

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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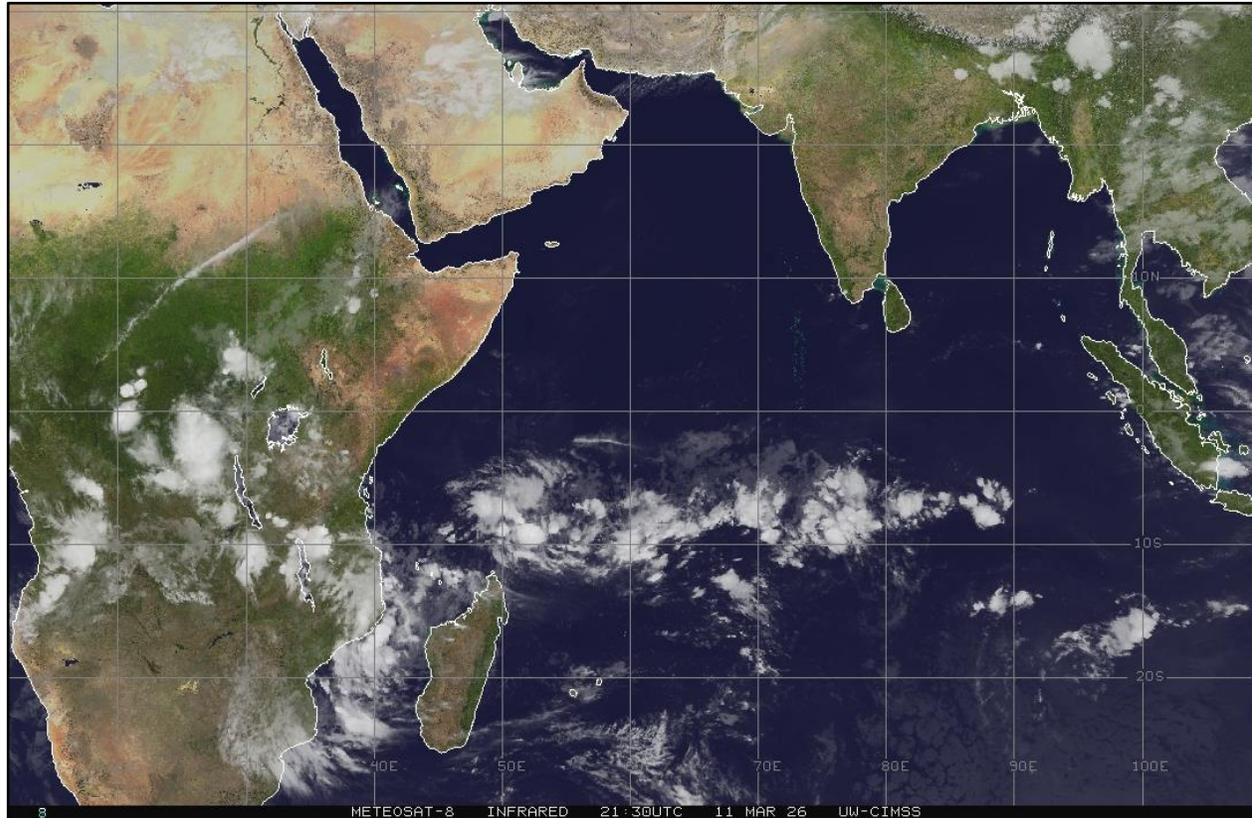
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Date 2026.03.12

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: 2026.03.12/0600UTC to 2026.03.12/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.12

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

Shear line is approximately along : 04S 60E, 04S 70E, 03S 80E, EQ 90E, 01N 100E

ITCZ is approximately along : 12S 60E, 11S 70E, 10S 80E, 08S 90E, 11S 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 60, 65, 80

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 70, 75, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers in sections : 05, 10, 15, 30, 35, 45

Mainly fair weather elsewhere

Winds:

North of Shear line

West of 75E: NE'yly to E'yly / (05-15)kts

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

In-between Shear line and ITCZ:

West of 70E: NW'yly to W'yly / (10-20)kts; gusting upto 25kts in section 60

East of 70E: W'yly / (10-20)kts

South of ITCZ:

SE'yly or E'yly / (10-15)kts

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 60

Moderate in sections : 15, 20, 25, 65, 70, 75, 80

Slight to Moderate elsewhere.

