

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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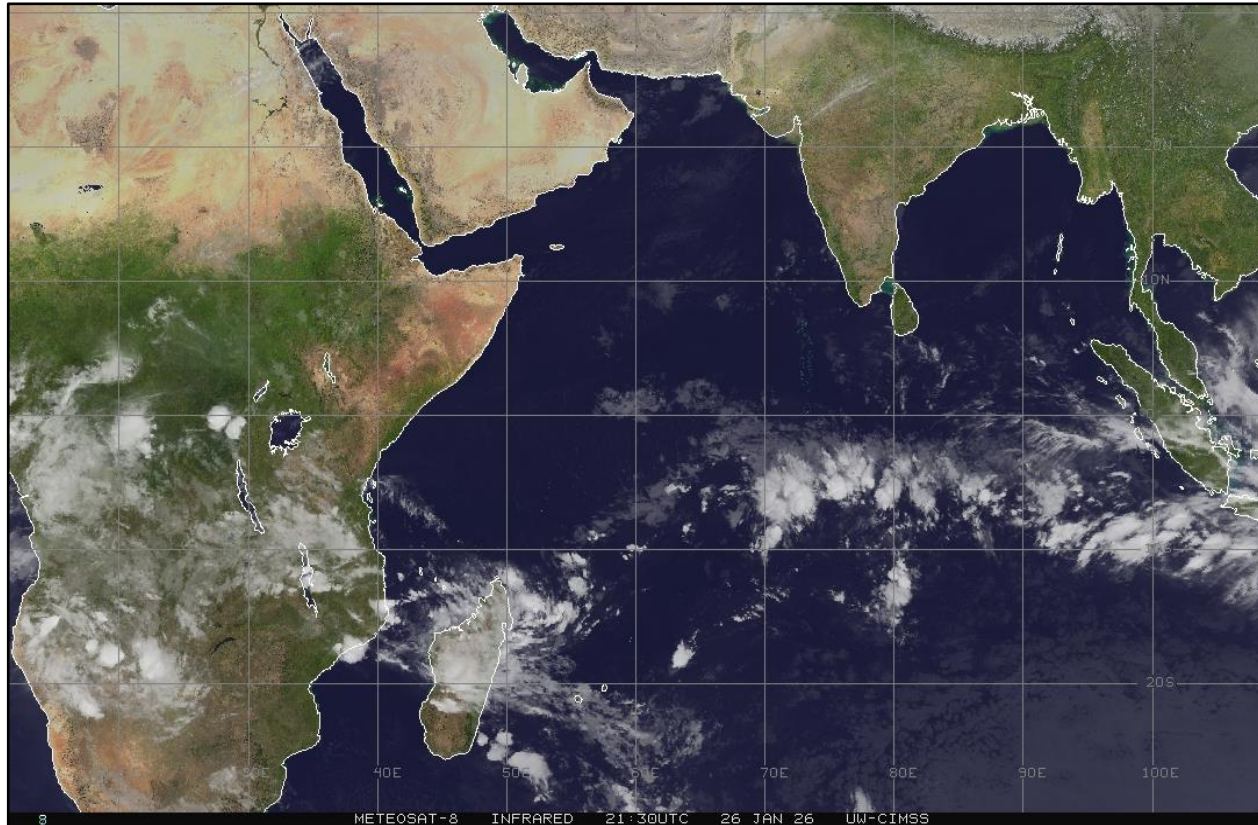
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Date 2026.01.27

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: 2026.01.27/0600UTC to 2026.01.27/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.01.27

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

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

ITCZ is approximately along : 09S 60E, 06S 70E, 10S 80E, 07S 90E, 08S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 15, 40, 45, 50, 55, 65, 70, 75, 80

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 25, 30, 35, 60, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line

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

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

In-between Shear line and ITCZ

West of 85E: NW'ly to W'ly / (10-20)kts.

