

# DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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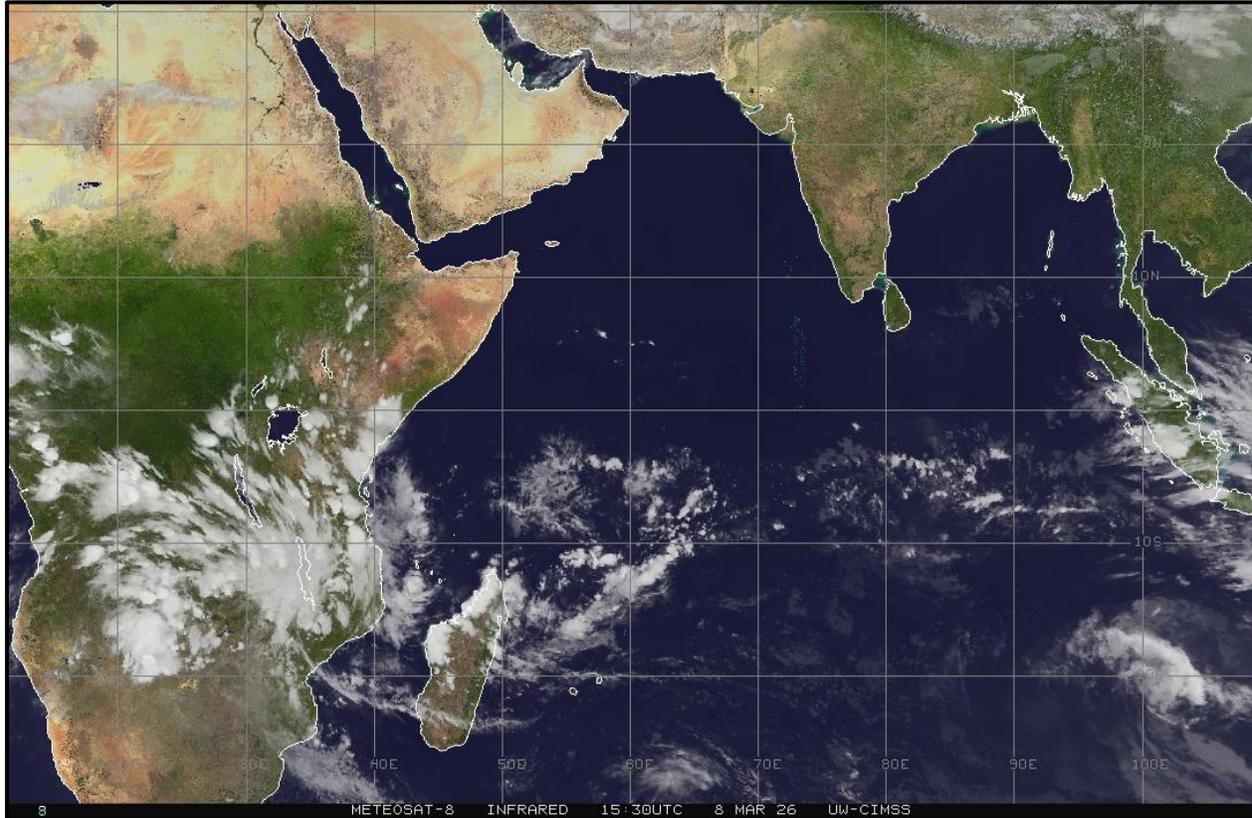
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Date 2026.03.09

# WEATHER FORECAST



## Weather Forecast for next 24 hrs



### Fleet Forecast for Area - E

Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.

