

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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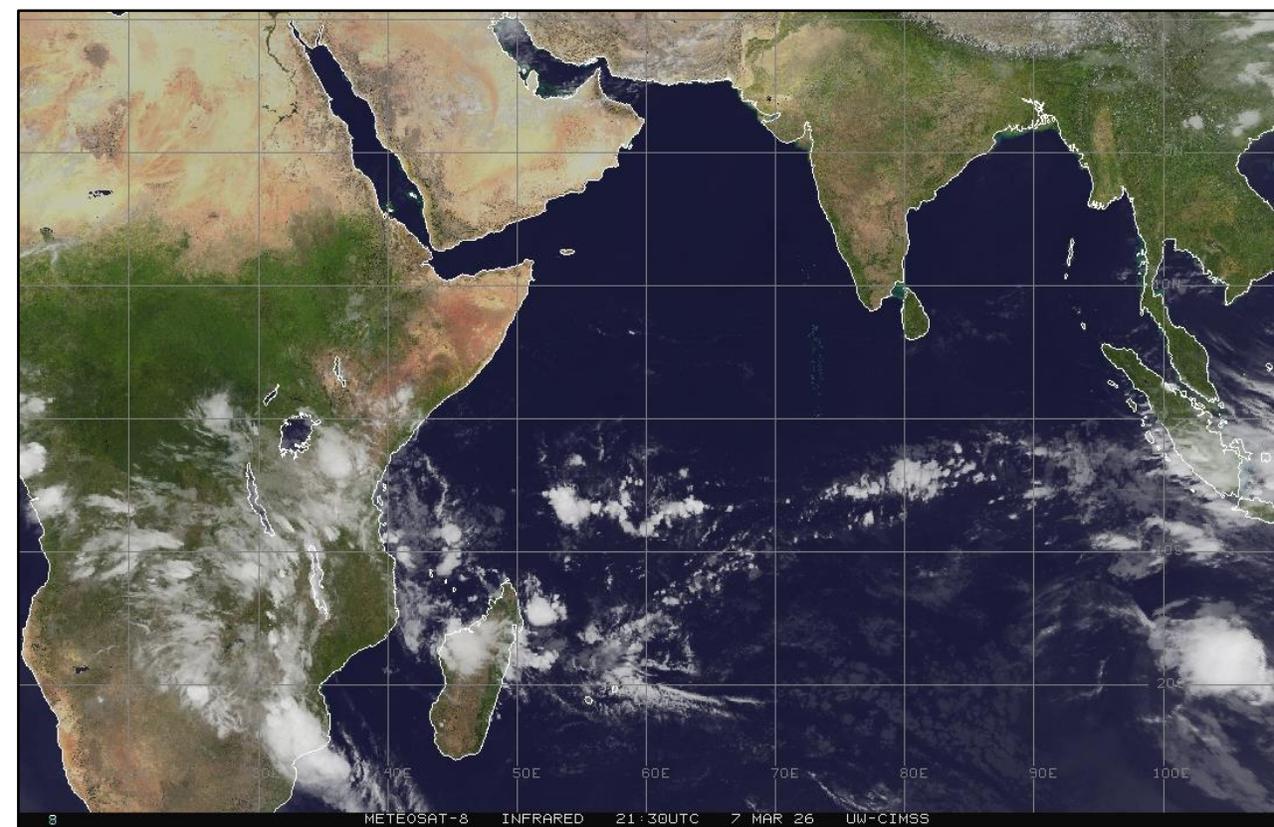
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Date 2026.03.08

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: 2026.03.08/0600UTC to 2026.03.08/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.08

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

Shear line is approximately along : 06S 60E, 01S 70E, 06N 80E, 05N 90E, 06N 100E

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

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 15, 35, 45, 50, 55, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 20

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 70E: NE'yly or Variable / (05-15)kts.

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

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 70E: Variable/ (10-15)kts.

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

South of ITCZ:

SE'yly / (15-20)kts

West of 90E: SE'yly / (10-20)kts.

East of 90E: S'yly to SW'yly / (10-20)kts.

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 75.

Moderate in sections : 15, 45, 50, 55, 80.

