

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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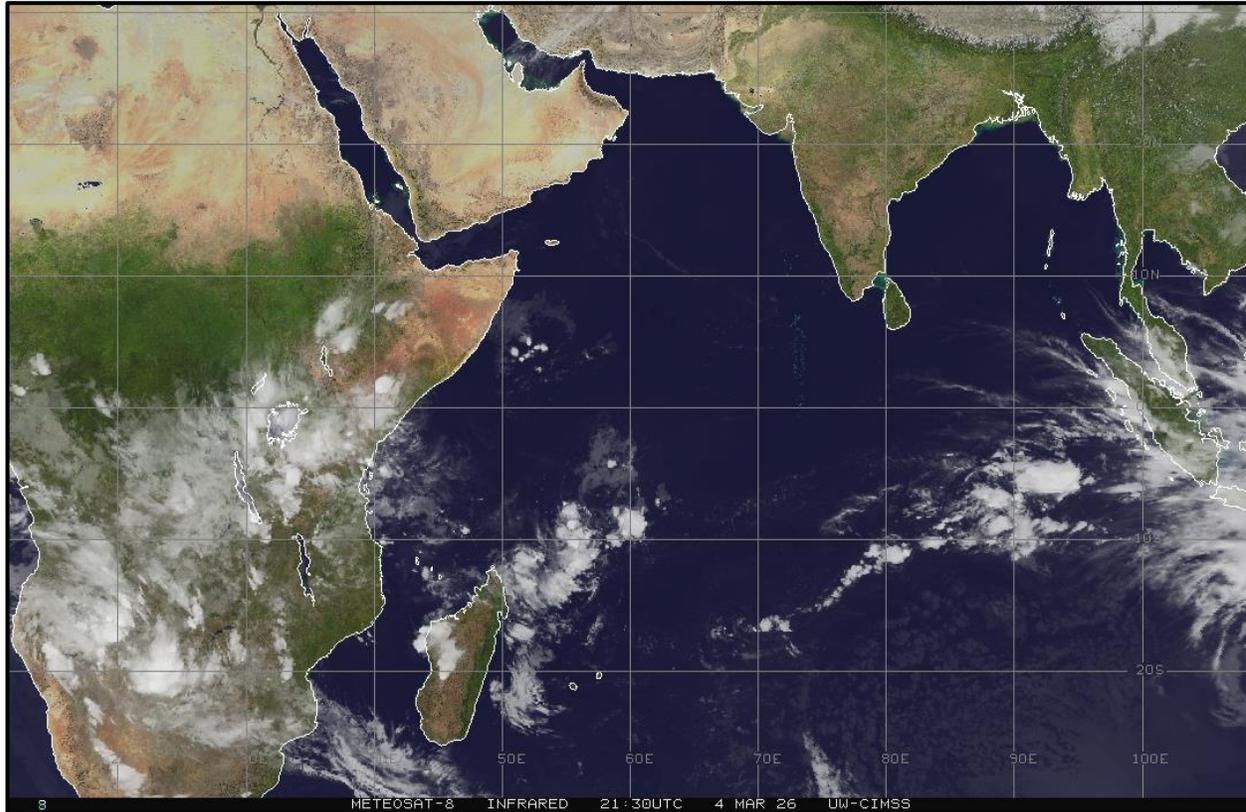
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Date 2026.03.05

WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Forecast for next 24 hrs



FF-09
FLEET FORECAST
Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.
Valid period: 2026.03.05/0600UTC to 2026.03.05/1400UTC
Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.05

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

Shear line is approximately along : 05S 60E, 02S 70E, 03N 80E, 06N 90E, 06N 100E

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

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 20, 35, 40

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 70E: NE'ly / (05-15)kts

East of 70E: NW'ly or Variable / (05-15)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 75E: Variable/ (10-15)kts

