

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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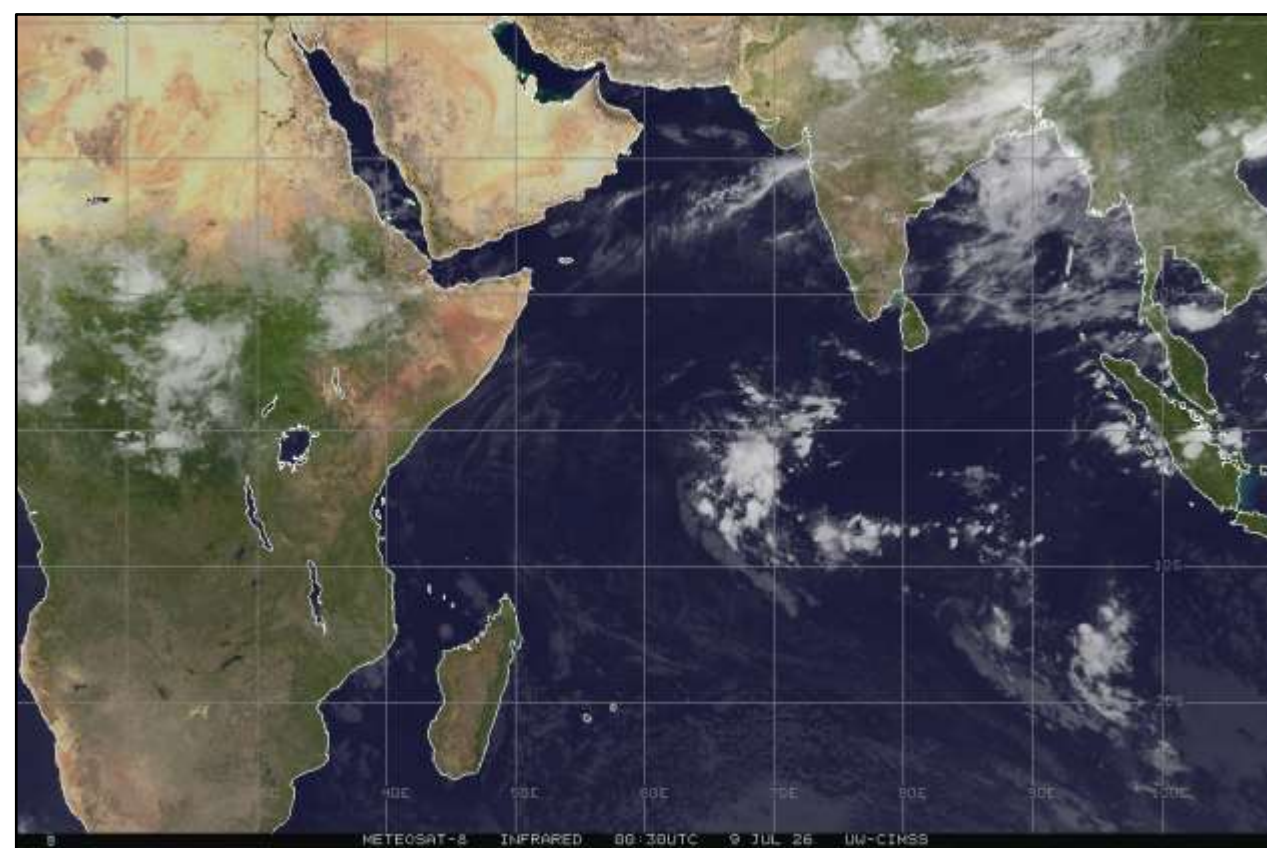
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Date 2026.07.09

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: 2026.07.09/0600UTC to 2026.07.09/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.07.09

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

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 25, 45, 60, 65, 85

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 20, 35, 40, 55, 70, 80

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 15, 20

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 80E: SW'ly to W'ly / (15-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in sections 00, 05.

