

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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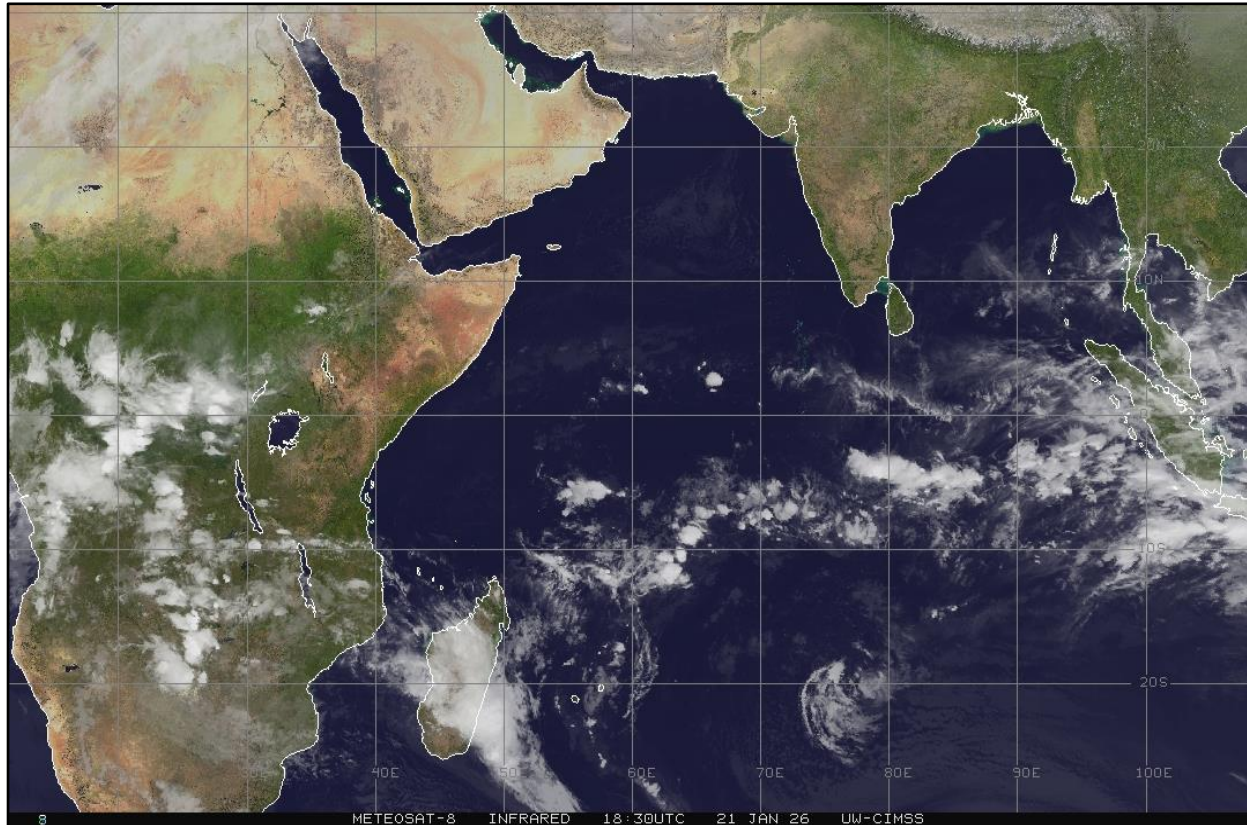
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WEATHER FORECAST



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: 2026.01.22/0600UTC to 2026.01.22/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.01.22

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

Shear line is approximately along : EQ 60E, 01N 70E, 02N 80E, 07N 90E, 05N 100E

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

Weather:

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

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

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

NNE'ly to N'ly/ (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 05, 15, 25.

In-between Shear line and ITCZ

NW'ly to W'ly/(15-20)kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 45, 50, 65, 70, 75

South of ITCZ:

E'ly to SE'ly / (10-20)kts.