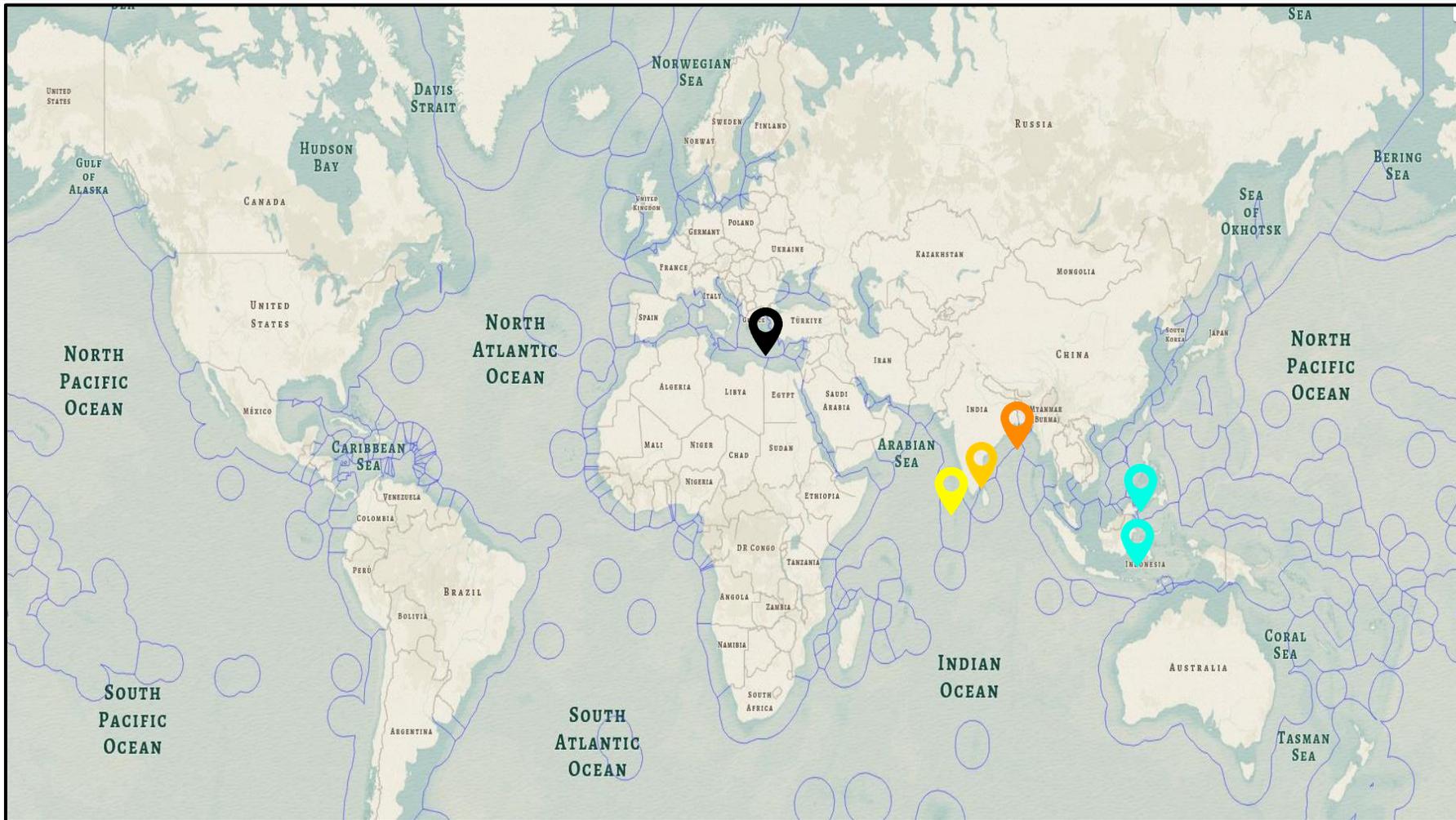
Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	01
Piracy & Armed Robbery	NIL
Smuggling	02
IUU Fishing	01
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	01
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	NIL
Total Incidents	06

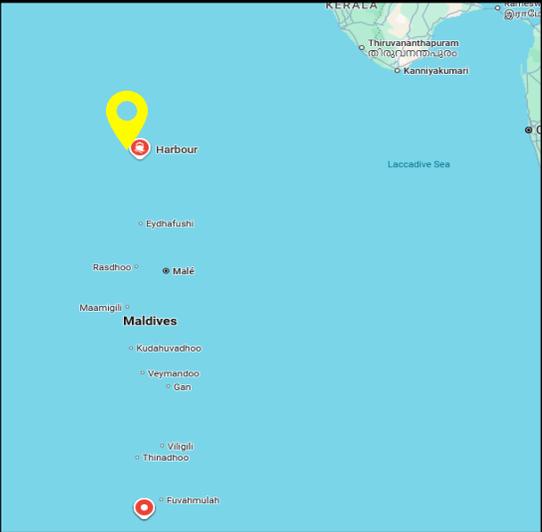
MARITIME INCIDENTS



07 Mar/Diving boat outside Feydhoo destroyed in fire/Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.07	Maldives	Feydhoo harbour	Fire	Diving Boat	Raging fire broke out in a diving boat moored outside the Feydhoo harbour, destroying it beyond use.