East of 80E: SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 30 kts in section 10, gusting up to 25 kts in section 15.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly/ (15-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 60, 65, 80, 85

Seas:

Rough, very rough at times in sections : 00, 05, 10

Fairly rough, rough at times in Sections : 65, 80

Moderate, fairly rough at times in Sections : 15, 20, 30, 60, 85

Moderate in Sections : 25, 75

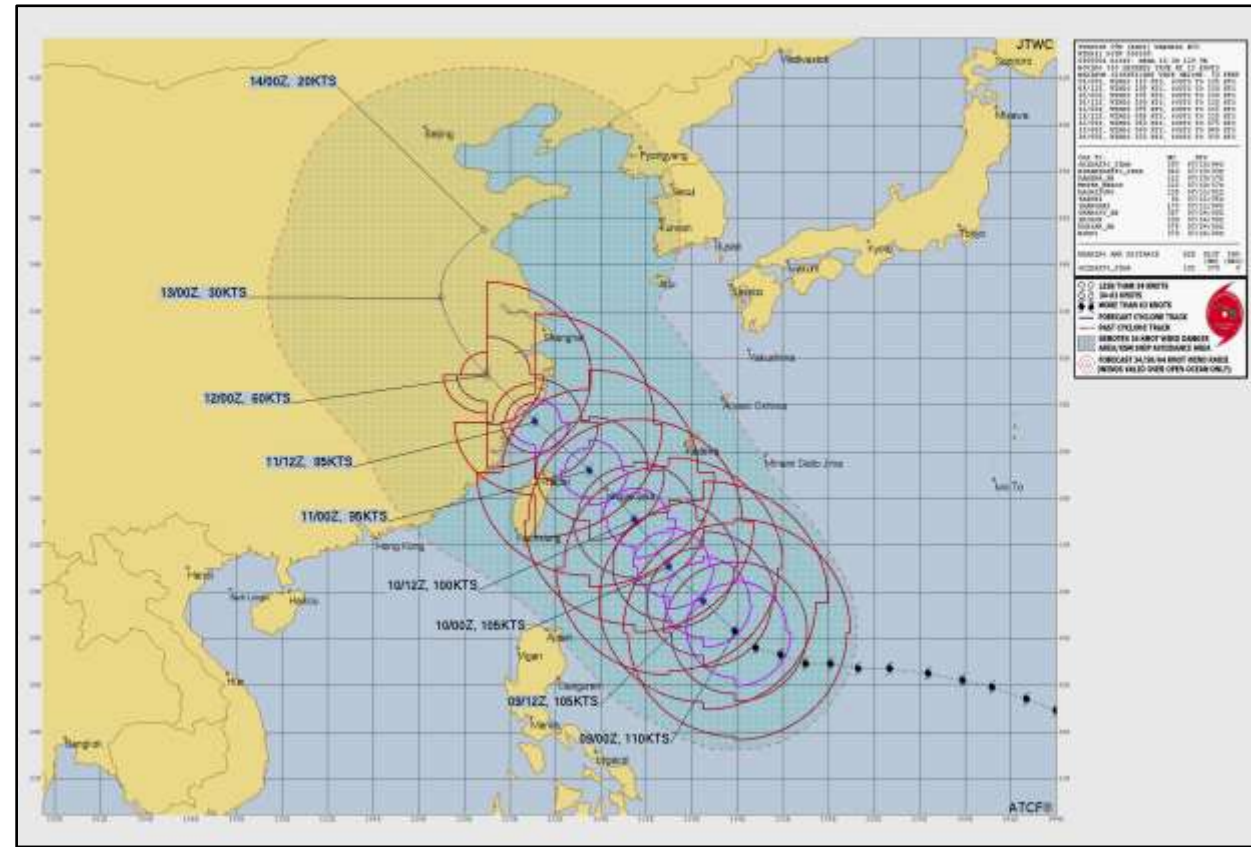
Slight to moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