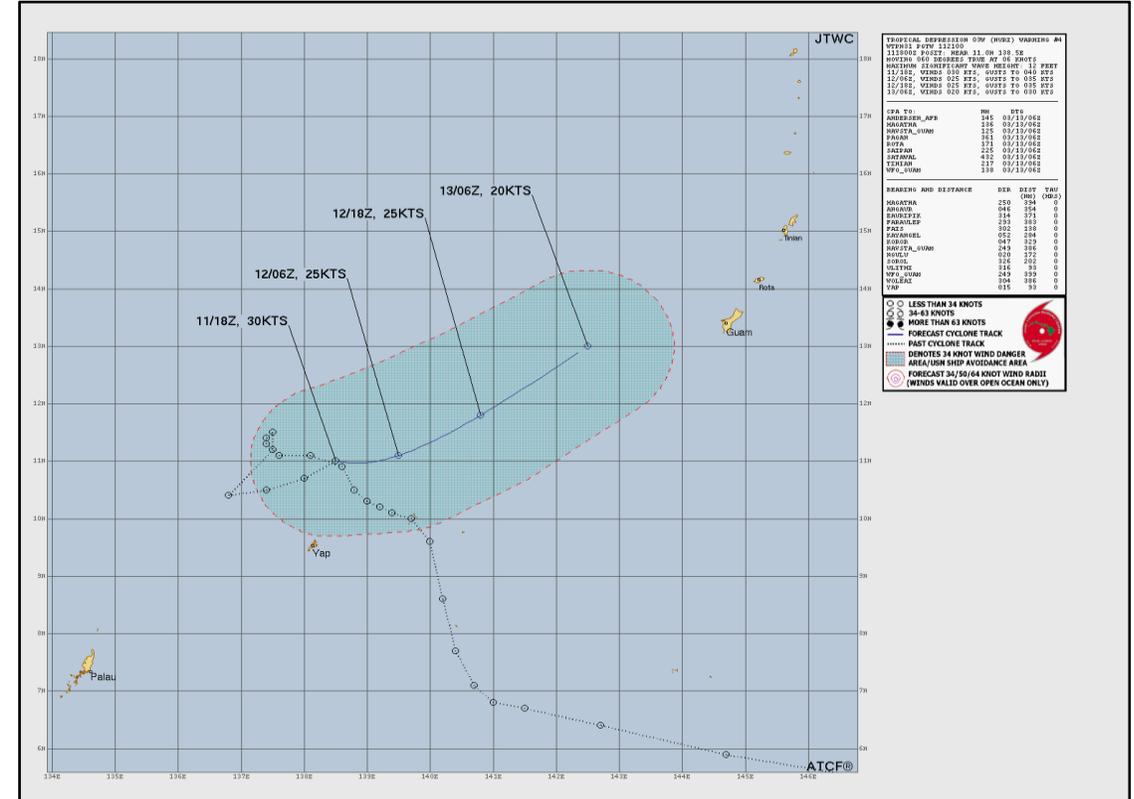
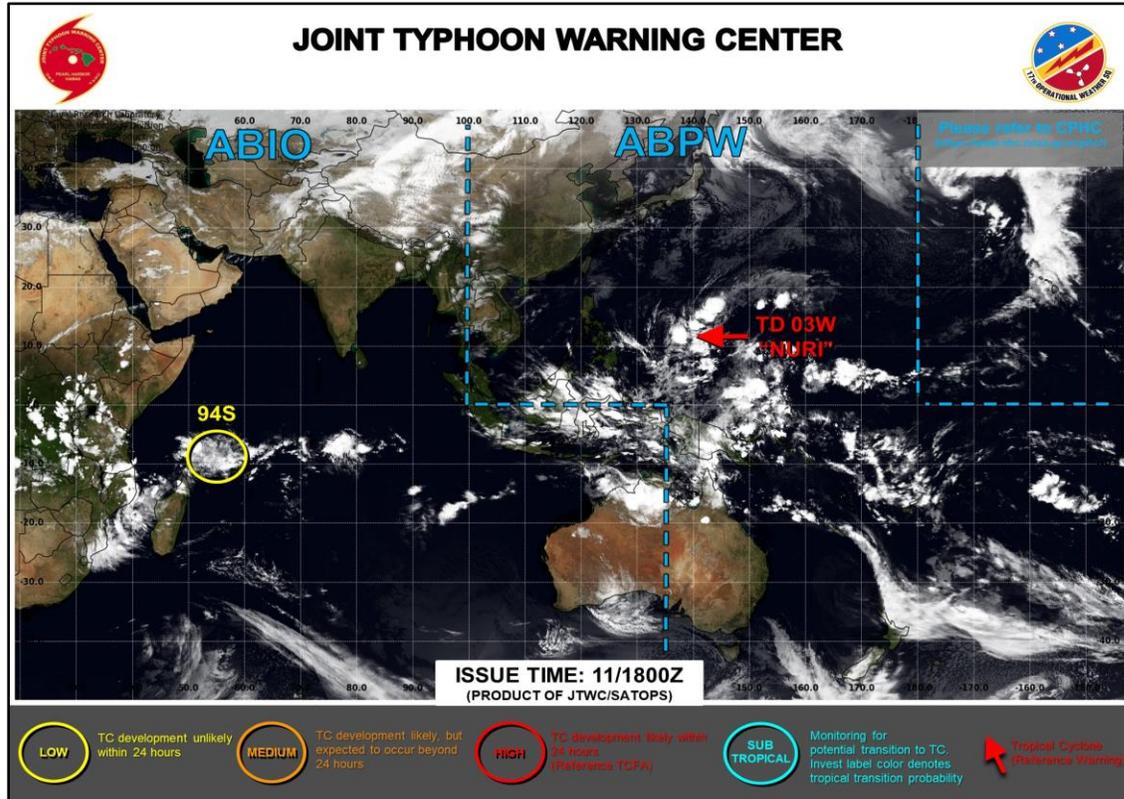
NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