East of 85E: W'ly / (10-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 50, 55, 70, 75

South of ITCZ:

West of 75E: SE'ly / (10-20)kts.

East of 75E: SE'ly or Variable / (10-20)kts.

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 50, 55, 70, 75

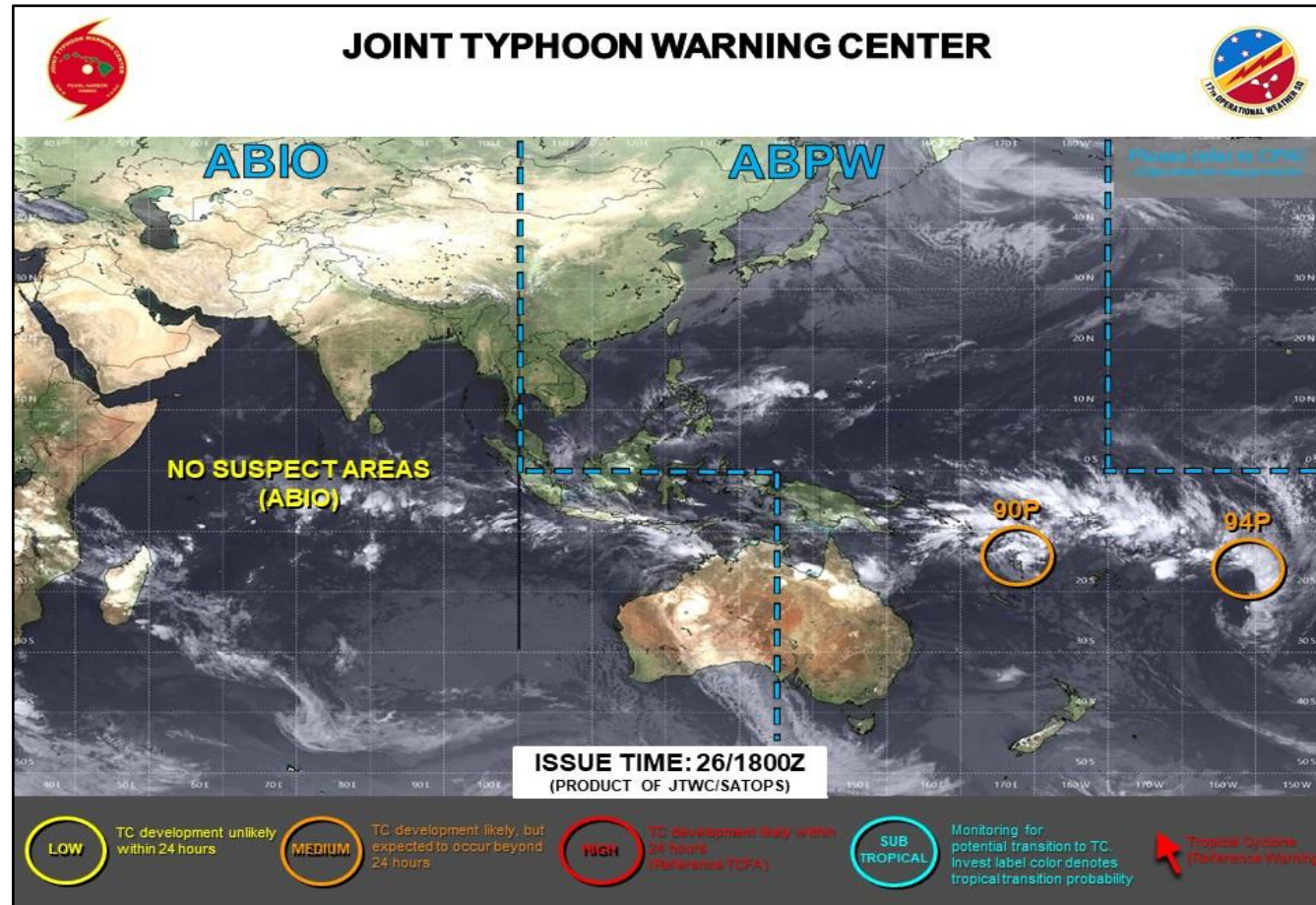
Moderate in sections : 00, 15, 25, 30, 45, 65, 85