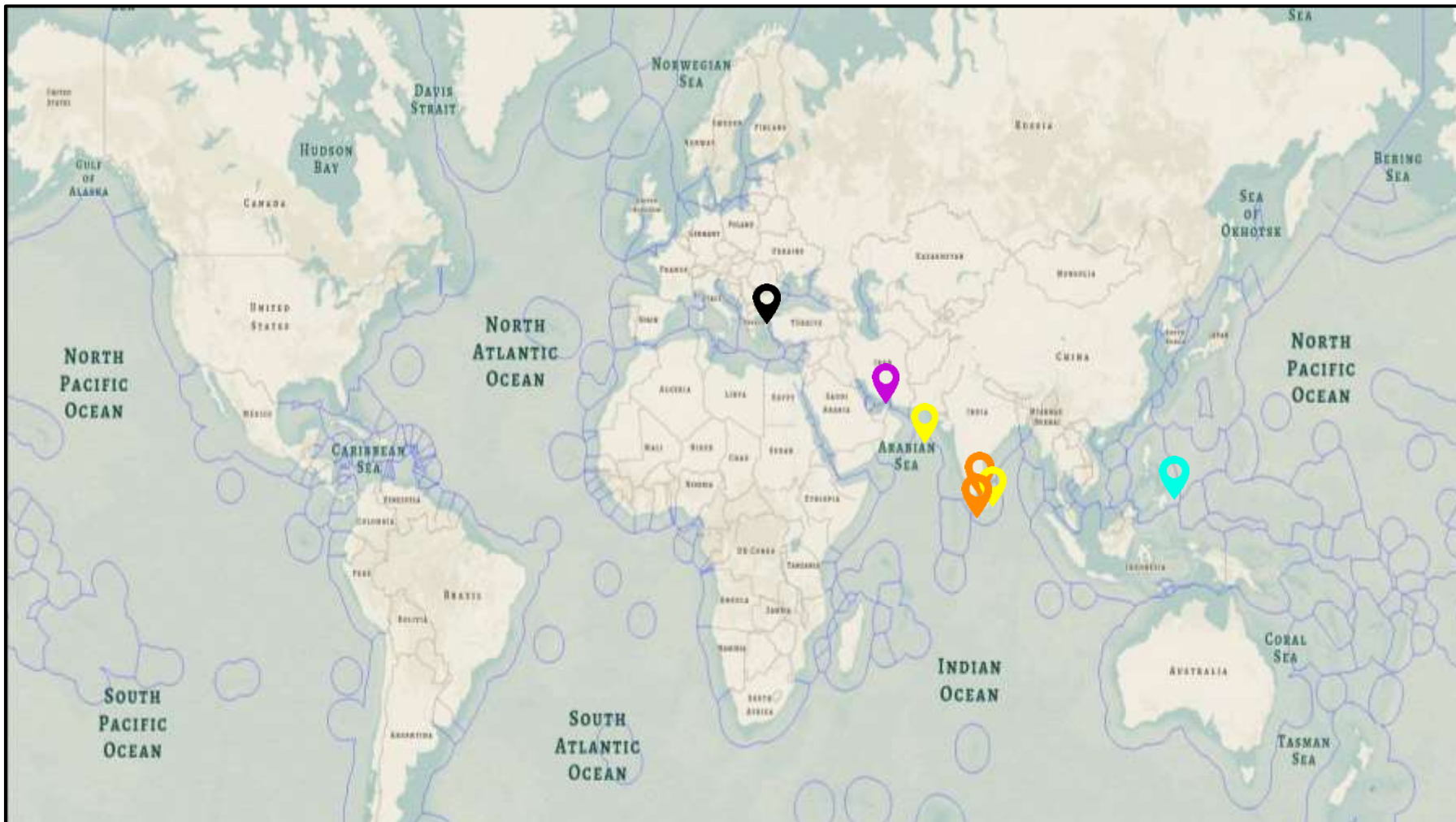


Tropical Cyclone "Bavi"