Valid period: 2026.03.08/1400UTC to 2026.03.09/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.03.08

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

Shear line is approximately along : 01S 60E, 04N 70E, 05N 80E, 04N 90E, 04N 100E

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

### Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 40, 45, 50, 55, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 15, 35

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

### Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 80E: NE'yly or Variable / (05-15)kts

East of 80E: NE'yly / (10-15)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 75E: W'yly to NW'yly / (10-15)kts

East of 75E: W'yly to NW'yly / (10-20)kts

South of ITCZ:

SE'yly / (10-20)kts

### Seas:

Moderate: 45, 50, 80

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

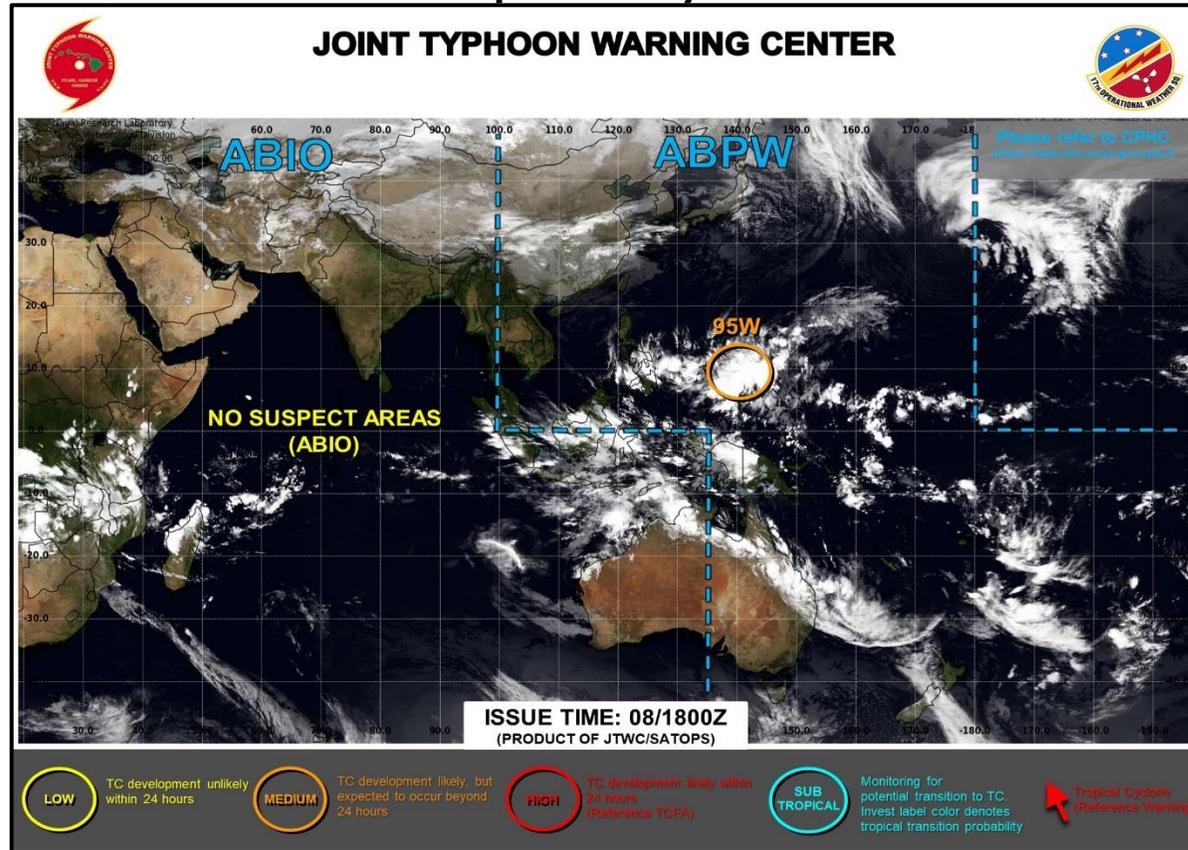
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