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

CYCLONE



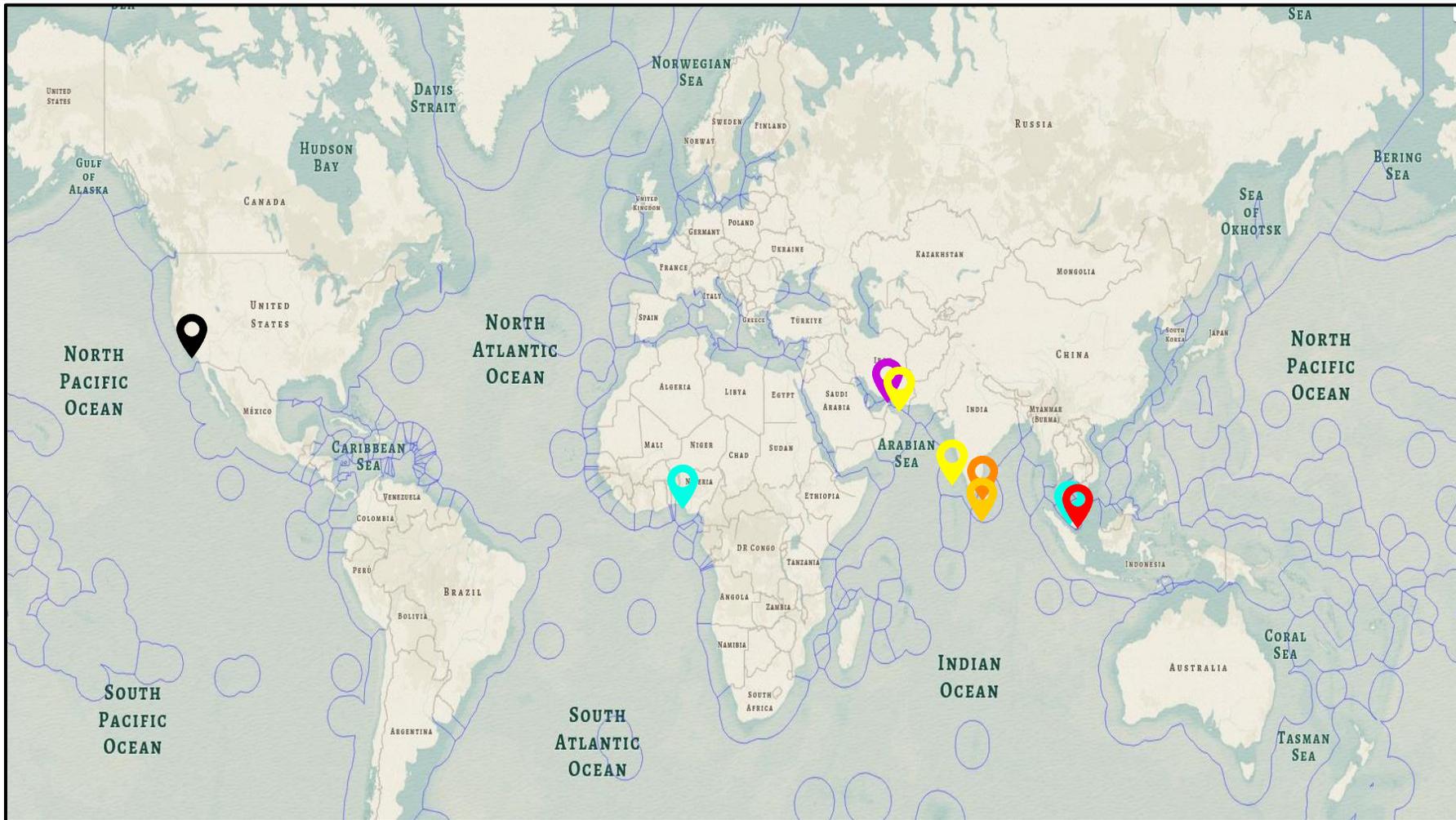
Tropical Cyclone (NURI)



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



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



| CATEGORY | NO |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Maritime Incidents | 02 |
| Piracy & Armed Robbery | 01 |
| Smuggling | 02 |
| IUU Fishing | 01 |
| Narcotic | 01 |
| Irregular Human Migration | 01 |
| Marine Environment Pollution | NIL |
| Other | 01 |
| Total Incidents | 09 |

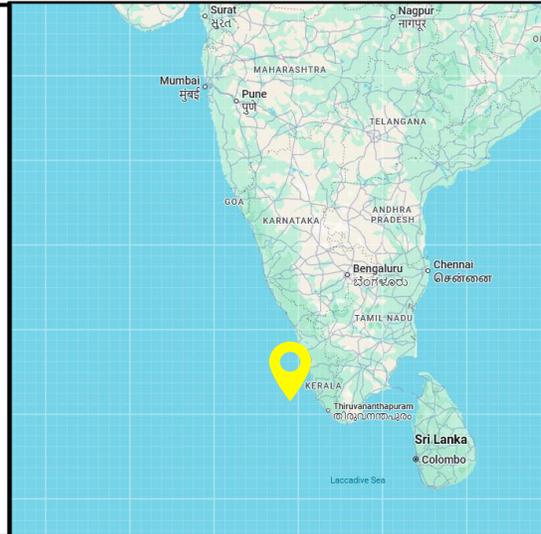
MARITIME INCIDENTS



08 Mar/Two Feared Dead as Tanker Collides with Fishing Vessel off Kerala/India

| INCIDENT DATE | COUNTRY/REGION | LOCATION | SUB CATEGORIES | VESSEL DETAILS | ADDITIONAL DETAILS |
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| 2026.03.08 | India | Off Kerala | Collisions | Name:-SOLIS Type:- Tanker IMO:- 9276248 | The Indian Directorate General of Shipping has stated that an investigation has been opened into the incident. |