A raging fire broke out in a diving boat moored outside the Feydhoo harbour destroying it beyond use. MNDF said that their Southern Area Fire Station responded to the incident. They did not disclose any further details as of yet. A Feydhoo Council member informed to Mihaaru News that the fire had occurred on the diving boat of Maina Safari. They said that there have been no reports of injuries in the incident. The council said that according to speculation on the island, the fire grew stronger after the initial flames were fed by an exploding gas cylinder.



Source -: <https://edition.mv/news/48896?ref=cat-sub>

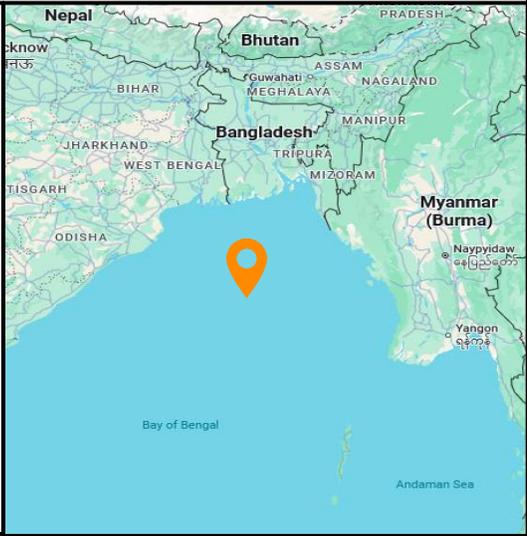
IUU FISHING



06 Mar/ navy seizes 1.4-tonne cyanide smuggled in / Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.06	Bangladesh	Bay of bangal	Destructive Fishing Practices	three trawling boats	The fishermen are residents of the Patharghata area in Barguna.

On Friday morning(06 Mar 26) the Coast Guard detained 37 fishermen and three artisanal trawling boats for illegal fishing in the Bay of Bengal. The vessel CGS Sonar Bangla seized the boats FB Mayer Doa-27 Seema-2 and Asma during a patrol. Following the incident the fishermen were presented before the Bagerhat court and the boats were handed over to the police in Mongla for further action regarding the seized fish pending court directives.



Source -: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/404866/37-fishermen-arrested-over-illegal-fishing-in-bay>

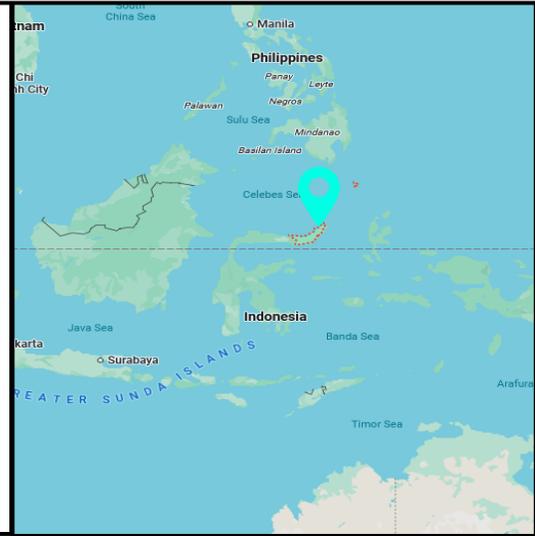
SMUGGALING



04 Mar/ Navy seizes 1.4-tonne cyanide smuggled in / Indonesia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.04	Indonesia	North Sulawesi	Contraband Goods Smuggling	-	During checks on a green expedition truck, officers discovered a shipment of hazardous cyanide packed in 29 sacks in the cargo hold, Herdijanto said.

Indonesian Navy personnel intercepted approximately 1.4 tonnes of cyanide suspected to have originated from the Philippines at the ASDP ferry port in Bitung North Sulawesi. This operation conducted on 04 Mar 26 by the Quick Response Team 8 of the 8th Maritime Regional Command and local customs began with inspections of vehicles from the KMP Labuhan Haji ferry. Rear Admiral Tony Herdijanto noted that the shipment was highly suspicious due to the lack of proper hazardous cargo handling and necessary documentation posing risks to both marine safety and passenger safety on the ferry.



