

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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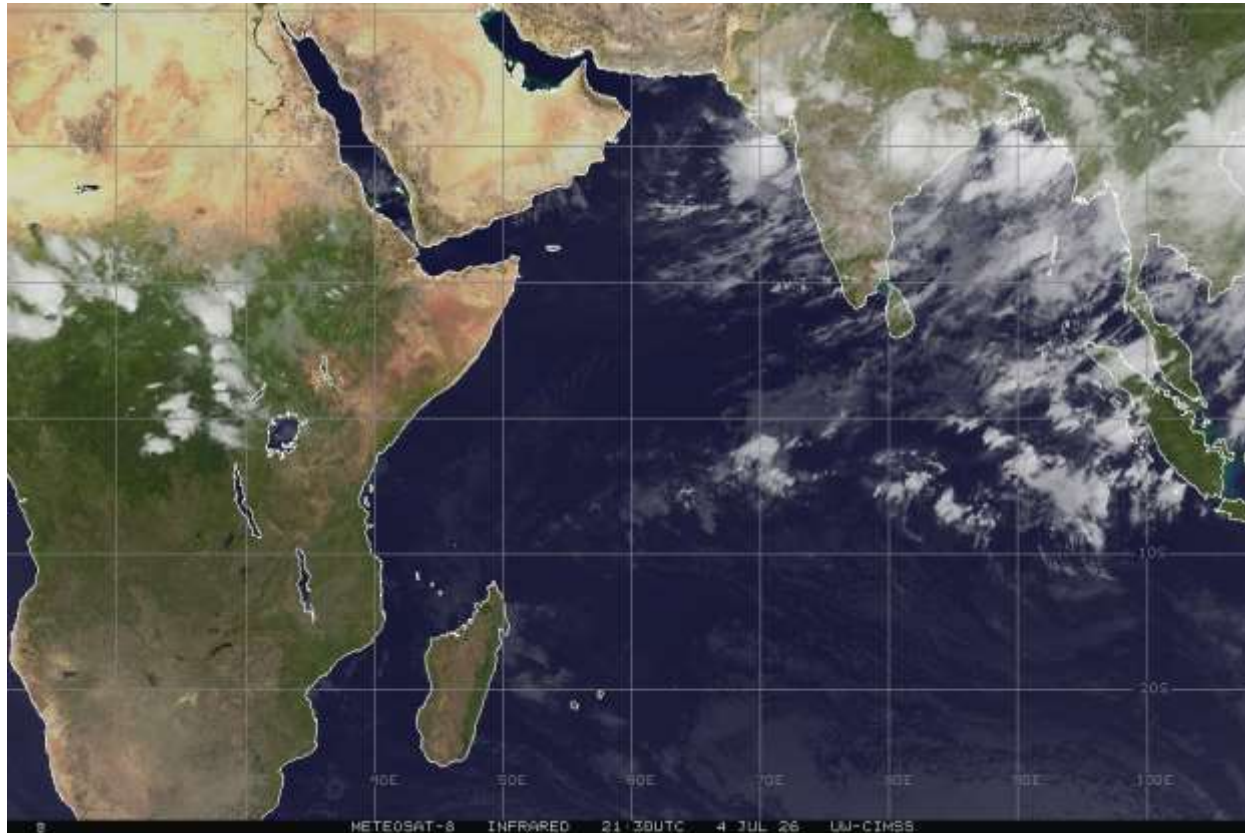
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Date 2026.07.05

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: 2026.07.05/0600UTC to 2026.07.05/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.05

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

Shear line is approximately along : EQ 60E, 02S 70E, 03S 80E, 04S 90E, 05N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 40, 55, 70, 75

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 45, 50, 60, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 75E: SW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 00, 05.

East of 75E: W'ly to SW'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 10.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65, 75, 80, 85

Seas:

Rough in sections : 00, 05, 10

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 60, 65, 75, 80, 85

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 15, 30, 40, 70

Slight to moderate elsewhere.