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	02
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	02
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	01
Total Incidents	07

MARITIME INCIDENTS



07 Jul/ Cargo Boeing 737 Goes Missing Search & Rescue Underway/ Pakistan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.07	Pakistan	Arabian sea	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Name- A K2 Airways Boeing 737 Flag - Pakistan Type - Cargo Flight	PNS Zulfiqar, a warship of the Pakistan Navy, has been sent to the affected area, supported by a Pakistan Air Force SAAB aircraft and a Pakistan Navy ATR turboprop. Additionally, a commercial ship from the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation has been deployed to assist in search and rescue operations.

A K2 Airways Boeing 737, part of a Pakistan cargo flight from Sharjah to Karachi, reported a navigational system issue at 2118 PST. At 2121 PST, RADAR showed the aircraft rapidly descending before it lost contact approximately 155 NM west of Karachi. In response, the Pakistan Airports Authority activated a rescue coordination center, launching a coordinated search and rescue effort at sea to locate the missing aircraft and its five crew members.



Source -: <https://simpleflying.com/pakistan-cargo-boeing-737-missing-search-rescue/>

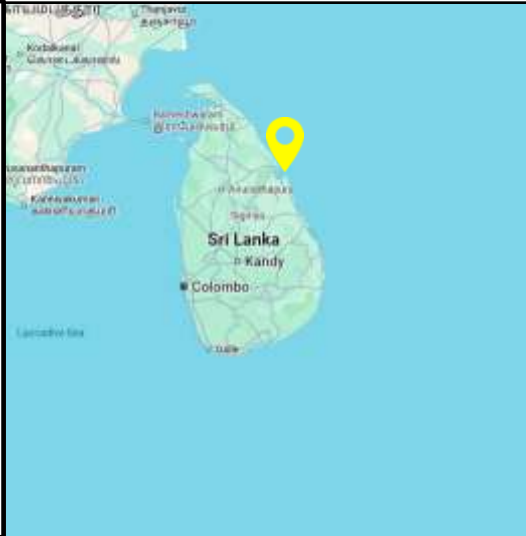
MARITIME INCIDENTS



03 Jul/ Navy Assists Search for Missing Fisherman off Trincomalee/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.03	Sri Lanka	Off Trincomalee	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The naval search operation involves Inshore Patrol Craft, Navy divers, and local fishing communities, while the Trincomalee Harbour Police are conducting investigations into the incident..

The Sri Lanka Navy initiated a search and rescue operation, aided by local fishermen, after a distress message was received on 3 July 26 regarding a missing fisherman. The incident occurred when a fishing boat capsized off Trincomalee. Three fishermen from Veeranagar had gone fishing on 2 July two returned to their dinghy and reported the situation to the Navy. The missing individual is presumed to be the owner of the dinghy.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/navy-assists-search-for-missing-fisherman-off-trincomalee.html>

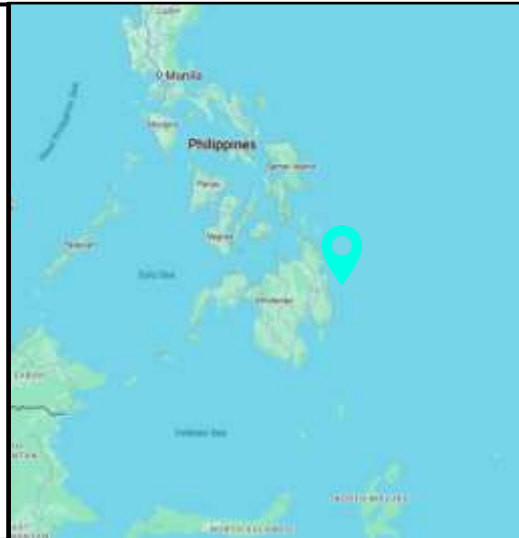
SMUGGLING



08 Jul/ Over P474-M Smuggled Cigarettes Seized in Western Mindanao/ Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.08	Philippines	Western Mindanao	Contraband /Goods smuggling	-	During the Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS), naval personnel found 3,068 master cases and 29 reams of undocumented cigarettes valued at approximately P474,136,265.