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

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (15-20)kts

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 70, 75

Moderate in sections : 50, 55, 80, 85

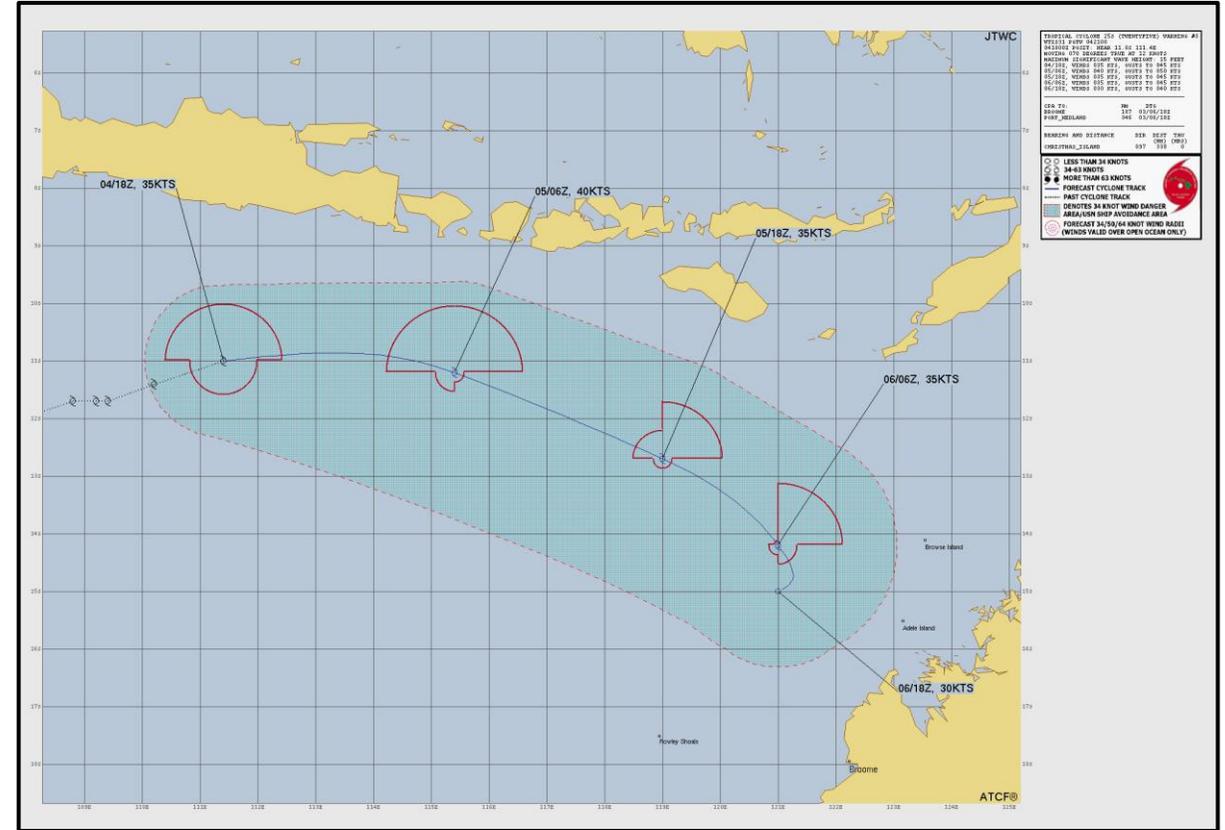
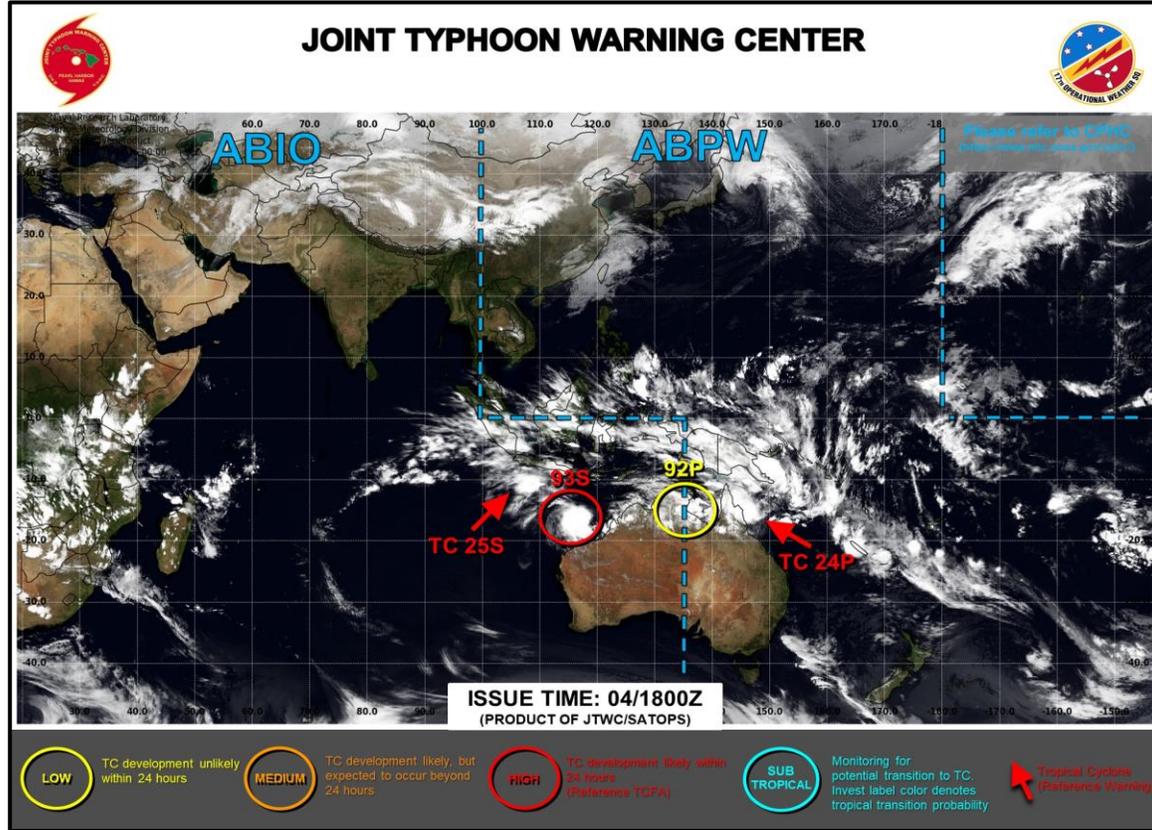
Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