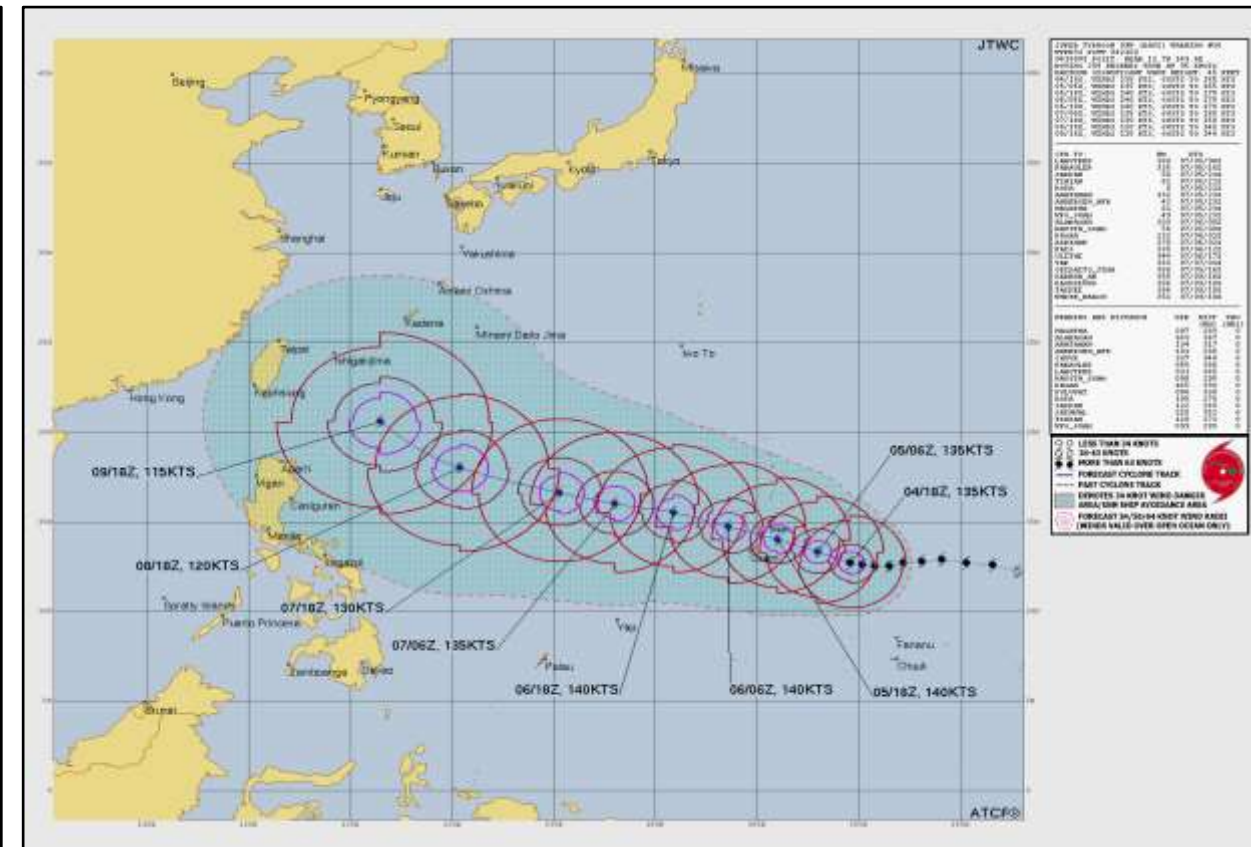
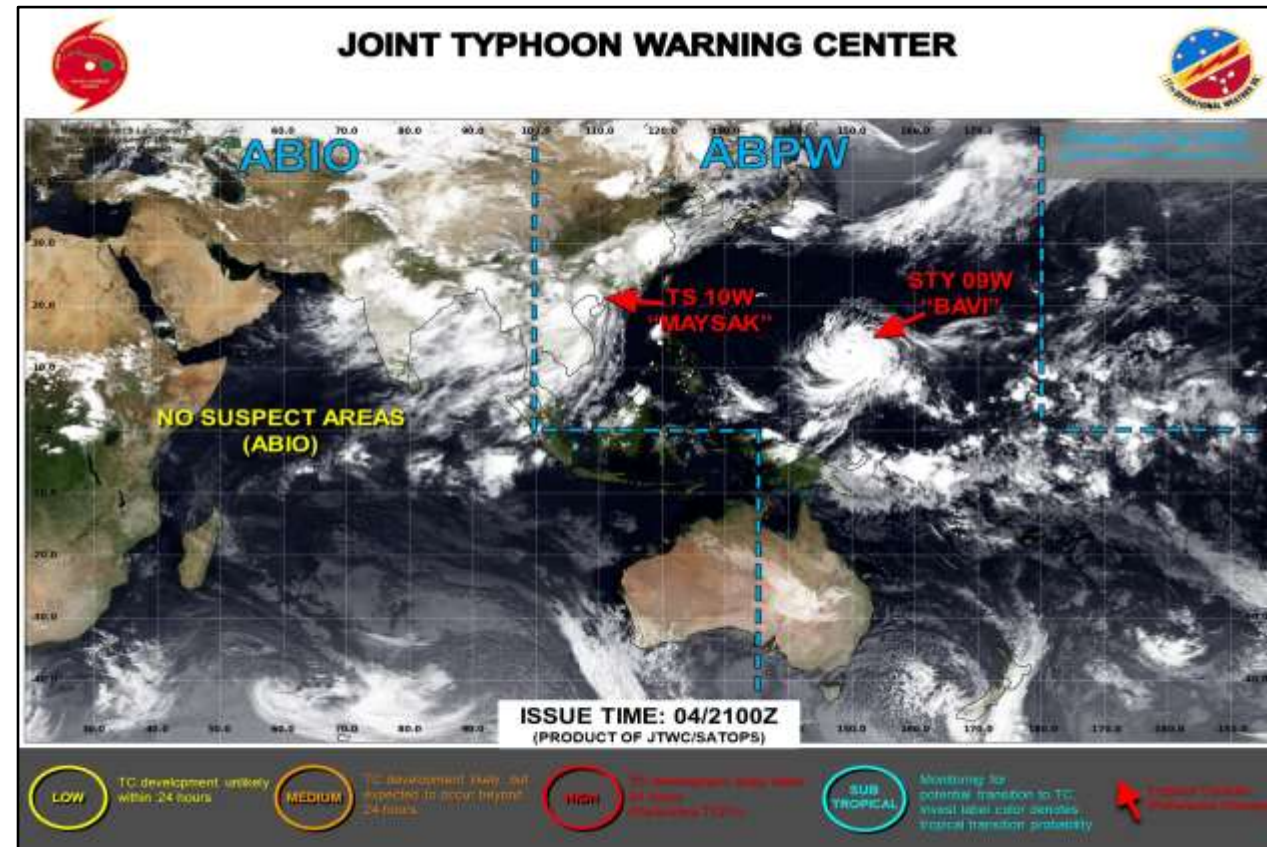
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone "Bavi"