The Naval Command Western Mindanao (NCWM) intercepted four vessels carrying P474.1 million in smuggled cigarettes during maritime operations. Rear Admiral Constancio Arturo Reyes Jr stated that maritime security efforts Rear Admiral Constancio Arturo Reyes Jr announced the intensification of maritime security efforts to uphold peace and safeguard the region's maritime domain. to maintain peace and protect the maritime domain in the region.



Source -: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/amp/story/zamboanga/over-p474-m-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-in-western-mindanao>

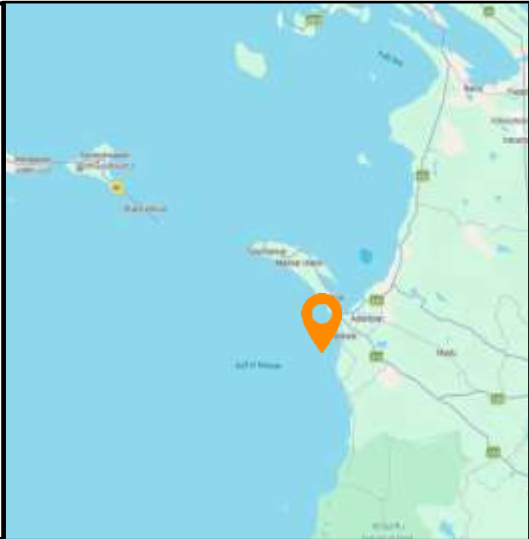
IUU FISHING



07 Jul/ Navy Nabs 4 Individuals for Illegal Harvesting of Sea Cucumbers in Mannar Seas/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.07	Sri Lanka	Off Usmukkunthurai	Illegal fishing in protected area	Dinghy Boat	The suspects, aged 26 to 33, from Pallemunai in Mannar, were apprehended along with sea cucumbers, a dinghy, and diving equipment, which were handed over to the Mannar Fisheries Inspector for legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended four individuals and seized 554 sea cucumbers during a search operation off Usmukkunthurai, Mannar, on 07 Jul 26. Conducted by SLNS Gajaba of the North Central Naval Command, the operation intercepted a suspicious dinghy, leading to the recovery of illegally harvested sea cucumbers and the confiscation of the dinghy along with various diving and fishing gear.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/navy-nabs-4-individuals-for-illegal-harvesting-of-sea-cucumbers-in-mannar-seas.html>

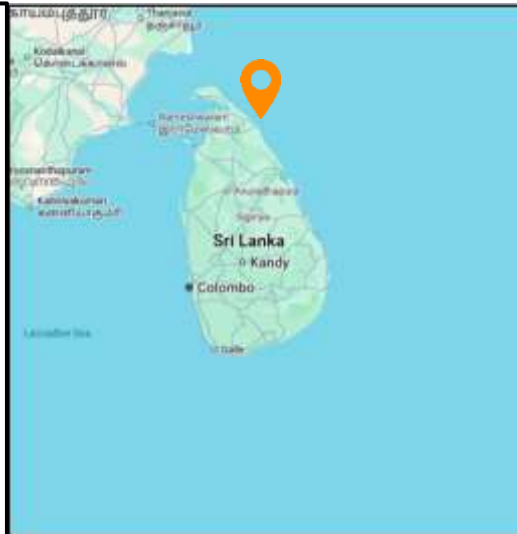
IUU FISHING



16 to 30 Jun/ Navy Nets 27 Individuals for Engaging in Illegal Fishing Activities/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.16 to 30	Sri Lanka	Coastal areas of Trincomalee and Jaffna	Illegal methods	10 Dinghies and 2 Canoes	The apprehended individuals and items were transferred to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Trincomalee, Mutur, Jaffna, and Mannar, as well as the Maradankerni Police Station for legal proceedings.