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

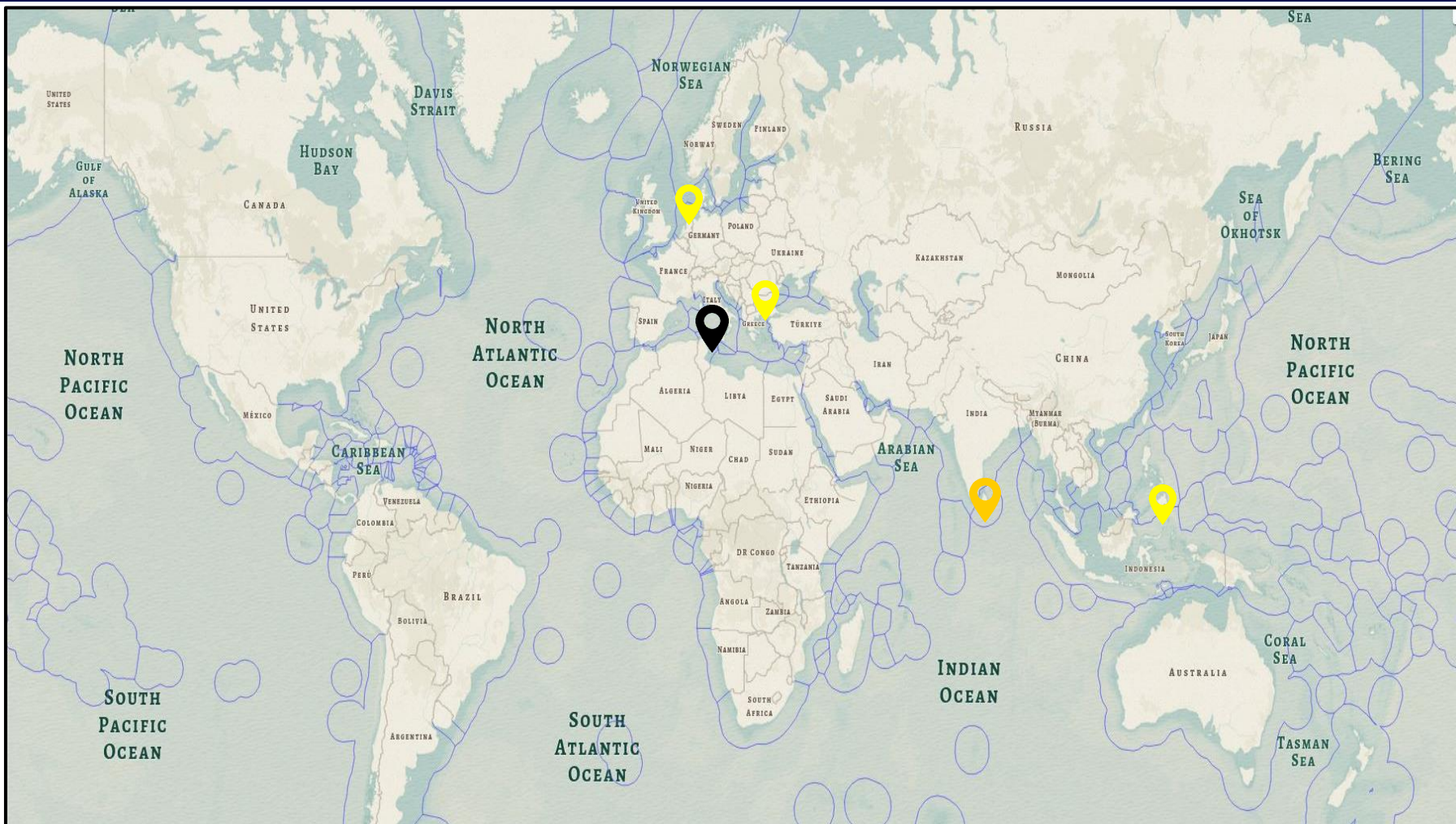
- Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY		NO
	Maritime Incidents	03
	Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
	Smuggling	NIL
	IUU Fishing	NIL
	Narcotic	01
	Irregular Human Migration	01
	Marin Environment Pollution	NIL
	Other	NIL
Total Incidents		05