# CYCLONE



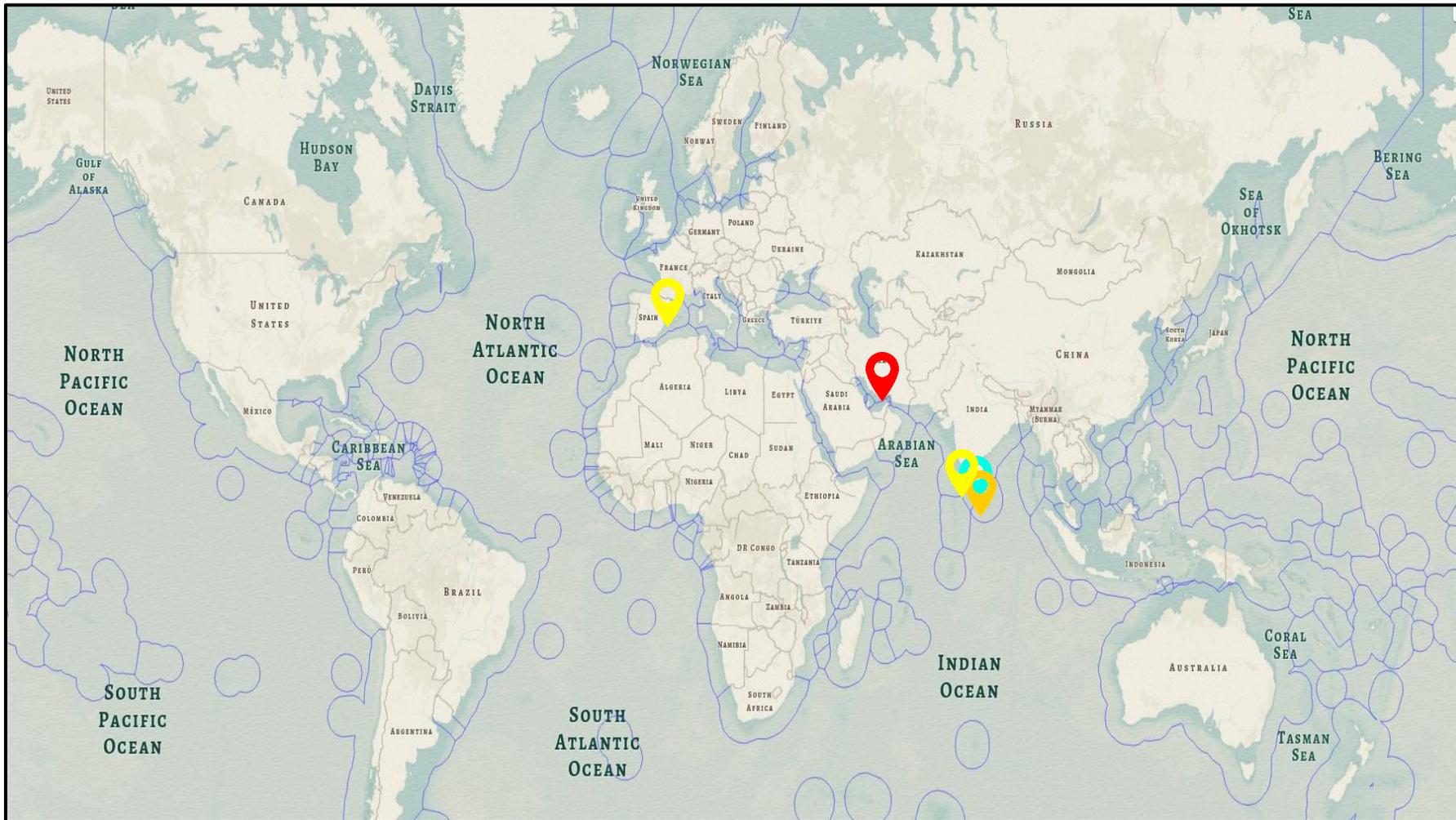
## Tropical Cyclone



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



# SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	01
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	01
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	NIL
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>05</b>