Seas:

Rough in sections : 65, 70

Fairly Rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 15, 45, 50, 75

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 00, 10, 20, 25, 30, 55, 60, 85

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

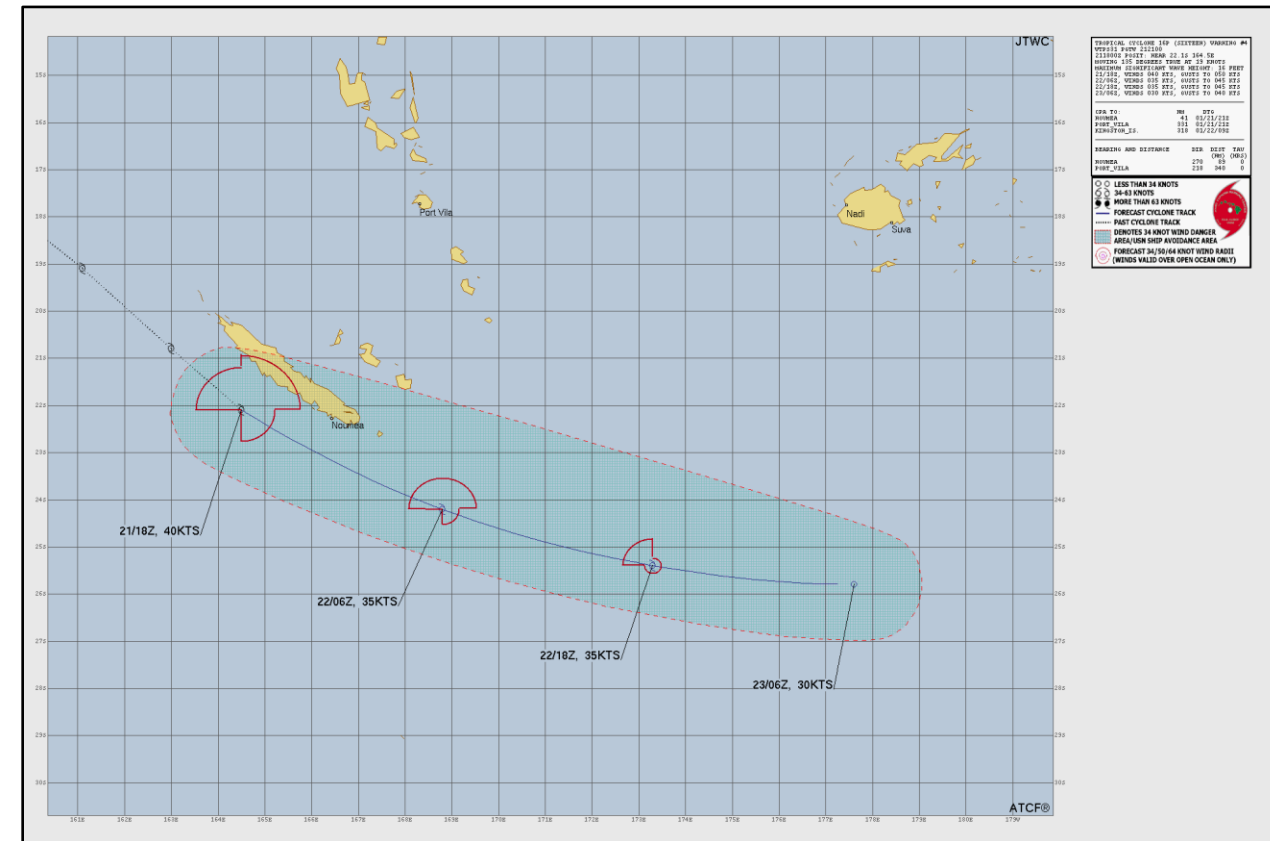
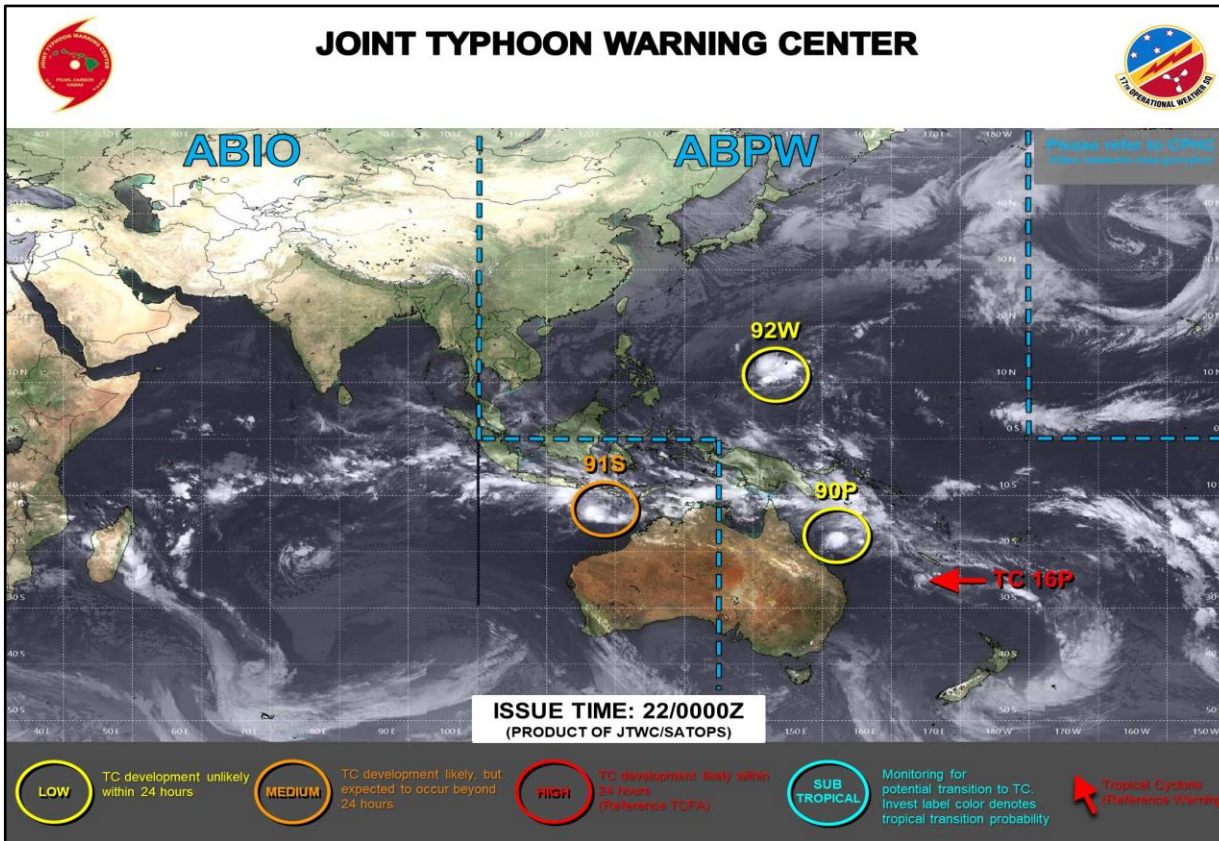
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers

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

CYCLONE

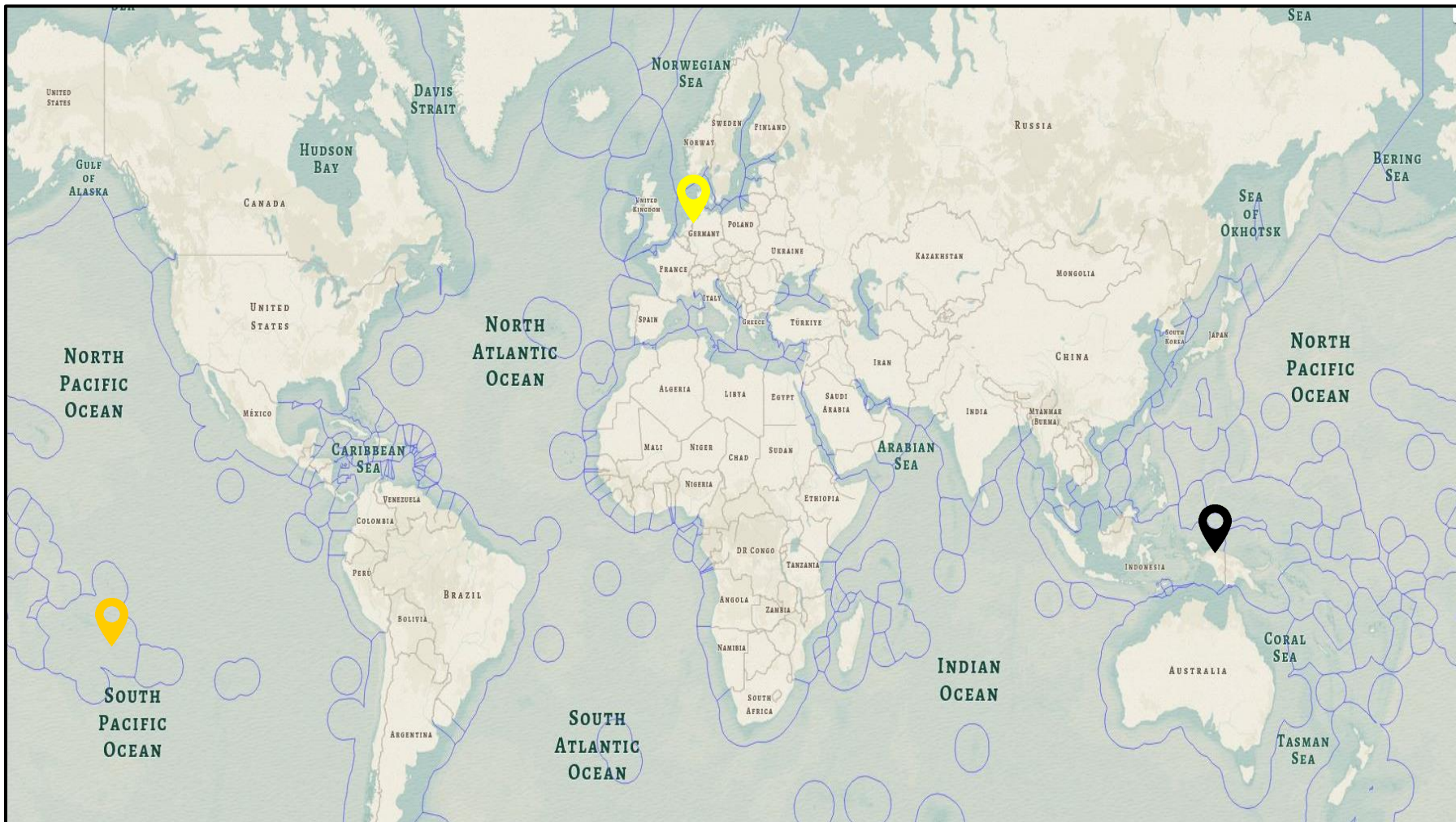





Tropical Cyclone 16P "Sixteen"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENT



19 Jan/ Fire ignites on bulk carrier in Emden Port/ Germany

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.19	Germany	Port of Emden	Fire / Explosion	Name-CSL Thames Flag –Malta Type -bulk carrier	Local media said that the incident did not result in any injuries or pollution.