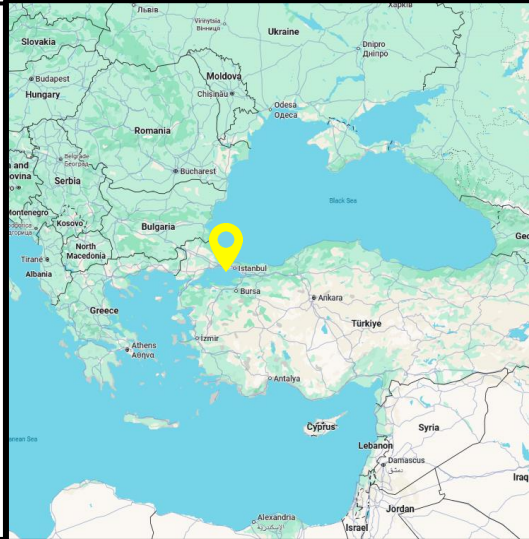
MARITIME INCIDENT



25 Jan/Cargo Vessel "Forester" Suffers Engine Failure/Turkey

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.25	Turkey	Off Istanbul	Mechanical Failure	Name - Forester Type – Cargo IMO - 9003524	The vessel, while en route from İzmir to Russia, was towed by the tugboat Kurtarma

Turkey's Directorate General of Coastal Safety (KEGM) reported that the general cargo vessel Forester suffered an engine failure off the coast of Buyukcekmece on 25 January. No injuries or pollution were reported.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12650/cargo-vessel-forester-suffers-engine-failure-off-istanbul-co>

MARITIME INCIDENT



25 Jan/Crew Member Missing After Falling/Germany

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.25	Germany	Elbe estuary	Crew Over Board	Name - Songa Pearl Type – Tanker IMO - 9444455	The search operation in the region was called off at 12:52 pm due to a lack of further indications, but authorities stated it would resume if new information arises.

The German Maritime Search and Rescue Service (DGzRS) initiated a search and rescue operation after a 29-year-old crew member fell overboard from the tanker Songa Pearl in the Elbe estuary on 25 January. The vessel was travelling from Antwerp to Gdansk when the incident occurred, and the alarm was raised around 0600 local time, with the crew member last seen several hours prior.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12649/crew-member-missing-after-falling-overboard-from-tanker-in-e>

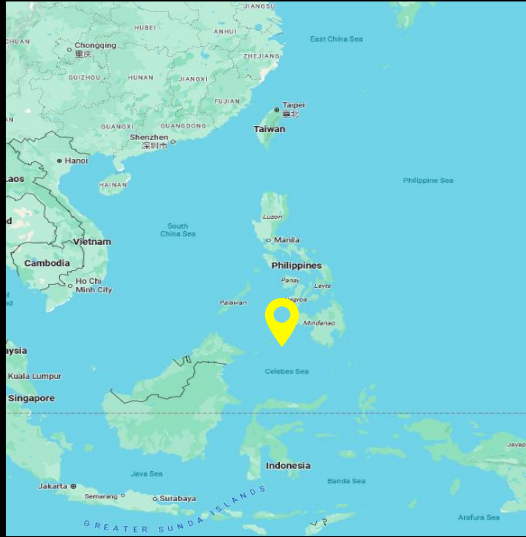
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26 Jan/Ferry Capsizes; 15 Dead, 28 Missing/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.26	Philippines	Off Baluk Island	Capsize	Name - Trisha Kerstin 3 Type – Pleasure Craft MMSI - 915480313	The ferry Trisha Kerstin 3 capsized off Baluk Island in the southern Philippines, resulting in the deaths of 15 passengers..

