

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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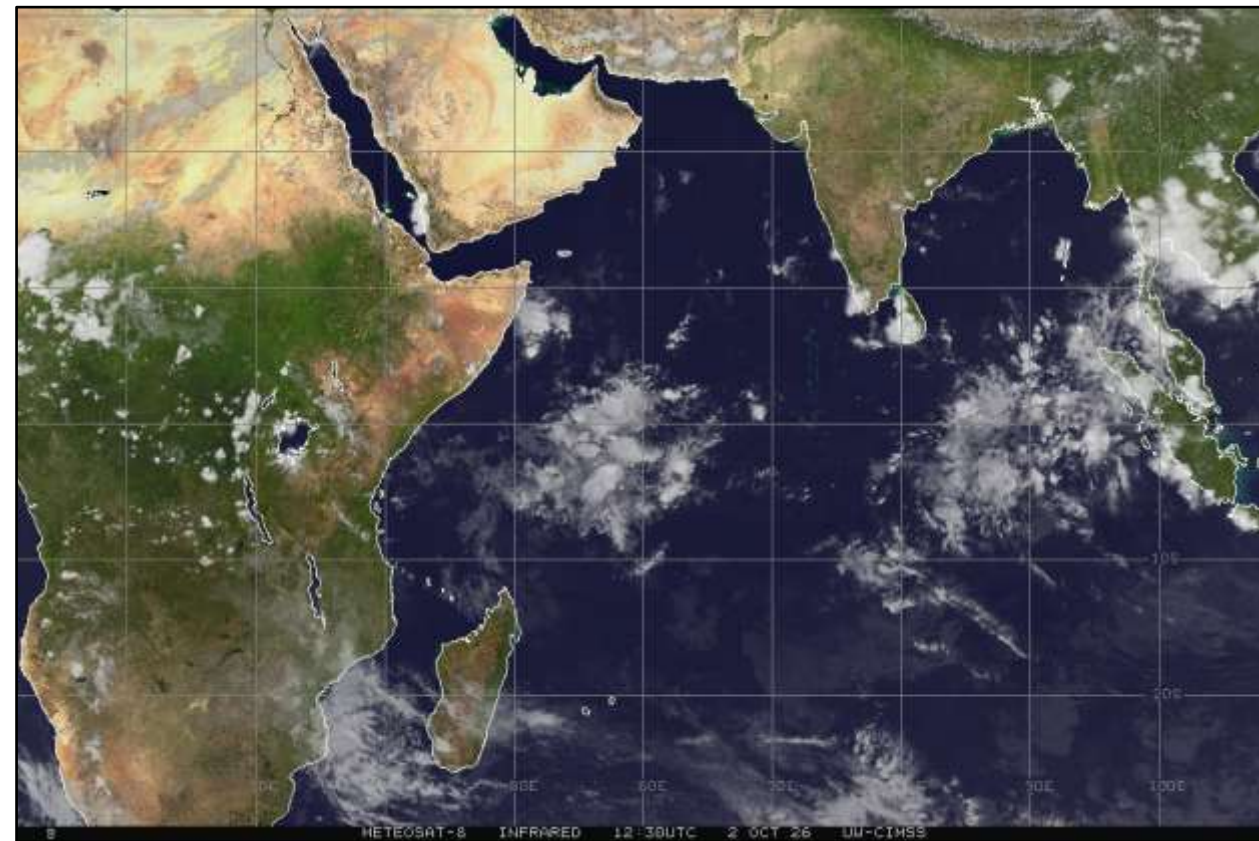
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Date 2026.10.02

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: 2026.10.02/1400UTC to 2026.10.03/0600UTC

Issued at 1200UTC on 2026.10.02

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

Shear line is approximately along: 05S 60E, 02S 70E, 01S 80E, 01N 90E, EQ 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 15, 20, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 00, 05, 10, 30, 65, 70.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

West of 80E : SW'ly or Variable / (05-10) kts.

East of 80E : SW'ly / (05-10) kts.

South of Shear line: SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 50, 70, 80, 85.

Seas:

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 50, 70, 80, 85.