The incident occurred on 8 March as the fishing trawler was anchored around 120 nautical miles off the coast of Kerala. The Panamanian-flagged tanker SOLIS struck the vessel at around noon. Two crew members from the smaller vessel are missing and feared dead, while the remaining nine were rescued by the Solis. The Indian Coast Guard vessel ICGS ANAGH arrived on the scene shortly afterward and delivered the survivors to Vizhinjam Port. The Coast Guard is continuing its search for the missing fishermen.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/pt/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12755/two-feared-dead-as-tanker-collides-with-fishing-vessel-off-k>

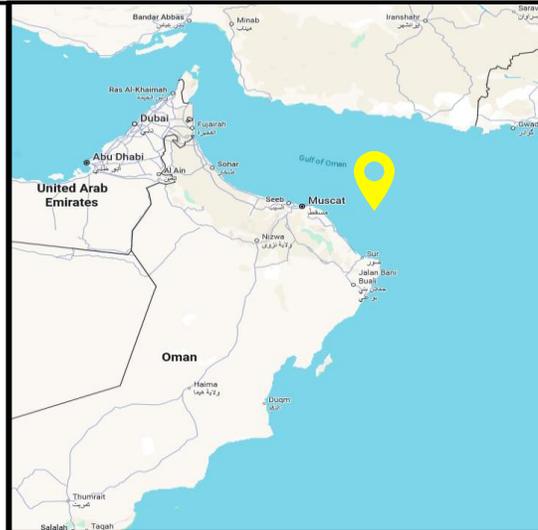
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11 Mar/Fire Erupts on Thai Bulk Carrier After Attack in Hormuz / Oman

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| 2026.03.11 | Oman | strait of Hormuz | Fire | Name:-Mayuree Naree Type:- Cargo Flag - Thailand IMO:- 9323649 | Mayuree Naree is a 2008-built bulk carrier that is owned by Precious Shipping PCL. The vessel measures 178.72 meters in length, 28.06 meters in width and has a carrying capacity of 30,196 tonnes. |

The Thailand-flagged bulk carrier Mayuree Naree caught fire after being hit by an unknown projectile near Oman on 11 Mar 26 while passing through the Strait of Hormuz. Most crew members were evacuated with a few remaining to assist in emergency response. Authorities reported that the fire has been extinguished. The vessel was en route from Dubai UAE to Kandla Port, India.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12759/fire-erupts-on-thai-bulk-carrier-after-attack-in-hormuz>

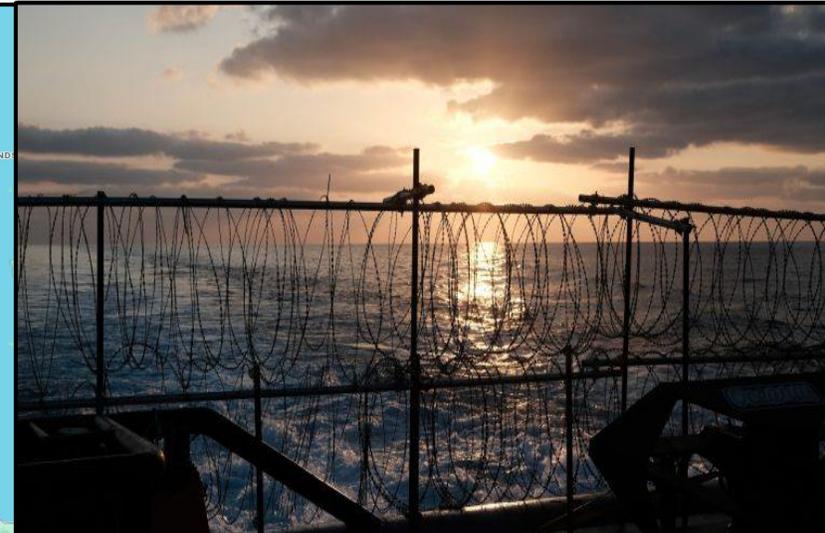
PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