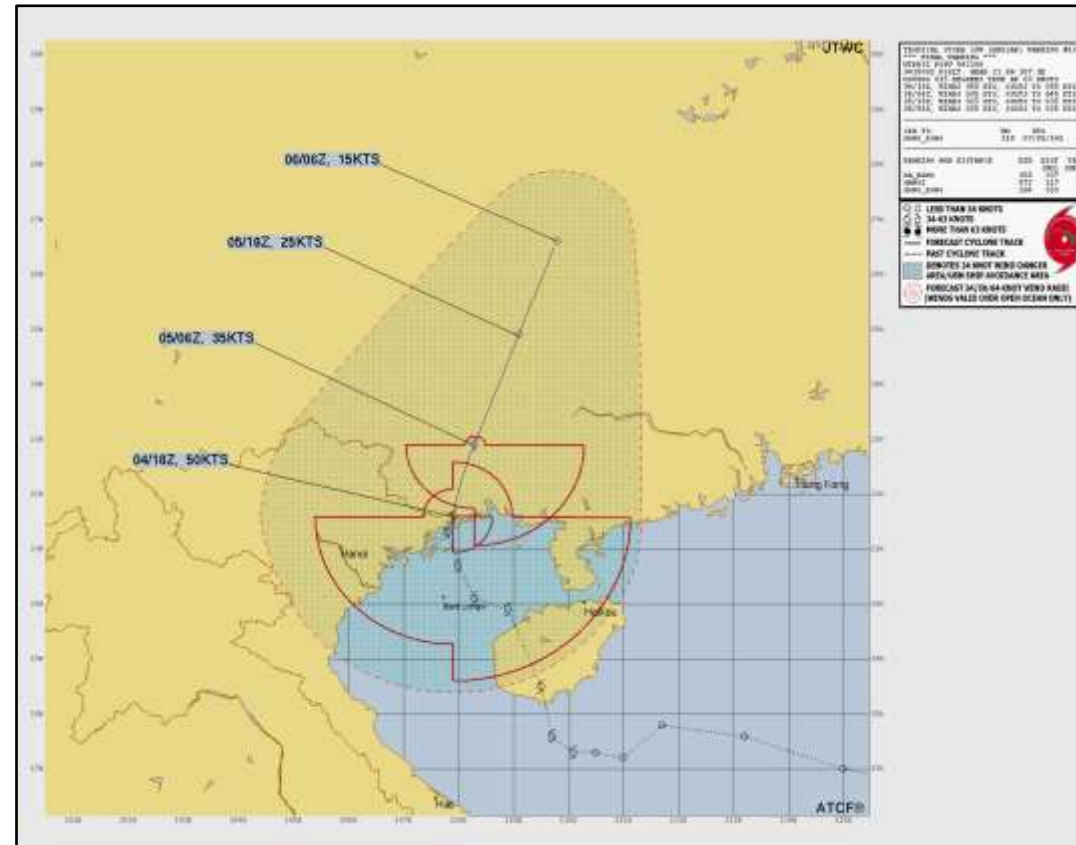


Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

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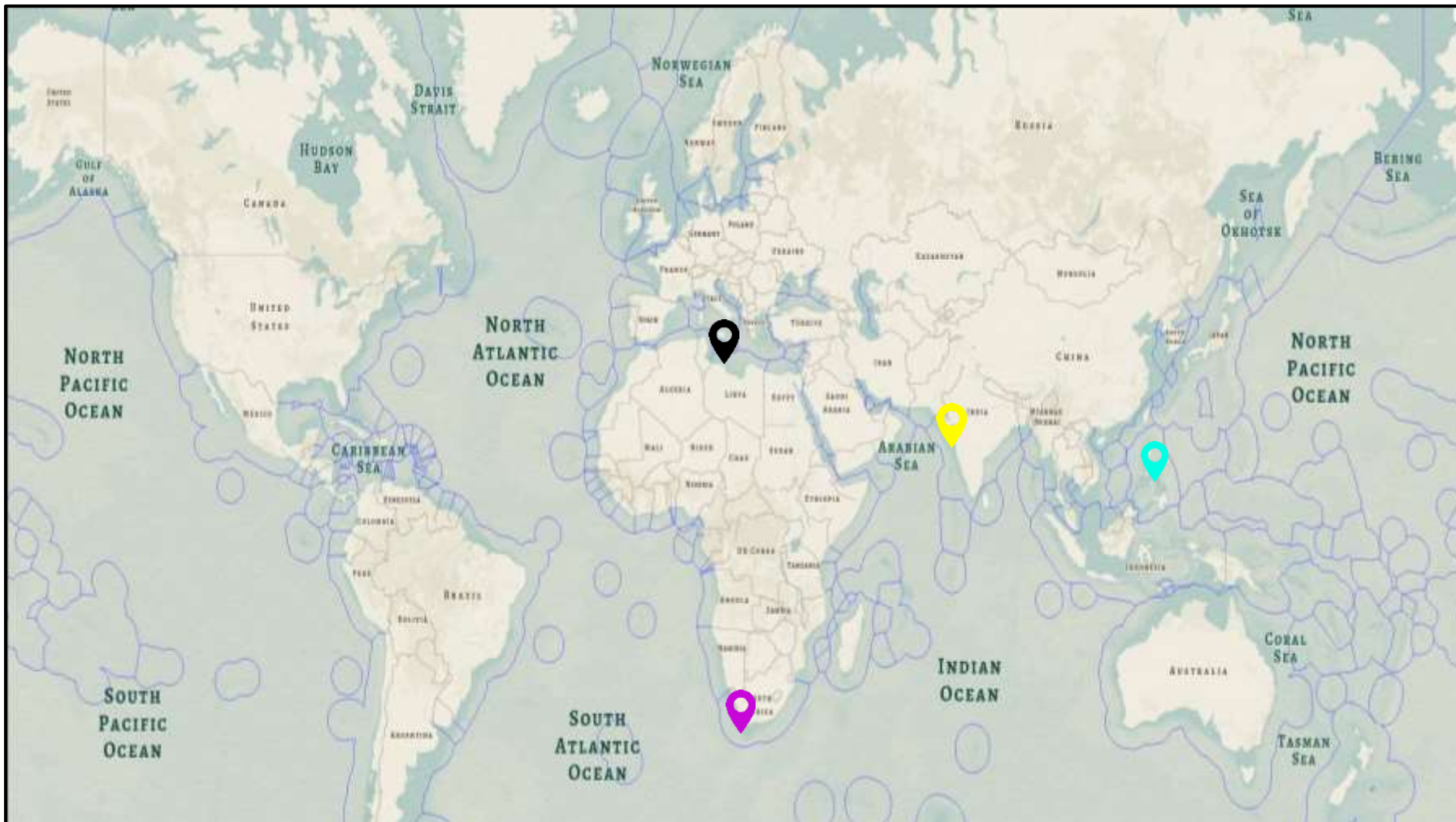


