

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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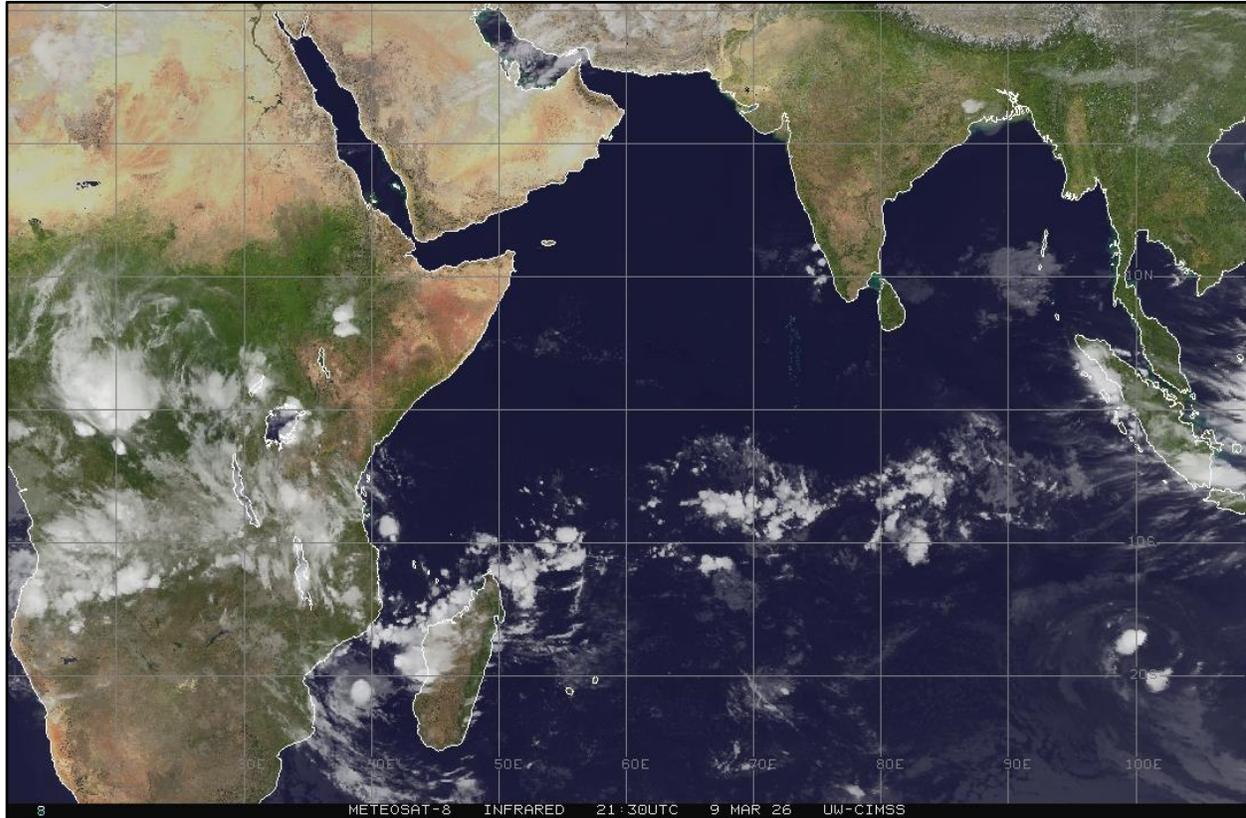
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Date 2026.03.10

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: 2026.03.10/0600UTC to 2026.03.10/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.10

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

Shear line is approximately along : 03S 60E, 02S 70E, 01S 80E, 02N 90E, 03N 100E

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

Weather:

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

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 80, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 15, 25, 30

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 75E: NE'ly or Variable / (05-15)kts

East of 75E: NE'ly / (10-20)kts

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 70E: W'ly to NW'ly / (10-15)kts

East of 70E: W'ly to NW'ly / (10-20)kts

South of ITCZ:

SE'ly / (10-15)kts

Seas:

Moderate: 05, 65, 75

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

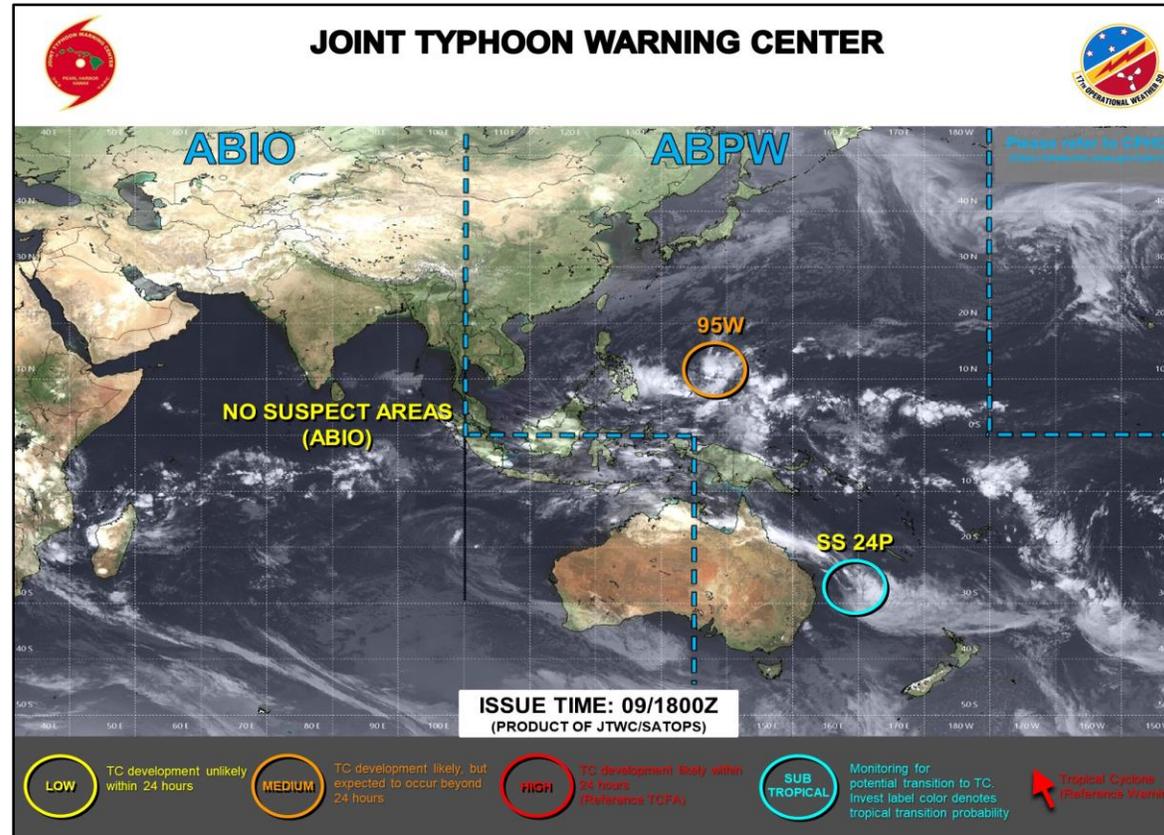
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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