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

CYCLONE



Tropical Cyclone

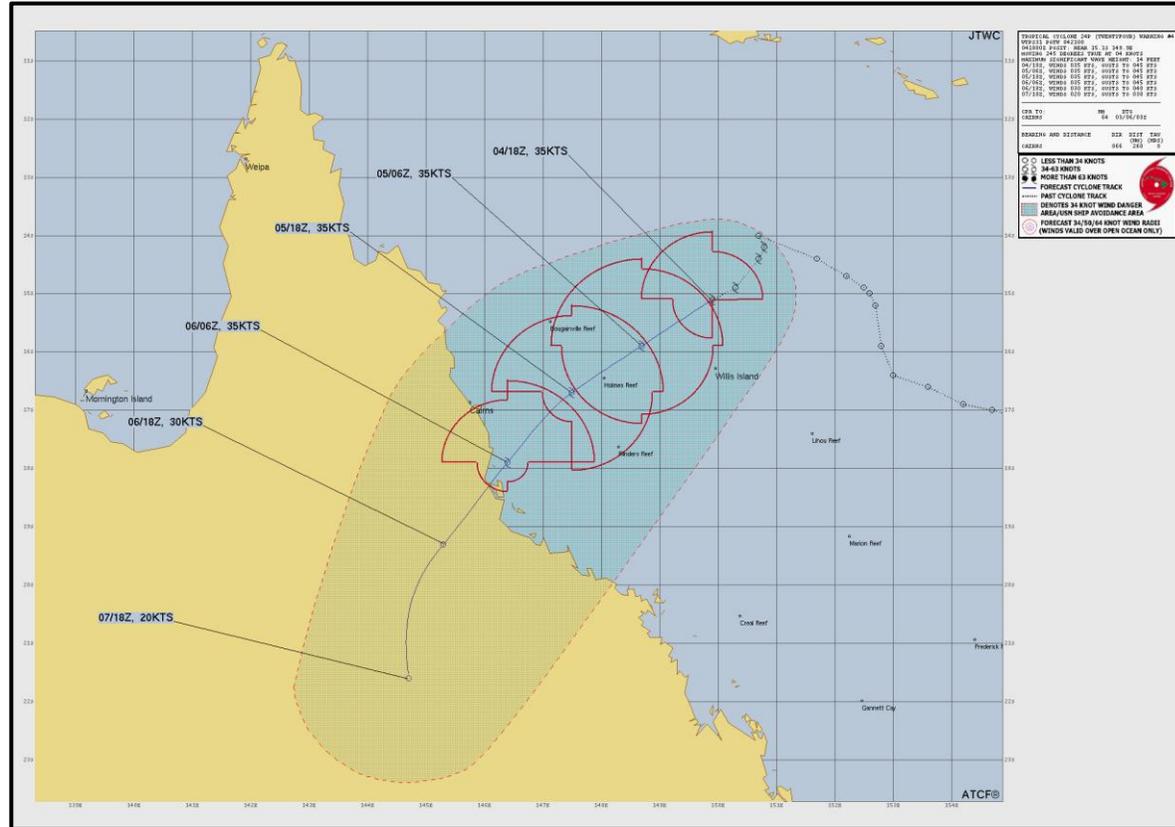


Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



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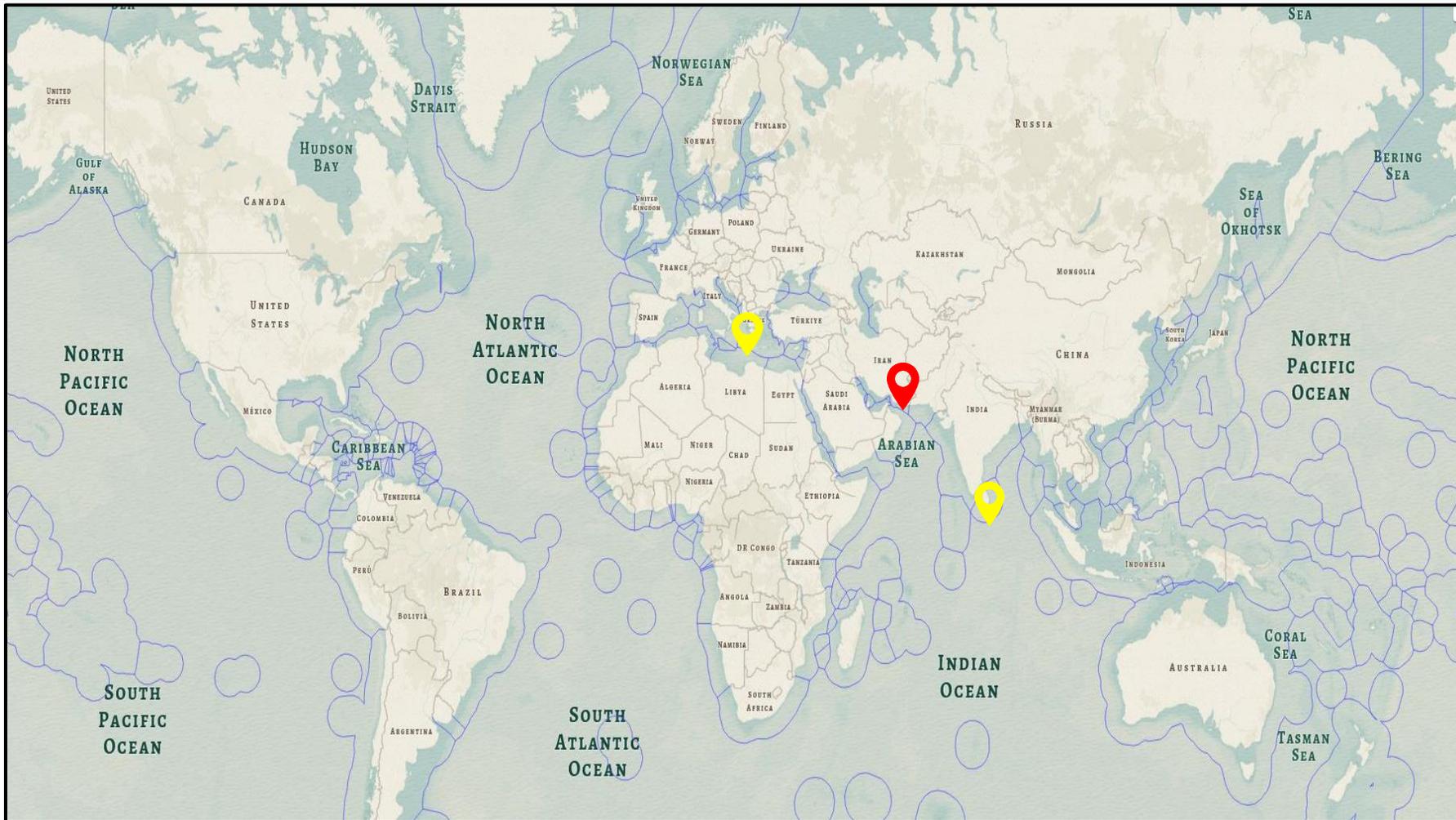
Tropical Cyclone "24P"



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SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	NIL
Total Incidents	03

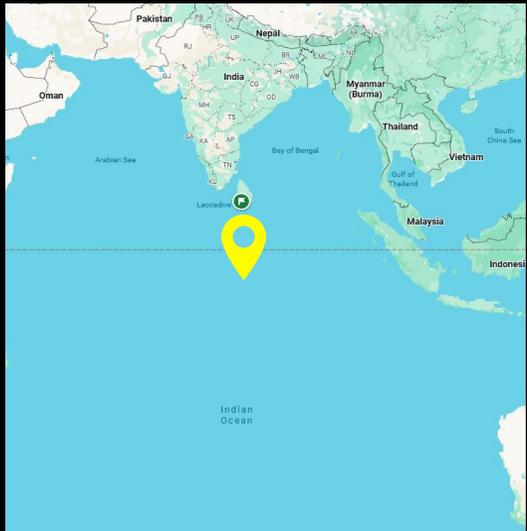
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04 Mar/Responds to Distress Call from Iranian Naval Ship/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.04	Sri Lanka	Indian Ocean	Search And Rescue (SAR)	IRIS Dana	Rescued 32 Corpses 84