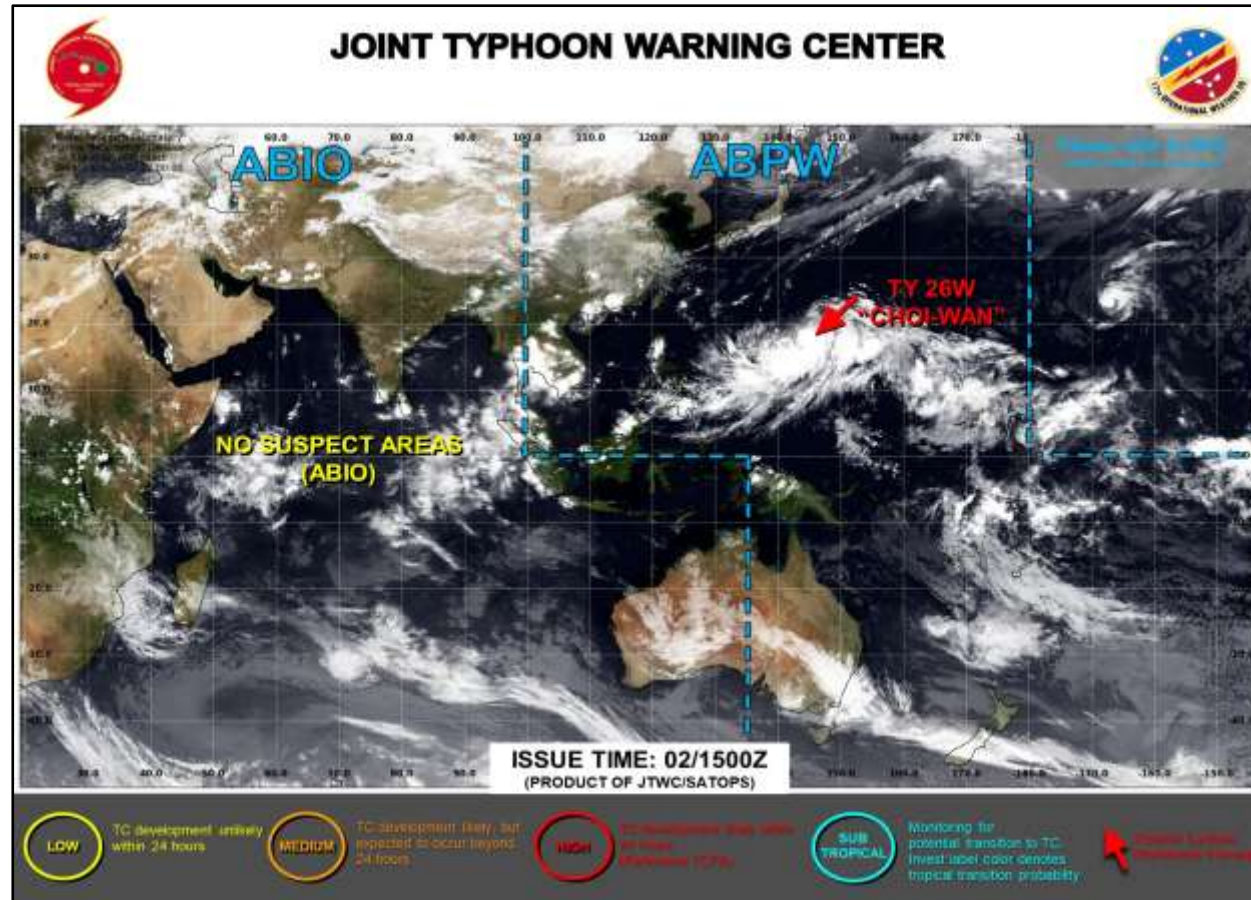
Moderate in sections : 40, 60, 65, 75.

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

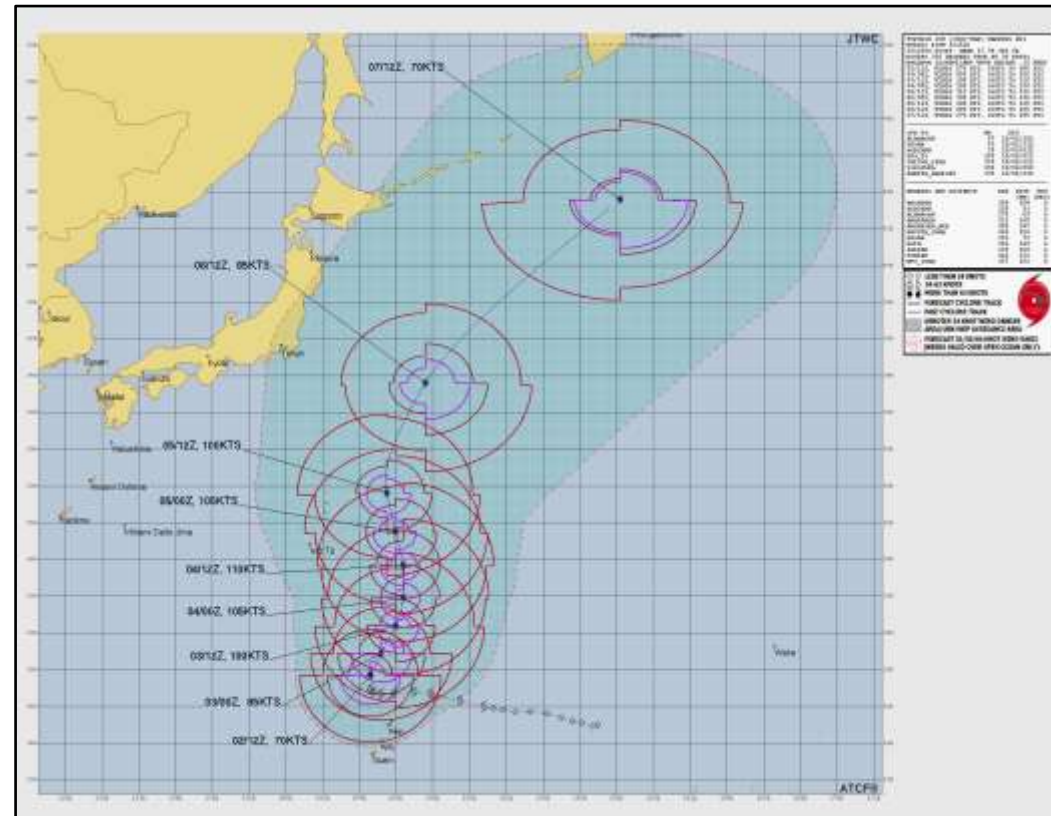


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHOI-WAN "