CYCLONE

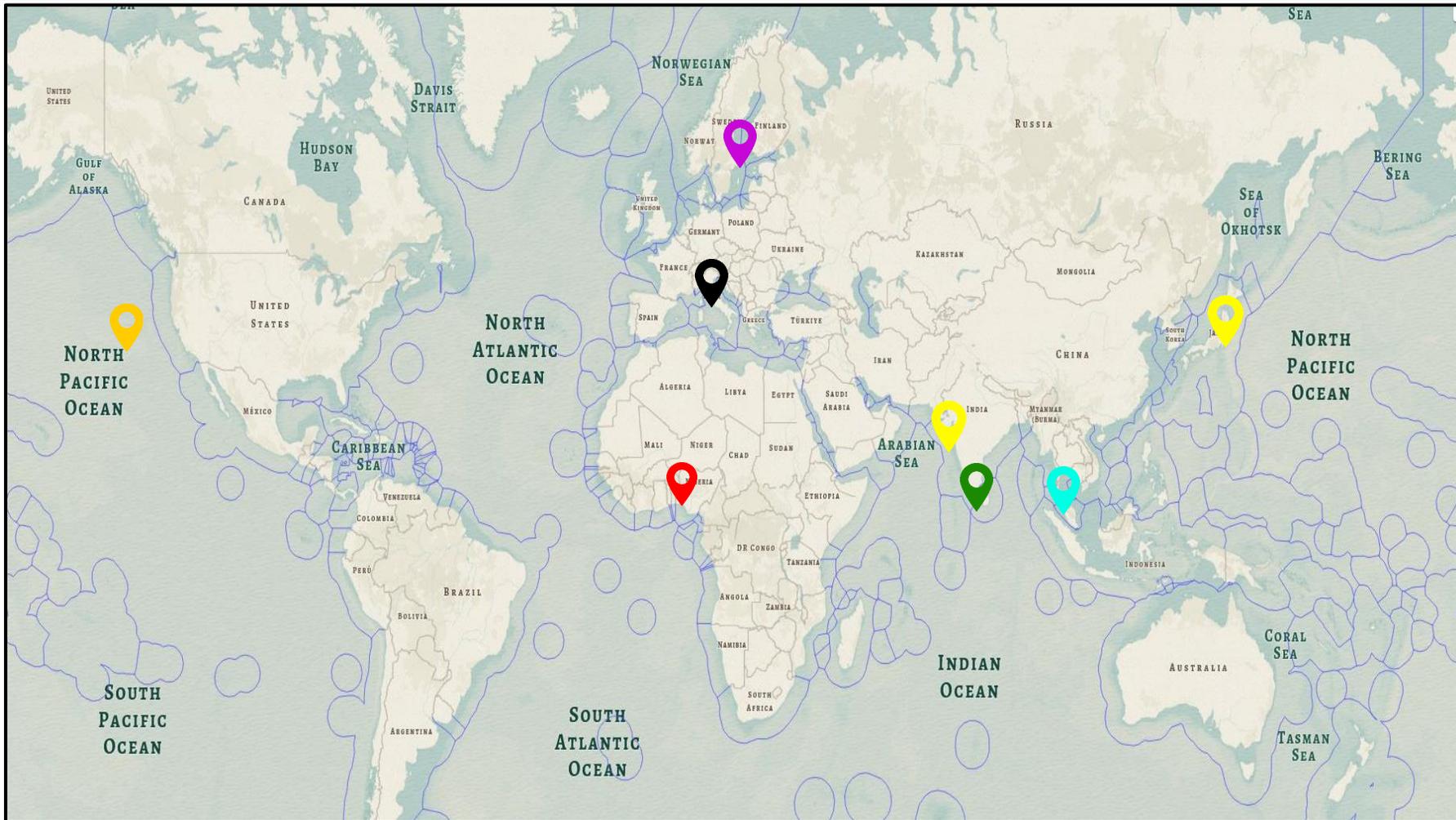
Tropical Cyclone



• 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	01
Marine Environment Pollution	01
Other	01
Total Incidents	08

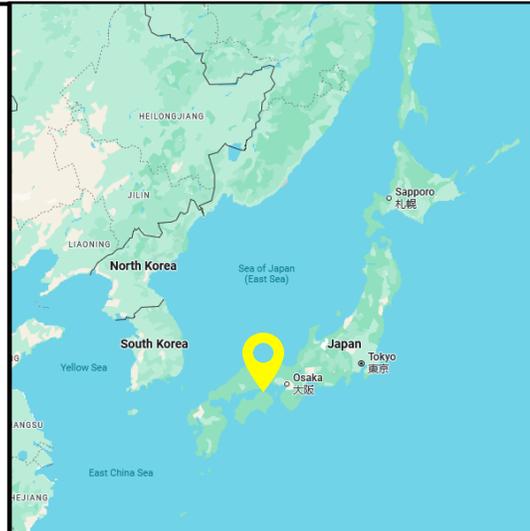
MARITIME INCIDENTS



06 Mar/South Korean Tanker Refloated After Grounding Near Ogijima Island/Japan

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.06	Japan	Near Ogijima Island	Grounding/Stranding	Name:-PHOENIX Type:- Tanker IMO:- 9413042	All 15 crew members, consisting of two South Koreans, six Myanmar nationals, and seven Indonesians, are safe and unharmed, with authorities confirming no pollution from the incident.