Last week/Two incidents of armed robbery 3 to 9 March/ Singapore

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| Last week | Singapore | Singapore Strait Off Straits of Malacca | Piracy and Armed Robbery | One Cargo and One Tanker | For the 6th consecutive year, there has been no report of incident of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah. |

Two maritime incidents occurred off Pulau Cula Indonesia within Singapore Strait's traffic separation scheme. A CAT 4 incident on a bulk carrier took place on Feb 26 followed by a CAT 3 incident on an LPG tanker on 07 Mar 26 with no crew injuries reported. These incidents contribute to a total of seven reported in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore since Jan 26. The ReCAAP ISC recommends vigilance for transiting ships and increased patrols by littoral states.



Source -: <https://safety4sea.com/recaap-isc-two-incidents-of-armed-robbery-3-9-march/>

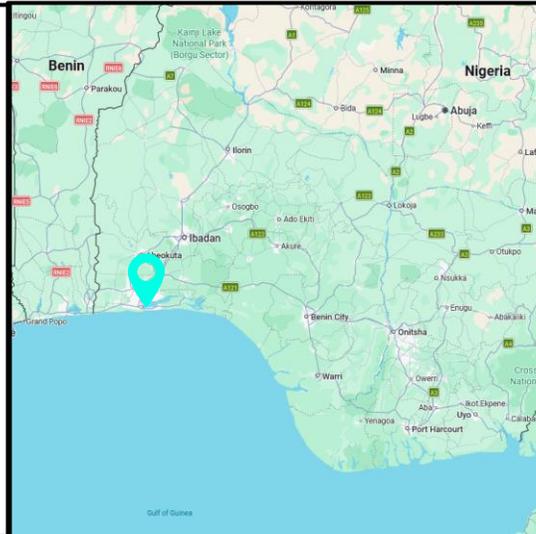
SMUGGLING



10 Mar/Apapa Customs records major breakthrough in anti- smuggling operations/ Nigeria

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| 2026.03.10 | Nigeria | Apapa port | Contraband /Goods smuggling | - | Customs officers also intercepted two 40-foot containers filled with unregistered pharmaceutical products, including Hyegra 200 and Sildenafil Citrate. |

On 10 Mar 26 the Nigeria Customs Service's Apapa Command successfully intercepted 13 containers of dangerous pharmaceuticals and other illicit goods at APM Terminals with a total value exceeding N6.38 billion. Comptroller-General Adewale Adeniyi attributed this success to intelligence-led operations including cargo scanning technology and physical inspections that revealed irregularities in cargo profiles. Among the seized items were expired pharmaceuticals such as Mixagrip Cold Caplets Ladinax tablets chloroquine injections and diclofenac tablets.



Source -: <https://theyewitnessnews.com/2026/03/11/apapa-customs-records-major-breakthrough-in-anti-smuggling-operations/>

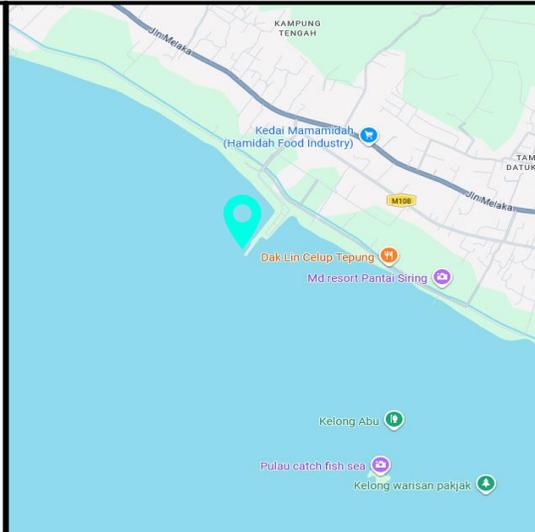
SMUGGLING



07 Mar/Tawau LPG smuggling attempt foiled / Malaysia

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| 2026.03.07 | Malaysia | Apapa port | Goods smuggling | One Boat | The patrol vessel was dispatched to the identified location near Batu 3 Jetty, heading towards Pulau Sebatik at about 9pm. |