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SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	04
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	NIL
 IUU Fishing	NIL
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	01
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	NIL
Total Incidents	06

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01 Oct/India Thanks Seychelles For Rescue Of 17 Fishermen After Vessel Engine Failure/Seychelles

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.01	Seychelles – Western Indian Ocean	Off the coast of Seychelles	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	Authorities in Seychelles promptly assisted a distressed vessel, ensuring the safety of fishermen amid challenging conditions due to engine failure.

A Seychelles maritime rescue operation successfully recovered 17 Indian fishermen after their fishing vessel, IFB Sajira, experienced total engine failure in rough seas.



Source -: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/17-indian-fishermen-rescued-by-seychelles-india-expresses-gratitude/articleshow/134623495.cms>

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30 Sep/Rescue Operation Off South Africa Turns Tragic as Rescuers are Killed/South Africa

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	South Africa	Approximately 47 NM south of Mossel Bay	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	The MRCC Cape initiated a SAR operation with help from NSRI and SAPS, resulting in the recovery of three deceased victims, while two individuals remain missing.

On 30 Sep 26, a Fast Rescue Boat (FRB) launched from the tug Umkhuseli capsized during a rescue operation near Mossel Bay, South Africa, leading to the deaths of three rescuers and two others who are missing, presumed drowned.



Source -: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/rescue-operation-off-south-africa-turns-tragic-as-rescuers-are-killed>

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30 Sep/Two Injured in Motor Tanker Fire at Port of Calaca/Philippines

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.09.30	Philippines	Port of Calaca	Fire/Folding/Explosion	Name-MALAPASCUA Type: Law Enforce	The fire in the superstructure was put out by the evening of 30 September, but smoke persisted from the ship's interior. An inquiry by the Maritime Safety Investigation Unit is underway to investigate the fire's cause and evaluate damage to the superstructure.

On 30 Sep 26 a fire broke out on the motor tanker Gindara at the Port of Calaca, injuring two crew members. The incident occurred around 1600 hrs while the vessel was docked and offloading molasses. The fire originated in the engine room and spread to other areas of the ship. Emergency responders, including the Coast Guard, quickly arrived on-site, rescuing twenty crew members, while two were hospitalized—one treated for smoke inhalation and released, and the other remaining under care.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/13275/two-injured-in-motor-tanker-fire-at-port-of-calaca-in-the-ph>

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01 Oct/Navy evacuates injured fisherman from Eastern Seas/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.01	Sri Lanka	off the east coast	Search and Rescue (SAR)	Fishing trawler	The Navy is prepared, in collaboration with MRCC Colombo, to offer immediate assistance to maritime and fishing communities in distress in Sri Lanka's maritime search and rescue area.

On 1 Oct 26, the Sri Lanka Navy, collaborating with the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo, evacuated an injured fisherman from the fishing trawler 'Dulaj Putha' on 1 Oct 26. The incident occurred approximately 24 nm off the east coast of Sri Lanka. The fisherman, who sustained injuries to his right hand, received first aid on the naval craft before being transported to Trincomalee General Hospital for further treatment. The evacuation was initiated following a request from the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources to MRCC Colombo.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-evacuates-injured-fisherman-from-eastern-seas.html>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

01 Oct/Tanker catches fire after first Hormuz attack in October/Iran

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.01	Iran	Strait of Hormuz	Assault violations	Name- Kazimah III Flag -kuwait	The ongoing attacks on commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz have intensified as a Kuwaiti VLCC is reported to be on fire.

The UKMTO reported that a tanker was hit by an unknown projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz, causing a fire. The vessel involved is identified as the Kuwait-flagged VLCC Kazimah III, owned by Kuwait Oil Tanker Co (KOTC). The incident occurred at 1750hrs UTC on 1 October, and all crew members are safe. The environmental impact remains undetermined.



Source -: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/tanker-catches-fire-after-first-hormuz-attack-in-october>

IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



Oct 01/76 Bangladeshis rescued at sea off St Martin's coast/Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.01	Bangladesh	Approximately 81 NM off St. Martin's Lighthouse	Detention of Migrations	Fishing Trawler	Preliminary interrogation revealed that 65 victims were allegedly deceived with false job offers in Malaysia, with some being abducted and held captive in isolated areas of Teknaf before being transported by sea.

A Bangladesh Navy patrol craft rescued 76 individuals from a sinking fishing trawler 81 NM off St. Martin's Lighthouse on 01 Oct 26. Eleven individuals were detained as suspected members of an international human trafficking network, while 65 were identified as trafficking victims.



Source -: <https://observerbd.com/news/596936>



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