At approximately 0136 hrs local time a vessel carrying 2,500 tonnes of kerosene became stuck near the northwestern tip of an island. Local maritime authorities dispatched the patrol boat Kurinami to evaluate the situation finding the vessel listing slightly but with no oil leakage. The salvage operation was successful, with the tanker refloated and towed to Takamatsu port shortly after midnight on 07 Mar 26.



Source :- <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12751/south-korean-tanker-refloated-after-grounding-near-ogijima-i>

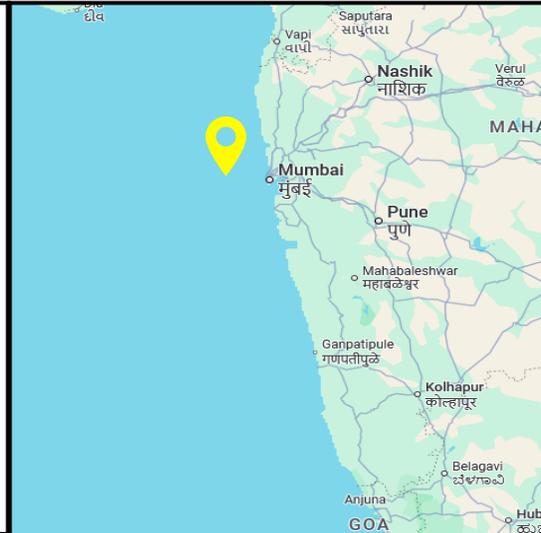
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08 Mar/Fishing boat catches fire,sinks off Mumbai coast /India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.08	India	off Mumbai coast	Fire	One Fishing Boat	A fishing boat caught fire in deep waters off the Mumbai coast on Sunday morning and later sank, leaving one crew member injured, fishermen’s representatives said.

The fishing vessel Sea Princess owned by Reshma Moses Dhake caught fire presumably due to a stove or gas flare-up while at sea. An investigation is in progress to clarify the cause. Authorities including the Coast Guard and local police were notified of the incident around 1015 Hrs based on reports from a fishermen’s cooperative.



Source -: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/fishing-boat-catches-fire-sinks-off-mumbai-coast-one-injured-101772996368304.html>

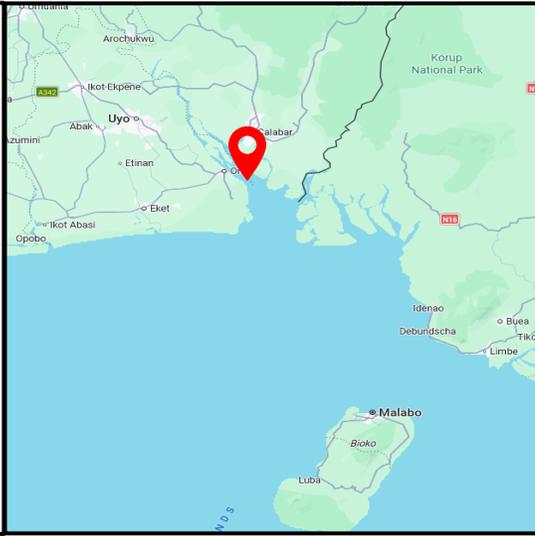
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



08 Mar/Navy Rescues 16 Passengers, Foils Sea Robbery Attempt Along Ibaka–Calabar Channel/Nigeria

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.08	Nigeria	Along Ibaka–Calabar Channel	Robbery At Sea	One Boat	The operation followed an earlier intelligence report indicating suspicious maritime criminal activity around Buoy 12 along the strategic waterway.

Troops of the Nigerian Navy intercepted a sea robbery operation along the Ibaka-Calabar channel on Sunday rescuing 16 passengers. The operation executed by the Forward Operating Base in Ibaka following credible intelligence, successfully disrupted the robbery attempt. The incident occurred on 8 Mar 26 as reported in a statement shared on the Navy's official X handle.