Tropical Cyclone "Maysak"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	04

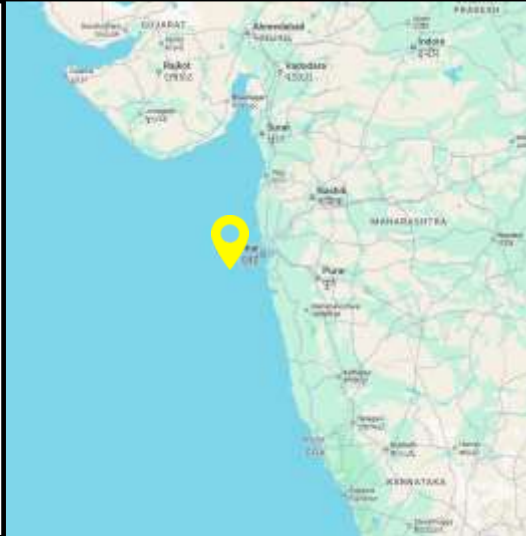
MARITIME INCIDENTS



04 Jul/ Navy Sea King Helicopter Rescues Injured Seafarer Amid Heavy Rain Near Mumbai/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.04	India	Near Mumbai	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- MT Desh Shakti Type –Crude Oil Tanker Flag – India	The injured seafarer was safely lifted from the tanker using a rescue basket, a standard technique used in maritime evacuations, an official statement said.

An Indian Navy Sea King helicopter from INS Shikra executed a medical evacuation of an injured seafarer from the SCI crude oil tanker MT Desh Shakti near Mumbai. The operation occurred amid heavy rainfall and poor visibility in the Arabian Sea, with a red alert in effect due to ongoing monsoon rains. Despite challenging weather conditions, the helicopter crew successfully completed the mission, demonstrating control and precision throughout the rescue.



Source - : <https://www.mid-day.com/amp/mumbai/mumbai-news/article/mumbai-monsoon-indian-navy-sea-king-helicopter-rescues-injured-seafarer-amid-heavy-rain-near-mumbai-23638213>

SMUGGLING



02 Jul/ P900-M Illicit Cigarettes Seized/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.02	Philippines	Gothong port yard	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	Intelligence operatives reported to DAILY TRIBUNE that the most recent seizure follows last week's operation, which resulted in the confiscation of 11 forty-foot container vans filled with suspected illicit cigarettes in the Mandaue port area and Barangay Bacayan in Cebu City.