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency intercepted an attempt to smuggle 60 subsidised Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders valued at RM 53800 to a neighbouring country. The operation part of Op Pagar Laut and Op Tiris was initiated after receiving intelligence about suspicious boat movements. When approached, the vessel's skipper fled abandoning the boat and cargo. The seized materials are under investigation for breaching the Supply Control Act 1961 as demand for such goods typically increases ahead of festive seasons, attracting smuggling syndicates.



Source -> <https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/277391/tawau-lpg-smuggling-attempt-foiled/>

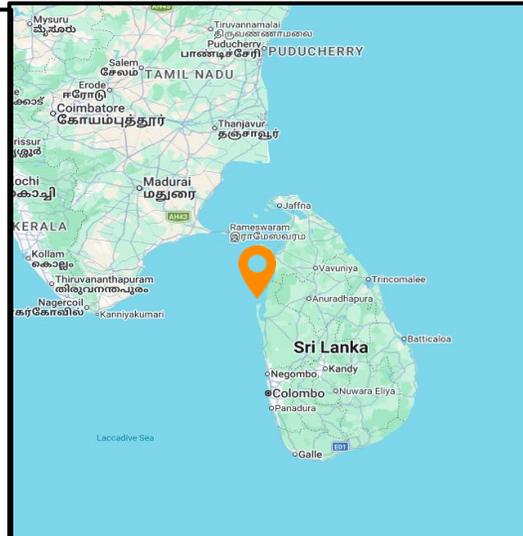
IUU FISHING



07 Mar/Navy takes hold of 07 suspects for smuggling 1146kg of dried sea cucumber in Kalpitiya seas/ Sri Lanka

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| 2026.03.07 | Sri Lanka | Kalpitiya | Fishing without license | - | The suspects, aged 24 to 51, from Kalpitiya, were apprehended with stocks of dried sea cucumber and transferred to the Customs Preventive Office in Katunayake and the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Office in Puttalam for legal proceedings. |

The Sri Lanka Navy prevented smuggling activities, apprehending 07 suspects and 03 dinghies with 1146 kg of dried sea cucumber during operations on 05 and 06 March 2026 in the Mohoththuwarem and Keerimundalama sea areas, Kalpitiya. In one operation 02 suspects were arrested with 418 kg of dried sea cucumber in the Mohoththuwarem region while another operation in Keerimundalama resulted in the seizure of 728kg of dried sea cucumber and 05 suspects.



Source - : <https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/03/10/202603101130/>

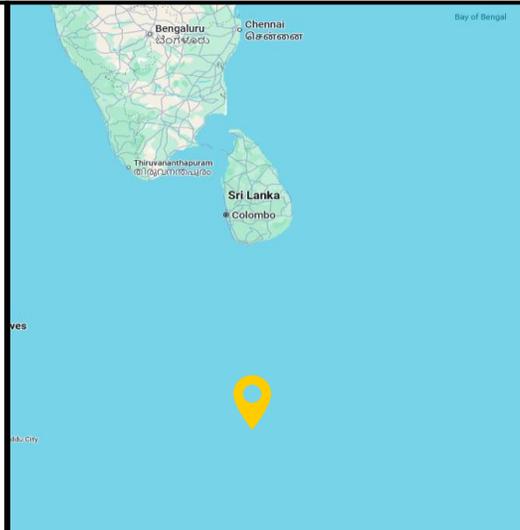
NARCOTIC



10 Mar/Over 600 kg of narcotics found in seized fishing vessel/ Sri Lanka

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| 2026.03.10 | Sri Lanka | southern coast | Seizure of narcotics | One Malt day fishing vessel | He added that the vessel is expected to be brought ashore within the next two days. |

The Sri Lanka Navy has apprehended a fishing vessel carrying over 600 kilograms of narcotics as announced by Minister Ananda Wijepala. The vessel was seized during a special operation in the deep sea off Sri Lanka's southern coast where a significant number of weapons were also recovered. Additionally on 07 Mar 26 the Navy intercepted another fishing trawler in the same area confiscating 102 kilograms of heroin and 900 grams of cocaine.