Source -: <https://www.tvcnews.tv/navy-rescues-16-passengers-foils-sea-robbery-attempt-along-ibaka-calabar-channel/>

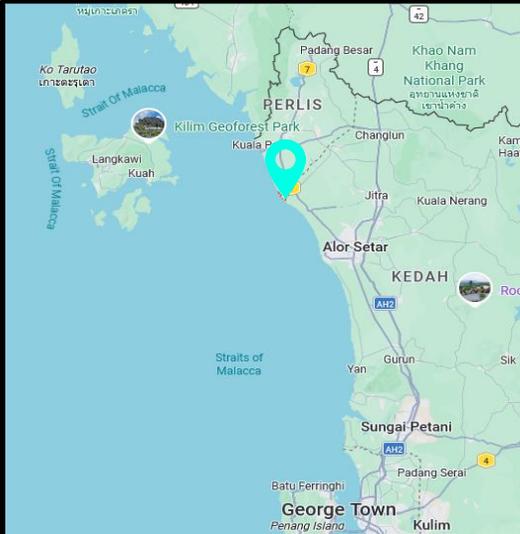
SMUGGLING



08 Mar/MMEA foils attempt to smuggle over RM500,000 worth of vape devices/ Malaysia

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.08	Malaysia	Kuala Sanglang Jetty	Contraband Goods Smuggling	-	He said authorities will take a tough stance on smuggling, stepping up patrols and enforcement in national waters ahead of the festive season.

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) seized almost 16,500 e-cigarette devices valued over RM500,000 at the Fisheries Development Board jetty in Kuala Sanglang on 07 March. The operation followed intelligence that led to the interception of a lorry carrying the devices driven by a man with two local workers. The seizure indicated that these vape devices were likely intended for smuggling to a neighboring country via a fiberglass boat at the river mouth.



Source -: <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2026/03/08/mmea-foils-attempt-to-smuggle-over-rm500000-worth-of-vape-devices>

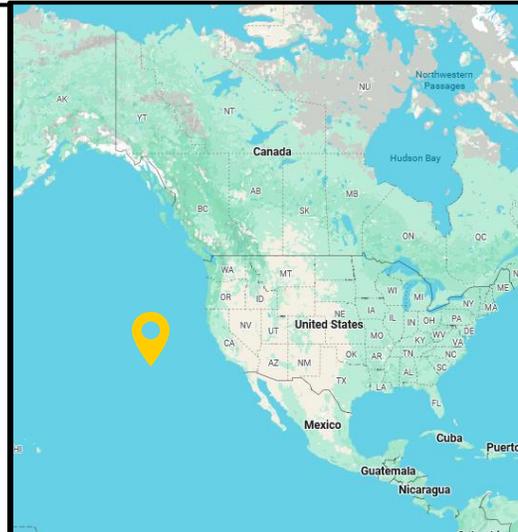
NARCOTIC



08 Mar/US military strikes another alleged drug boat in the Eastern Pacific/USA

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.08	USA	Eastern Pacific	Sea based Drugs Trafficking	Drug Vessel	Intelligence indicated that the vessel was traveling along established narco-trafficking routes in the Eastern Pacific and involved in such activities. According to the Southern Command, six men on board were killed, but no U.S. forces were harmed in the attack on the vessel.

The Pentagon reported a lethal strike by U.S. forces on a vessel in the Eastern Pacific, resulting in the deaths of six alleged narco-traffickers. The operation was directed by Gen. Francis L. Donovan, the new leader of the Southern Command, and targeted a vessel associated with Designated Terrorist Organizations.



Source -: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/us-military-strike-suspected-narco-boat-eastern-pacific>

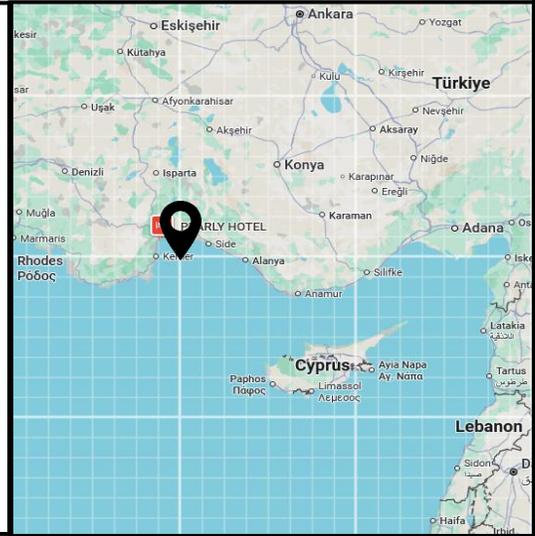
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



09 Mar/At Least 14 Dead after Migrant Boat Crashes into Coast Guard Vessel / Türkiye

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.09	Türkiye	Coast off Finike Antalya	Shipwreck	One Boat	It said six migrants and one Turkish national were rescued, but that 14 were found dead and 15 others were caught after continuing in their boat until they reached land.