Foreign Affairs Minister Vijitha Herath announced that Sri Lanka initiated a rescue operation after the Iranian Navy vessel 'IRIS DENA' began sinking outside its maritime boundary. The Sri Lanka Navy received the distress call at 0508 hrs and dispatched the first naval craft by 0600 hrs followed by another vessel by 0700hrs Both the Sri Lanka Air Force and Navy participated in the mission, with reports indicating around 180 crew members were on board, and about 30 were in critical danger. Those in peril are being transported to Karapitiya Hospital, with some already having arrived.



Source -> <https://www.newsfirst.lk/2026/03/04/sri-lanka-responds-to-distress-call-from-iranian-naval-ship-in-indian-ocean>

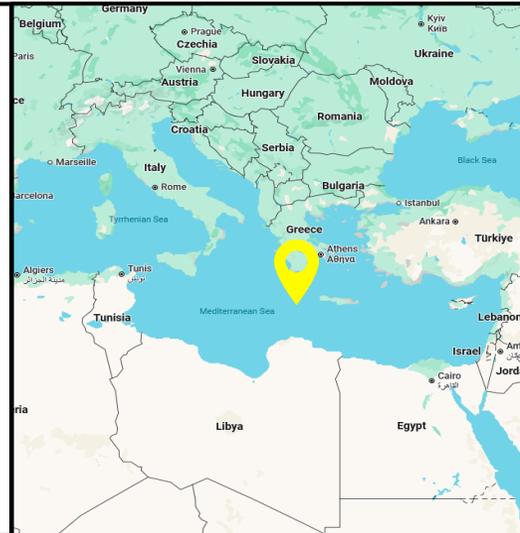
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03 Mar/LNG Carrier Arctic Crew Found Alive After Fire Incident/Malta

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.03	Malta	Mediterranean Sea	Fire	Name – Arctic metagaz Flag – Russia Type - LNG Tanker	The LNG carrier Arctic Metagaz reportedly caught fire southeast of Malta early Tuesday morning, suspected to have been caused by a drone attack around 0400 local time while transiting eastbound in the Mediterranean, according to EOS Risk Group.

The Maltese authorities confirmed that the crew of the Russian LNG carrier ARCTIC METAGAZ has been found alive after abandoning ship due to a reported fire in the central Mediterranean. The Armed Forces of Malta's Rescue Coordination Centre was alerted to the distress situation involving the vessel while it was outside Malta's Search and Rescue Region.



Source -> <https://gcaptain.com/crew-of-sanctioned-russian-lng-carrier-arctic-metagaz-found-alive-after-fire-incident-off-malta/>

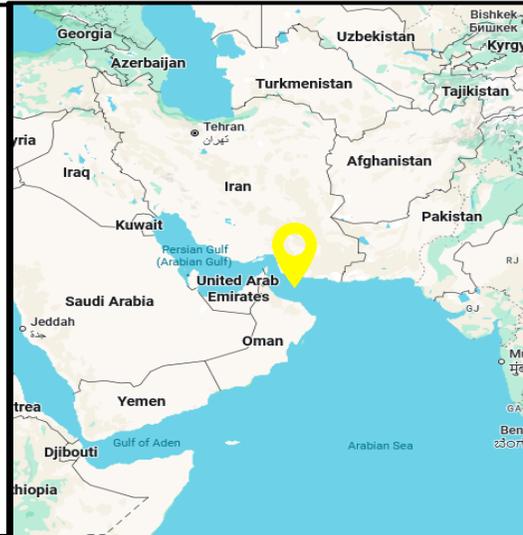
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



04 Mar/Container Ship Hit by Projectile in the Strait of Hormuz/Strait of Hormuz

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.04	Strait of Hormuz	Strait of Hormuz	Assault	Name – Safeen prestige Flag – Malta Type - Container Ship	The vessel was hit by an unknown projectile above the waterline, causing a fire in the engine room. Vanguard reported no environmental impact has been observed at this time.

The Maltese-flagged container ship SAFEEN PRESTIGE was struck by a projectile while navigating the Strait of Hormuz, leading its crew to abandon ship. The incident occurred approximately two nautical miles north of Oman during an eastbound transit at 1109 GMT, as reported by the maritime risk management company Vanguard.



Source -> <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/malta-flagged-container-ship-hit-by-projectile-hormuz-vessel-abandoned-sources-2026-03-04/>



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