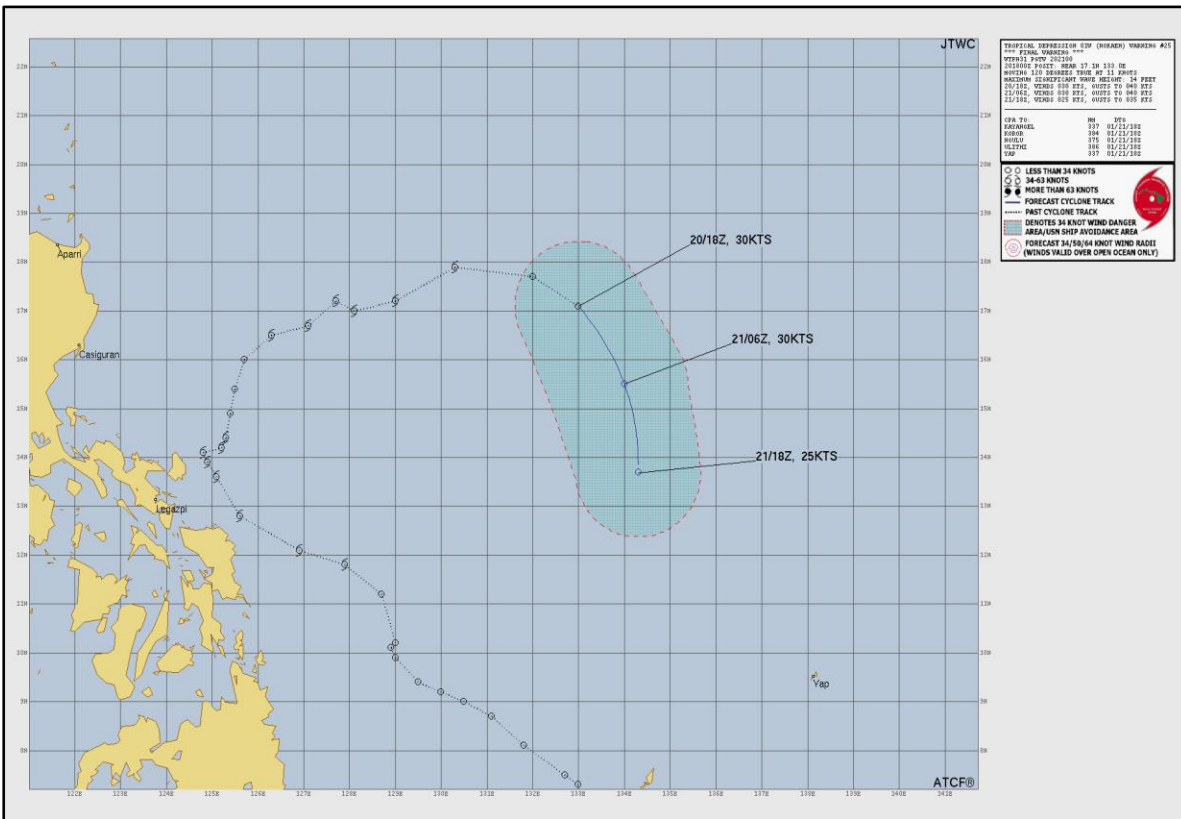


- Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

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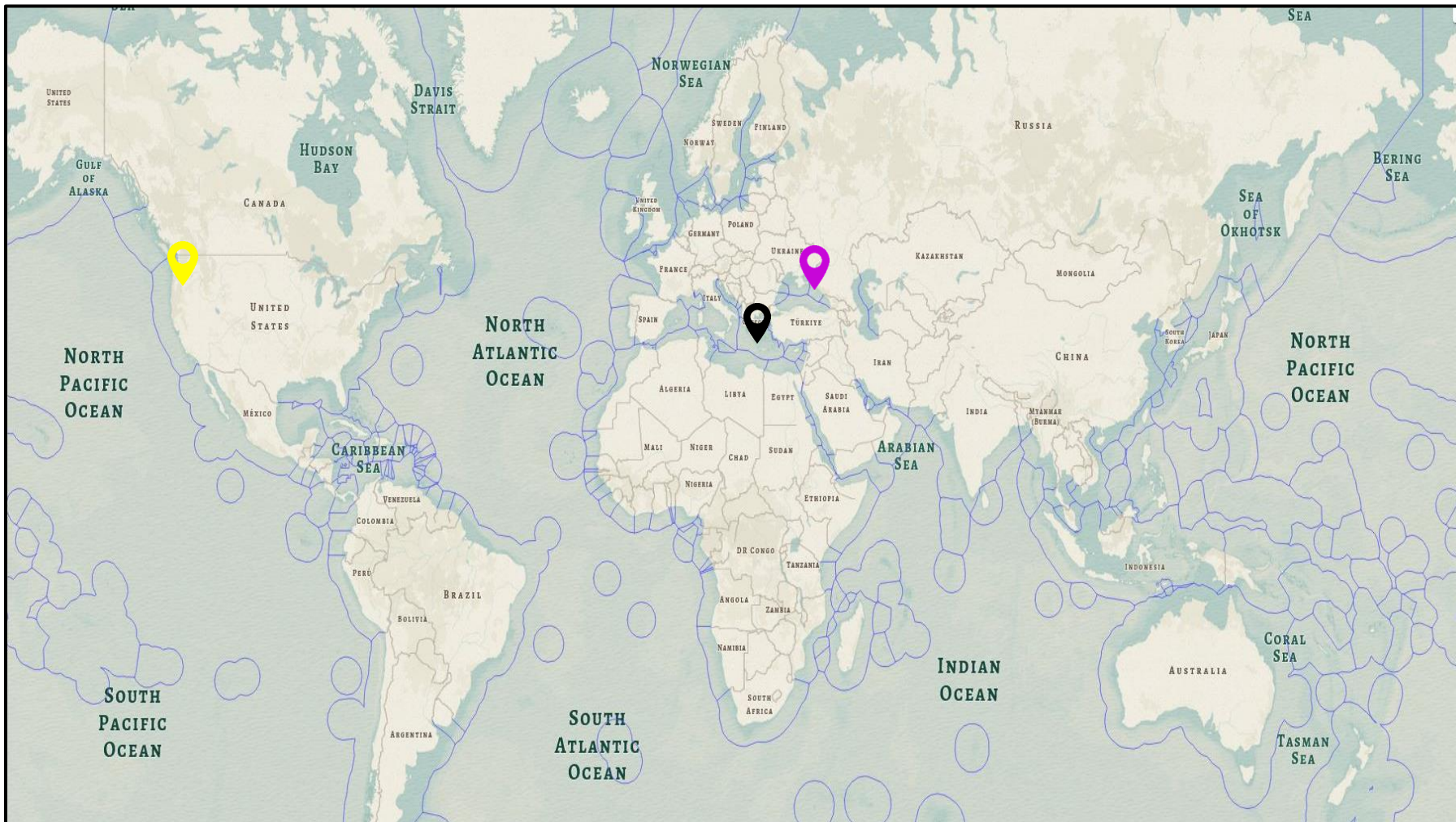


Tropical Storm 01W "Nokaen" & 15S "Ewetse"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

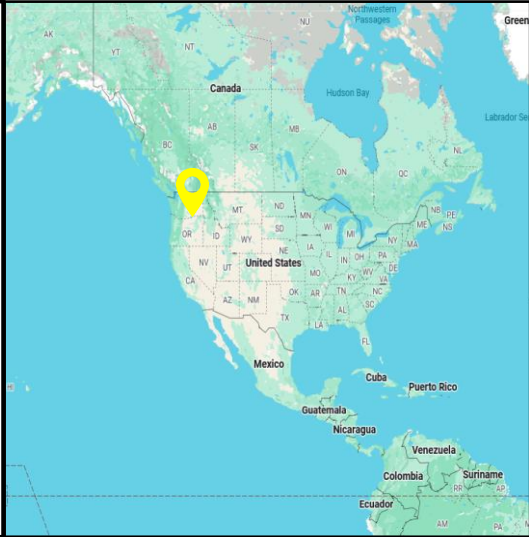
MARITIME INCIDENT



19 Jan/ Fire sinks three boats at Umatilla Marina/ United States

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.17	USA	Umatilla Marina	Fire	-	All three burned boats sank despite firefighting efforts. Umatilla Public Works officials used containment booms to prevent the spread of hazardous materials like fuel from the vessels.