At least 14 migrants were killed when their inflatable boat collided with a Turkish coast guard vessel off Antalya on Monday. The coast guard reported that the high-speed boat tried to evade capture after being detected near Finike and failed to heed warnings to stop before the collision occurred.



Source -: <https://english.aawsat.com/world/5249130-least-14-dead-after-migrant-boat-crashes-coast-guard-vessel-southern-t%C3%BCrkiye>

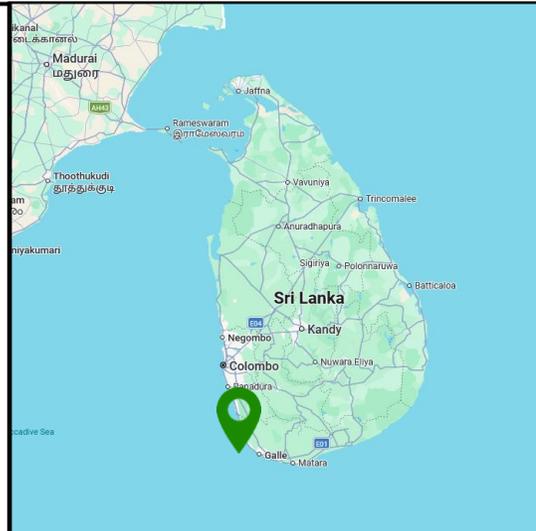
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



06 Mar/Coast Guard personnel clean up oil spillage in seas off Hikkaduwa/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.06	Sri Lanka	Off Hikkaduwa	Oil Spill	-	The oil spill was reported following the attack on an Iranian vessel in seas off Galle.

The Coast Guard personnel with the assistance of the Sri Lanka Navy, the Marine Environment Protection Authority and the Coastal Conservation Department commenced cleaning the oil contaminated beach areas in Narigama, Thotagamuwa and Hikkaduwa in order to prevent damages to the marine ecosystem, the Sri Lanka Coast Guard said in a statement. Oil patches were reported along the coastal areas of Hikkaduwa and Dodanduwa, according to the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA).



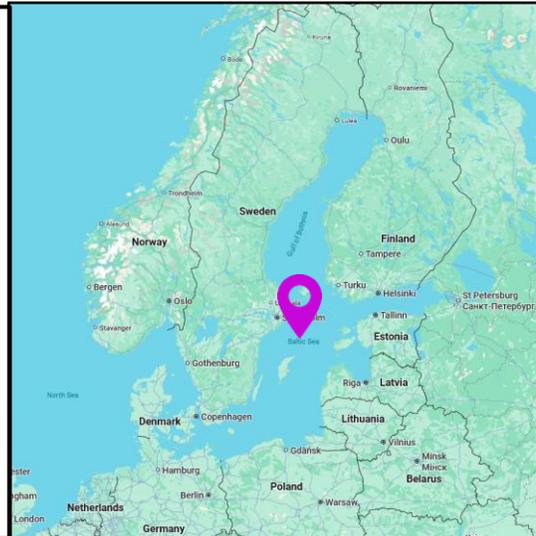
Source -: <https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=119432>



06 Mar/Wedish Coast Guard Seizes Cargo Vessel in Baltic Over Stateless Status/Swedish

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2026.03.06	Swedish	Swedish Waters Of The Baltic Sea	Other Military/ Coastguard activities	Name - CAFFA Type - Cargo IMO - 9143611	According to the coast guard, the vessel is considered stateless under maritime legislation, which prevents it from claiming the right of innocent passage through Sweden's waters.

The cargo vessel CAFFA has been seized by the Swedish Coast Guard in Swedish waters of the Baltic Sea over the suspicion of being stateless. The operation took place at around 1550 hrs local time on 6 March off the coast of Trelleborg.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12749/swedish-coast-guard-seizes-cargo-vessel-in-baltic-over-state>



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