A foreign-flagged commercial ship, the Malta registered CSL Thames, experienced an onboard fire in one of its generators while docked at the Port of Emden, Germany, on 19 Jan 26. By the time firefighters arrived at the scene, the ship's suppression systems had extinguished the fire.



Source -: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/amp/story/security/incidents/accidents/fire-ignites-on-bulk-carrier-in-germanys-emden-port>

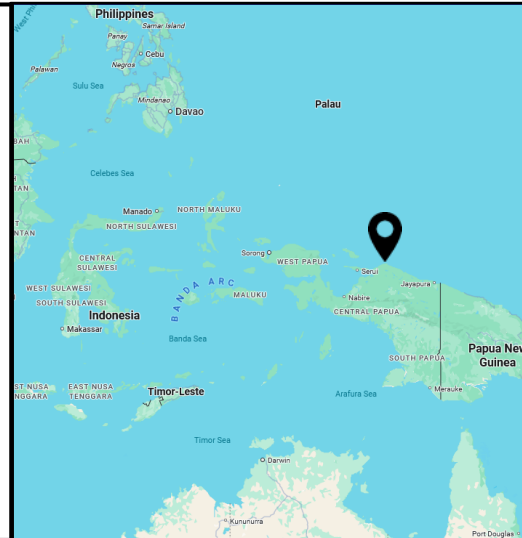
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



18 Jan/ Busts Australia-Bound Chinese Human Smuggling Ring/ Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.18	Indonesia	Eastern Indonesia (Papua)	Human Smuggling By Sea	-	According to the Immigration Office, migrants from China traveled to Jakarta and were subsequently flown to Merauke, Papua, before being smuggled by boat to Australia.

Indonesian immigration authorities have discovered an international human smuggling ring using Indonesia, particularly Papua, as a transit point for illegally transporting Chinese nationals to Australia. The syndicate employed remote maritime routes to evade detection, leading to the arrest of three foreign nationals in Jakarta, including two Chinese citizens and a Thai national.



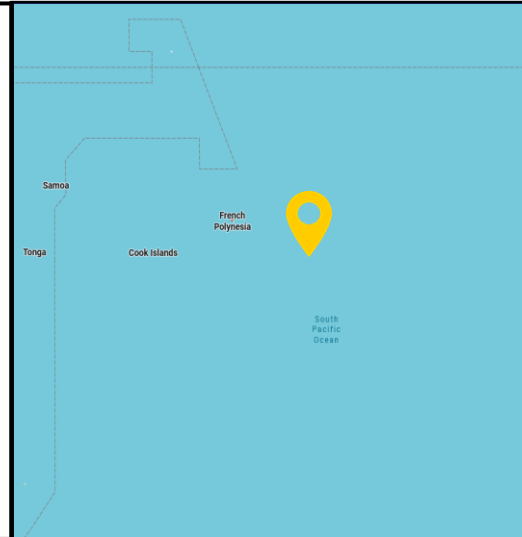
Source -: <https://www.thebalitimes.com/headlines/indonesia-busts-australia-bound-chinese-human-smuggling-ring/>



20 Jan/ Seize 4.87 Tonnes Of Cocaine Reportedly Bound For Australia/ French Polynesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.20	French Polynesia	South Pacific Ocean	Sea Based Drug Trafficking	ship sailing under Togo's flag	Australian Federal Police commander Stephen Jay announced that police personnel in the Pacific, along with Taskforce Thunder, will collaborate with French Polynesian authorities to identify individuals associated with a recent seizure.

France's High Commission in French Polynesia has announced the seizure of 4.87 tonnes of cocaine in its maritime zone, allegedly destined for Australia. The operation involved the armed forces in French Polynesia, the national gendarmerie, and the local anti-narcotics office (OFAST). Reports indicate the drugs were being transported on a Togolese flagged ship.



Source -: <https://www.abc.net.au/pacific/french-polynesian-police-seize-cocaine-bound-for-australia/106251550>



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