Source -: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/407399/indonesian-navy-seizes-14-tonne-cyanide-smuggled-from-philippines>

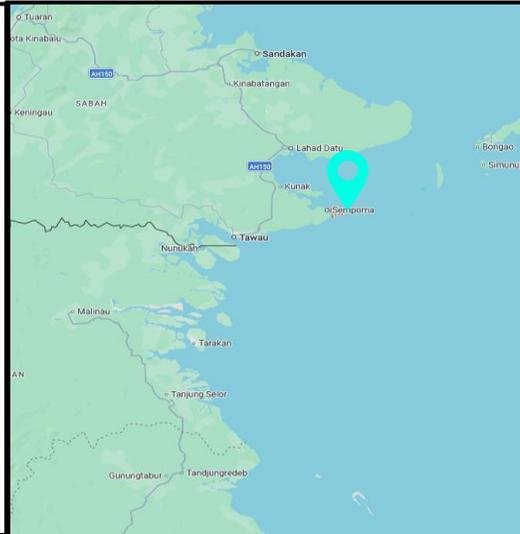
SMUGGALING



05 Mar/ Semporna smuggling foiled twice in one hour/Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.05	Malaysia	Pulau Bum Bum	Contraband Goods Smuggling	One Boat	Upon realizing the presence of the enforcement team, the boat skipper jumped into the water before escaping to the nearby land area.

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) foiled two smuggling attempts within an hour following two separate incidents off Pulau Bum Bum waters here on Thursday. Semporna Maritime Zone Director Maritime Commander Amir Shubli said about 1730Hrs while carrying out the Ops Pluto Timur the MMEA team spotted an outboard engine boat in suspicious condition at 0.5 nm northwest of Pulau Bum Bum waters. The result of inspection on the boat that was left behind the team discovered a total of 15 jerry cans containing petrol and an outboard engine (Yamaha 40 Horse Power).



Source -: <https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/277198/sempona-smuggling-foiled-twice-in-one-hour/>

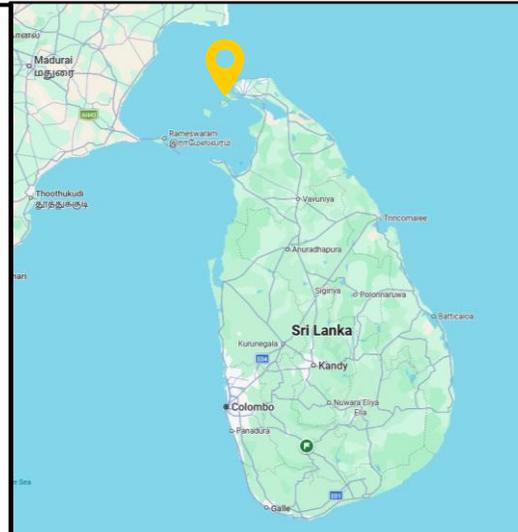
NARCOTIC



04 Mar/368kg of foreign-origin cannabis valued over Rs. 73 million/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.04	Sri Lanka	Northern naval area	Seizure of narcotics	Kayts Island	The suspect, a 35 year old from Velanai on Kayts Island, was arrested along with a dinghy and a stock of cannabis, which were subsequently transferred to the Kayts Police Station for legal proceedings.

On 04 Mar 26 the Sri Lanka Navy and Kayts Police seized approximately 368kg of foreign-origin cannabis at Suruvil beach, Kayts Island, and arrested one suspect. The operation involved SLNS Kanchadewa and the Kayts Police Station, leading to the discovery of cannabis packed in 175 packages, with a street value exceeding Rs. 73 million.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/07/202603071200/>

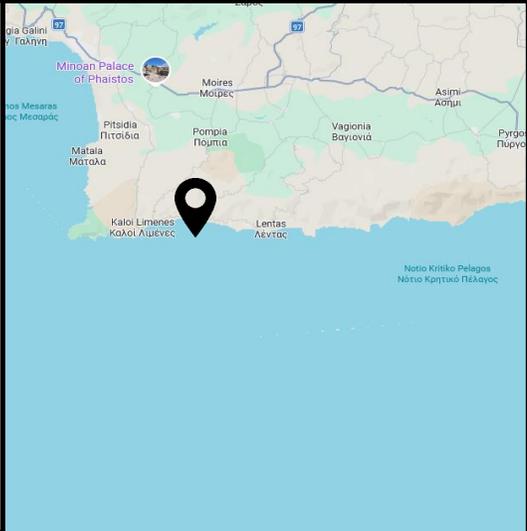
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



04 Mar/Teenager arrested for allegedly smuggling 39 migrants across Mediterranean /Greece

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.04	Greece	Platia Peramata	Human Smuggling By Sea	One boat	Migrants told authorities that they set off from north Africa on Saturday night, after paying smugglers to get them to Europe.

A group of 39 migrants including 31 men and eight minors was found on the southern island of Crete after crossing the Mediterranean from North Africa. A 19-year-old South Sudanese man suspected of being part of a smuggling network, has been arrested for allegedly navigating their boat from Libya. The route from eastern Libya to Crete has become significant for migrants seeking a better life in Europe, with over 500 arrivals in Crete this year alone. Overall more than 2,200 migrants have reached Greece by sea since the beginning of the year primarily from Turkey.



Source -> <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1296991/teenager-arrested-for-allegedly-smuggling-39-migrants-across-mediterranean/>



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