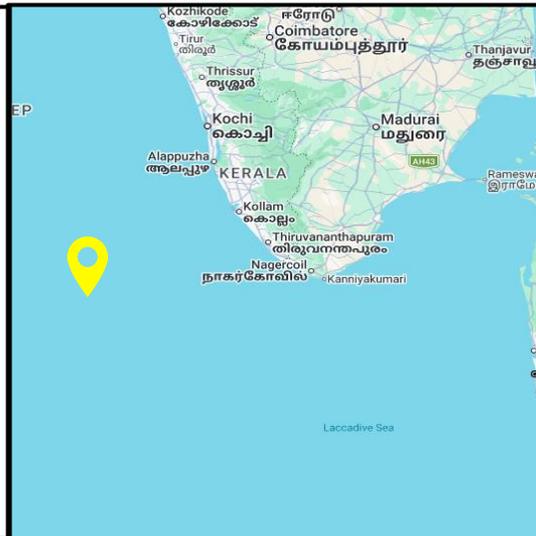
# MARITIME INCIDENTS



## 07 Mar/Fishermen Rescued After Boat Accident/India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.07	India	80 nautical miles off the Kerala coast	Collided	Fishing Vessel	Preliminary reports indicate that a fishing boat collided with the merchant vessel MV Solis, traveling from Oman to Colombo,

Nine fishermen have been rescued by the Indian Coast Guard approximately 80 nm off the Kerala coast after their fishing boat, which had departed from Kanyakumari, encountered an accident near Vizhinjam. The Coast Guard ship Anagh responded to the incident, and the rescued fishermen were provided first aid and subsequently transferred to the Government Medical College Hospital in Thiruvananthapuram for further treatment. Search operations are ongoing for two additional missing individuals.



Source -> <https://www.newsonair.gov.in/nine-fishermen-rescued-after-boat-accident-off-kerala-coast/>

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## 07 Mar/Cargo Hold Fire Reported Near Palma Port/Spain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.07	Spain	Palma Port	Collided	Name – Golden bridge Type – Passenger Flag - Cyprus	The fire started in a refrigerated truck in the cargo hold of the Golden Bridge at approximately 6:30 am local time,

A fire occurred on the Cyprus-flagged ferry GOLDEN BRIDGE, approximately 50 nm from Palma de Mallorca Port, Spain, leading to a significant emergency response. Several individuals onboard experienced smoke inhalation. The ferry was traveling from Barcelona to Palma, carrying 169 passengers and 46 crew members, along with 68 trucks and 52 vehicles.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12750/ferry-hit-by-cargo-hold-fire-near-palma-port-several-suffer->

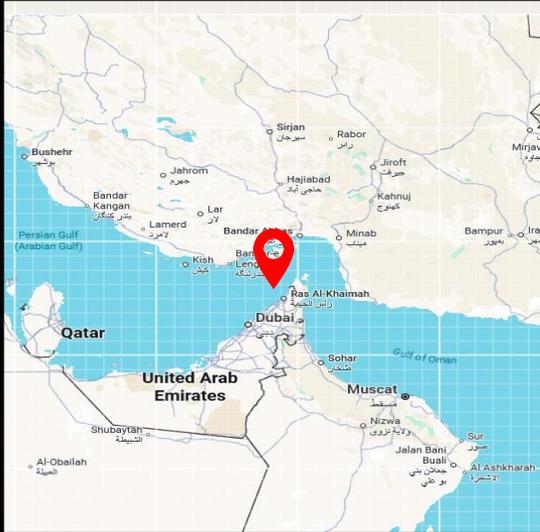
# PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



## 06 Mar/Fishermen Rescued After Boat Accident/Strait of Hormuz

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.06	Strait of Hormuz	Strait of Hormuz	Assault	United Arab Emirates-flagged tugboat	Tehran has conducted multiple attacks on vessels in the crucial Strait of Hormuz, targeting ships as a reaction to the US-Israeli war with Iran that began on February 28.