Authorities intercepted nearly P900 million in suspected smuggled cigarettes during a raid on 25 container vans at the Gothong port yard in Mandaue City, Cebu. The operation: A joint task force from various agencies, including the NBI, BoC-IG, BIR-Cebu, RMU-7, PCG, and NISG, carried out the operation. The operation was carried out by a joint task force from various agencies, including the NBI, BoC-IG, BIR-Cebu, RMU-7, PCG, and NISG.



Source -: <https://tribune.net.ph/2026/07/03/p900-m-illicit-cigarettes-seized>

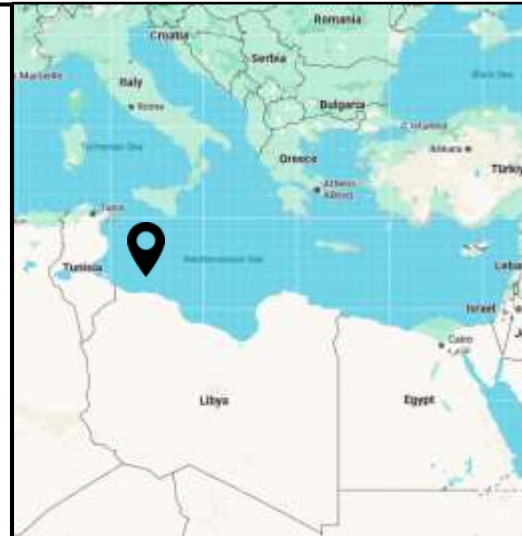
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



02 Jul/ Coast Guard Rescues 36 Migrants off Zawiya Coast/ Libya

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.02	Libya	Off Zawiya coast	Failed broader crossing	Inflatable Boat	The rescued migrants were taken to the Port of Tripoli for necessary legal procedures before being transferred to the General Administration for Anti-Illegal Migration Agency.

Libya's General Administration for Coastal Security rescued 36 migrants attempting illegal migration to Europe off the coast of Zawiya. A patrol boat from the Zawiya Maritime Anti-Smuggling and Illegal Migration Unit responded to a distress call, finding an inflatable boat with the migrants, including three children and a pregnant woman, stranded at sea.



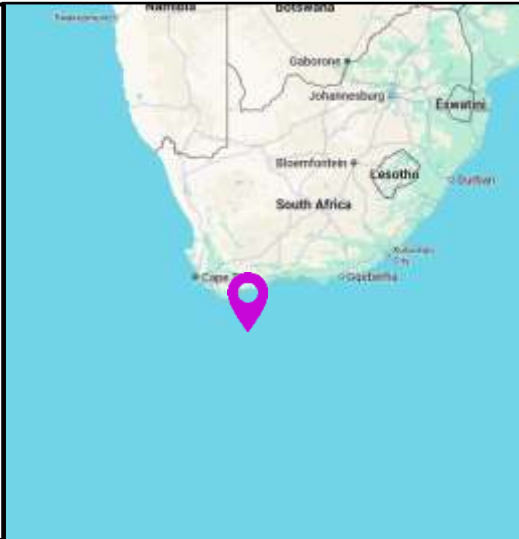
Source -: <https://libyaobserver.ly/inbrief/libyan-coast-guard-rescues-36-migrants-zawiya-coast>



04 Jul/ The Iran War and Global Trade: Will the Cape Sea Route Become the New Normal/ South Africa

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.04	South Africa	Cape sea route	Naval Activities	-	Based on the widening conflict, the events of March 2026 may significantly change perceptions of the Cape sea route. Increasing dangerous confrontations are compelling shipping companies to rely on this route more frequently, transforming it from a backup option in the north-western Indian Ocean to a standard for shipping flows.

Recent military actions by Israel and the US against Iran led to Tehran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz, significantly disrupting global trade and increasing risks for shipping lines and insurers. This situation has heightened interest in the Cape sea route around the southern tip of Africa as a viable alternative for maritime logistics should tensions escalate further.



Source -: <https://eastleighvoice.co.ke/index.php/middle-east/308475/the-iran-war-and-global-trade-will-the-cape-sea-route-become-the-new-normal>



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