Clean up operations are ongoing at Umatilla Marina following a fire that caused three boats to sink. Firefighters responded to a report of a fire at approximately 0627 hrs on 19 Jan discovering two burning boats drifting away from the dock and another still moored. Fortunately damage to nearby vessels was prevented.



Source -: https://www.applevalleynewsnow.com/news/fire-sinks-three-boats-at-umatilla-marina/article_58703e7a-37f6-416a-be22-dc2ac01de5d8.html

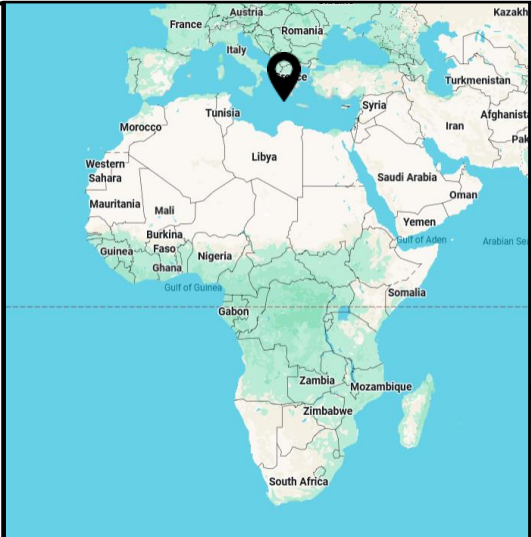
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



18 Jan/ A pirogue from Saint-Louis capsizes in Mauritanian waters/ Africa

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.18	Greece	Gavdos Island	Human Smuggling By Sea	-	The coast guard reported that two men, aged 23 and 19 from South Somalia, were allegedly hired to navigate a vessel from Tobruk in eastern Libya to Gavdos, located off the southern coast of Crete..

A total 79 migrants reached the southern island of Gavdos in a small vessel from northern Africa on Sunday and two of them have been arrested on suspicion of belonging to a migrant smuggling gang, authorities said Monday.



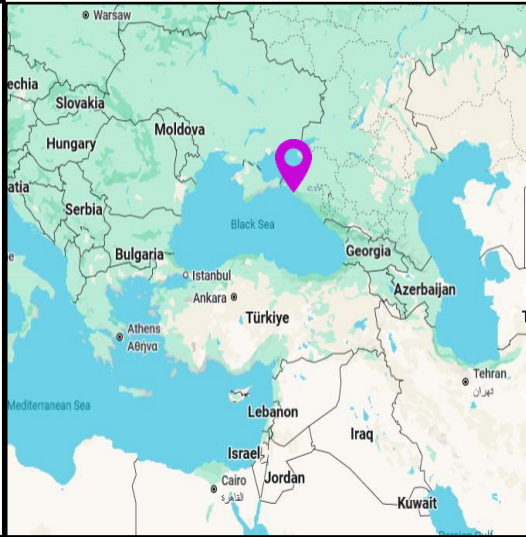
Source -: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1292764/79-migrants-reach-southern-gavdos-island-from-libya/>



18 Jan/ Container Vessel "Aurelia" Takes Refuge in Samsun Port After Drone Attack/Russia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.18	Russia	Novorossiysk Port	Drone Attack	Name: AURELIA Type: Cargo IMO: 9121895	Damaged containers have been removed from the ship. Surveys are currently being conducted to assess the extent of the damage.

The incident involved a ship around 80-90 nautical miles offshore from Novorossiysk Port Russia. The vessel carrying a crew of 16 was struck yet there were no reported injuries among the crew although some containers sustained damage.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12632/container-vessel-aurelia-takes-refuge-in-samsun-port-after-d>



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