Jakarta's foreign ministry reported that the tugboat Musaffah 2 caught fire and subsequently sank in the Strait of Hormuz after being hit by two missiles while assisting another tanker. Four crew members survived, while three Indonesian crew members are missing.



Source - : <https://www.timesofisrael.com/uae-tugboat-hit-by-explosion-sinks-in-strait-of-hormuz-3-indonesian-crew-missing/>

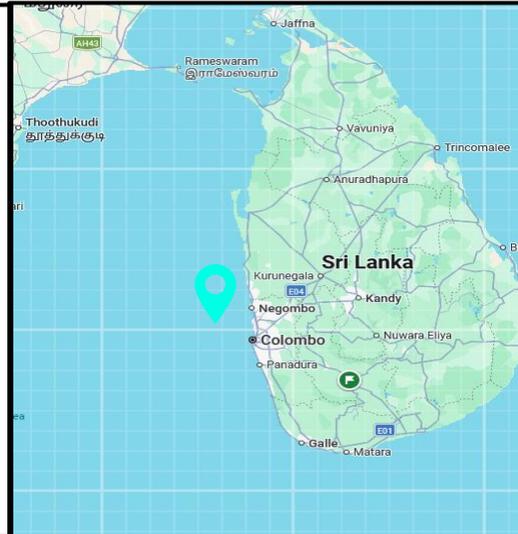
# SMUGGALING



## 03 Mar/Constant vigilance nets 953kg of Kendu leaves/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.03	Sri Lanka	Maravila Sea Area	Contraband Goods Smuggling	-	The stock of Kendu leaves was transferred to the Customs Preventive Office at Colombo Port for legal proceedings.

On 03 Mar 26, the Sri Lanka Navy seized over 953kg of Kendu leaves during a search operation off the coast of Marawila. Conducted by a Fast Attack Craft from the Western Naval Command, the operation resulted in the recovery of 27 suspicious sacks of Kendu leaves, which were likely abandoned by smugglers due to increased naval surveillance in the area.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/08/202603081000/>

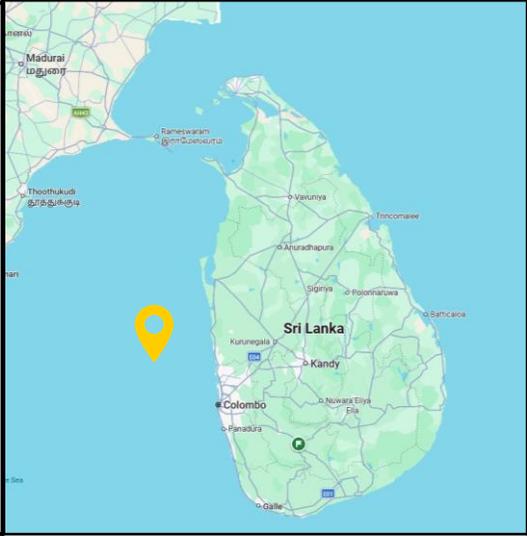
# NARCOTIC



## 08 Mar/Navy Seizes a Consignment of Narcotics/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.08	Sri Lanka	-	Seizure of narcotics	Multiday Fishing Trawler	Speaking on this occasion, the Deputy Minister emphasized that, under the guidance of the President and the supervision of the Ministry of Defence, the Tri-Forces, Police, and intelligence agencies have intensified the "A Nation United" national mission, leaving no stone unturned.

Answering the national mission 'A Nation United,' the Navy has strengthened maritime security, successfully intercepting a local fishing trawler and arresting six suspects involved in a significant drug smuggling attempt. The trawler, found with two sacks, was escorted to Dikowita Fisheries Harbour, where a Police Narcotic Bureau inspection revealed over 102kg of heroin and more than 900g of cocaine. The operation was overseen by Deputy Minister of Defence Major General Aruna Jayasekara (Retd) and Navy Commander Vice Admiral Kanchana Banagoda.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/08/202603081600/>



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