Source -: <https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Over-600-kg-of-narcotics-found-in-seized-fishing-vessel/108-334953>

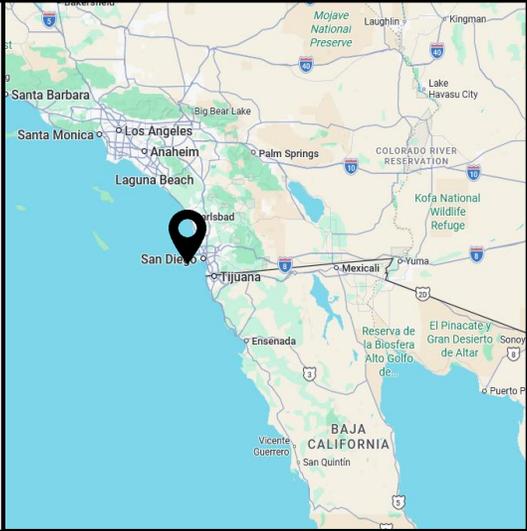
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



09 Mar/Migrant smuggling on the water persists diplomat warns /Mexic

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| 2026.03.09 | Mexica | Coast of San Diego | Illegal broader crossing | - | Kerber Palma urged the migrant community not to put their lives at risk, warning that those who organize these crossings are only seeking to turn a profit. |

Human smuggling off San Diego's coast persists, occurring almost weekly as reported by Alicia Kerber Palma Mexico's Consul General. She cautioned migrants against attempting this dangerous crossing highlighting the perilous weather conditions. Kerber Palma characterised the Tijuana smugglers as "unscrupulous" and noted their exploitation of migrants' desperation. This concern is underscored by a recent incident where Tijuana Fire Department rescued six individuals abandoned at sea along the US.-Mexico border.



Source -: <https://www.borderreport.com/hot-topics/border-crime/migrant-smuggling-on-the-water-persists-mexican-diplomat-warns/>

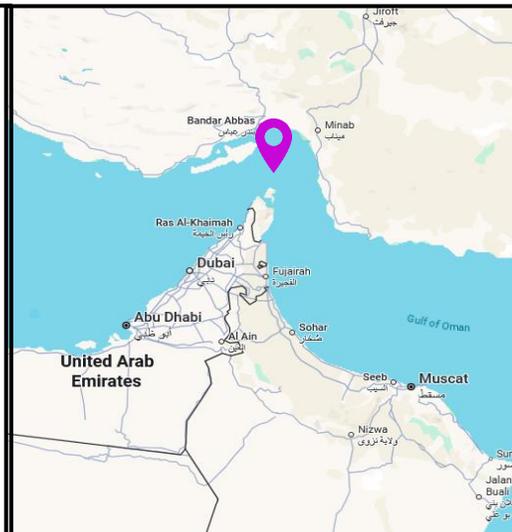


OTHERS

10 Mar/US attacks mine-laying boats in strait of Hormuz as tensions rise over oil / Iran

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| 2026.03.10 | Iran | strait of Hormuz | Naval Activities | 16mine-laying vessels | Intelligence sources claim Iran has begun mine laying as US energy secretary backtracks on claim US escorted a ship through strategic chokepoint. |

The US military attacked and destroyed 16 Iranian mine-laying vessels near the Strait of Hormuz responding to reports that Iran had begun laying explosive devices in this crucial waterway through which about 20% of the world's oil passes. Intelligence sources indicated that Iran has recently laid several dozen mines and could deploy many more. The situation escalated after Donald Trump urged for the immediate removal of any mines in the Strait. Shortly after the US military released unclassified footage of the attacks on the vessels.



Source -: <https://www.theguardian.com/news/2026/mar/11/us-iran-strait-of-hormuz-mine-boat-attacks/>



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