The Sri Lanka Navy apprehended 27 individuals and seized 10 dinghies and 2 canoes during operations from June 16 to 30 June, 26, aimed at preventing illegal fishing. Conducted by various Naval Commands, the searches took place in coastal areas of Trincomalee and Jaffna, leading to the confiscation of commercial-grade explosives and prohibited fishing gear violating maritime regulations..



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/july/navy-nets-27-individuals-for-engaging-in-illegal-fishing-activities.html>

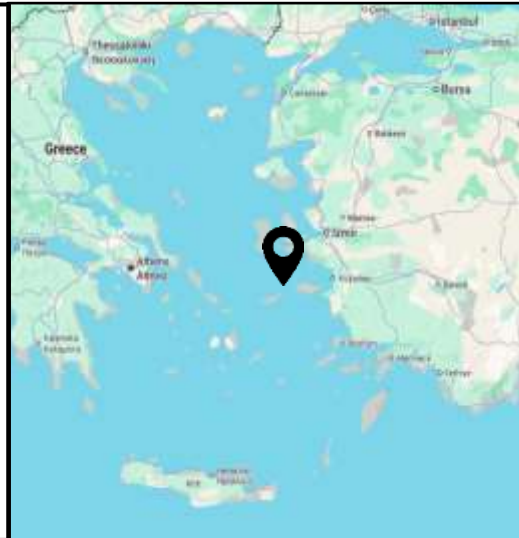
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



06 Jul/ One Dead as Migrant Boat that Left Turkey Capsizes off Samos/ Turkey

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.06	Turkey	Eastern Aegean sea	Illegal migrants boats capsizing	-	Fourteen migrants, including a woman and a child, reached the rocks, while 21 others remained in the sea. A diver recovered the body of a 23-year-old man.

One person drowned when a small boat carrying migrants capsized off the island of Samos in the eastern Aegean Sea. Authorities reported rescuing 35 people during a large operation involving air, sea, and land efforts after the incident near Isidoros Bay.



Source -: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1308877/one-dead-as-migrant-boat-that-left-turkey-capsizes-off-samos/>

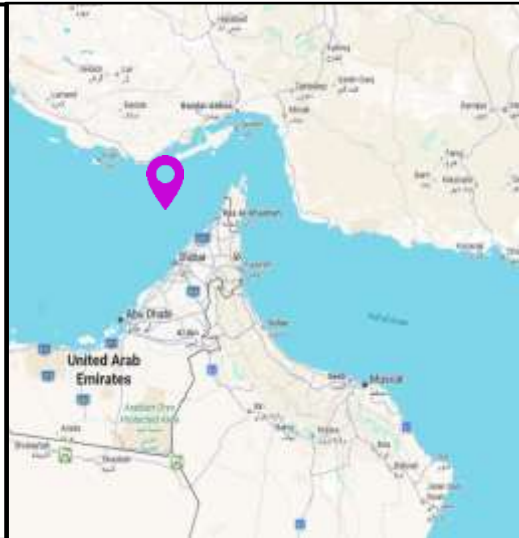
OTHER



07 Jul/ LNG Carrier AL Rekayyat Struck by Projectile in The Strait of Hormuz/ Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.07.07	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Other Military /Coastguard activities	Name- Al Rekayyat Type –LNG Tanker Flag - Marshall Islands	Nakilat ensures direct communication with its vessel and crew to monitor the situation, prioritizing the safety of personnel, environmental protection, and asset integrity.

On 07 Jul 26, a projectile struck the LNG carrier Al Rekayyat, which is operated by Nakilat, in the Strait of Hormuz. Qatar Gas Transport Company confirmed that the crew incident caused no harm to the crew or the environment, and there was no environmental impact from the incident..



Source -: <https://inspenet.com/en/news/lng-carrier-al-rekayyat-struck-by-projectile-in-the-strait-of-hormuz/>



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