The ferry departed from Zamboanga City for Jolo, Sulu Province, when it began taking on water and capsized, sending a distress signal at approximately 0150 hrs local time. It was carrying 332 passengers and 27 crew members, totaling 359 people on board, and was operating close to its maximum authorized capacity of 350 passengers.



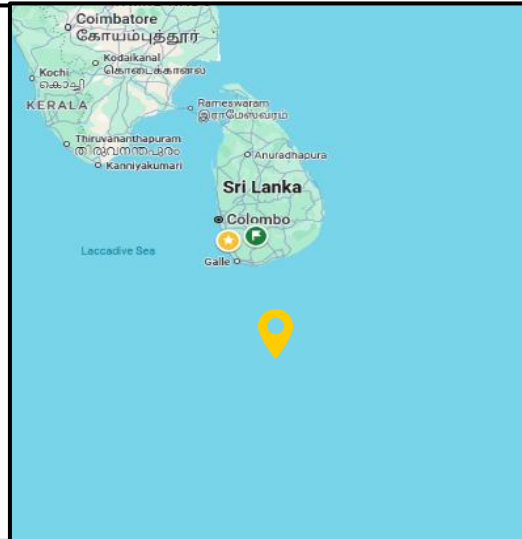
Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12647/ferry-capsizes-off-southern-philippines-15-dead-and-28-missi>



25 Jan/Intercepted two narcotics laden trawlers with eleven (11) suspects/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.25	Sri Lanka	South Sea Area	Seizure Of Narcotics	Two Fishing trawlers	On 25 January 2026, two intercepted fishing trawlers and fourteen sacks of suspected narcotics, along with the suspects, were brought to Dikovita Fisheries Harbour.

During a coordinated operation by the Sri Lanka Navy and Police off the southern coast, two multi-day fishing trawlers were intercepted on suspicion of narcotics smuggling. The first trawler led to the apprehension of five suspects, while the second trawler yielded six more suspects and communication equipment.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/26/202601260900/>

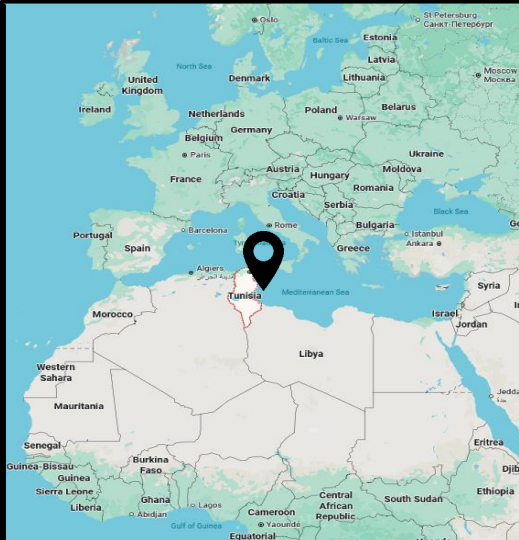
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



25 Around 50 dead after migrant boat sinks/Tunisia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.01.25	Tunisia	Mediterranean	Boat Capsizing	Migrate Boat	Last week, Alarm Phone reported approximately 150 people missing in the central Mediterranean

The Times of Malta reported a survivor's account that around 50 migrants perished when their boat sank in the central Mediterranean. A man was rescued from the sea by a cargo ship off Tunisia and later brought to Malta for medical treatment.



Source -: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/around-50-dead-after-migrant-boat-sinks-in-mediterranean-report/3810648>



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