

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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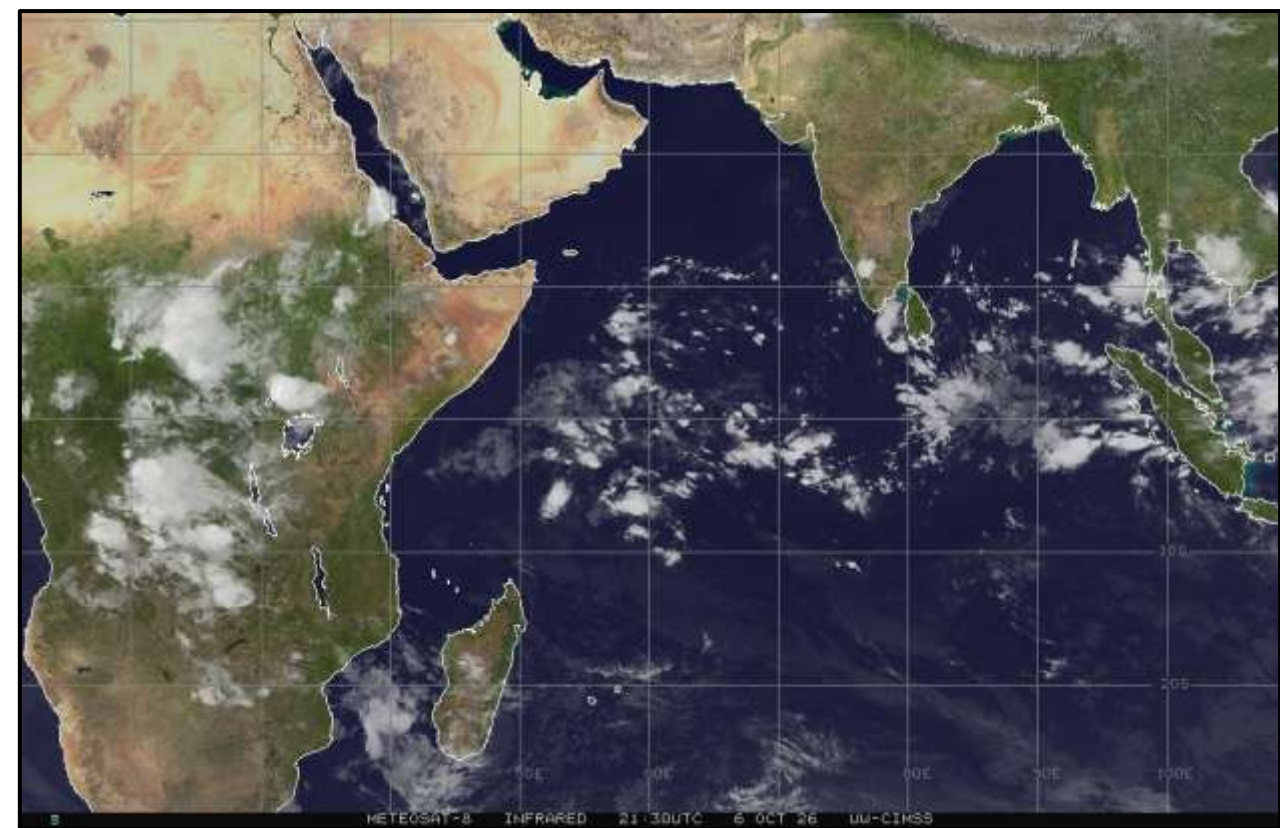
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Date 2026.10.07

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: 2026.10.07/0600UTC to 2026.10.07/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.10.07

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

Shear line is approximately along: 01S 60E, 01S 70E, 02N 80E, 03N 90E, 04N 100E.

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections: 00, 05, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 65

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections : 10, 25, 85

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line: SE'ly or Variable/ (05-15) kts

South of Shear line: SE'ly / (10-15) kts; gusting up to 20 kts in sections 50, 55, 60, 70, 75, 80, 85.

Seas:

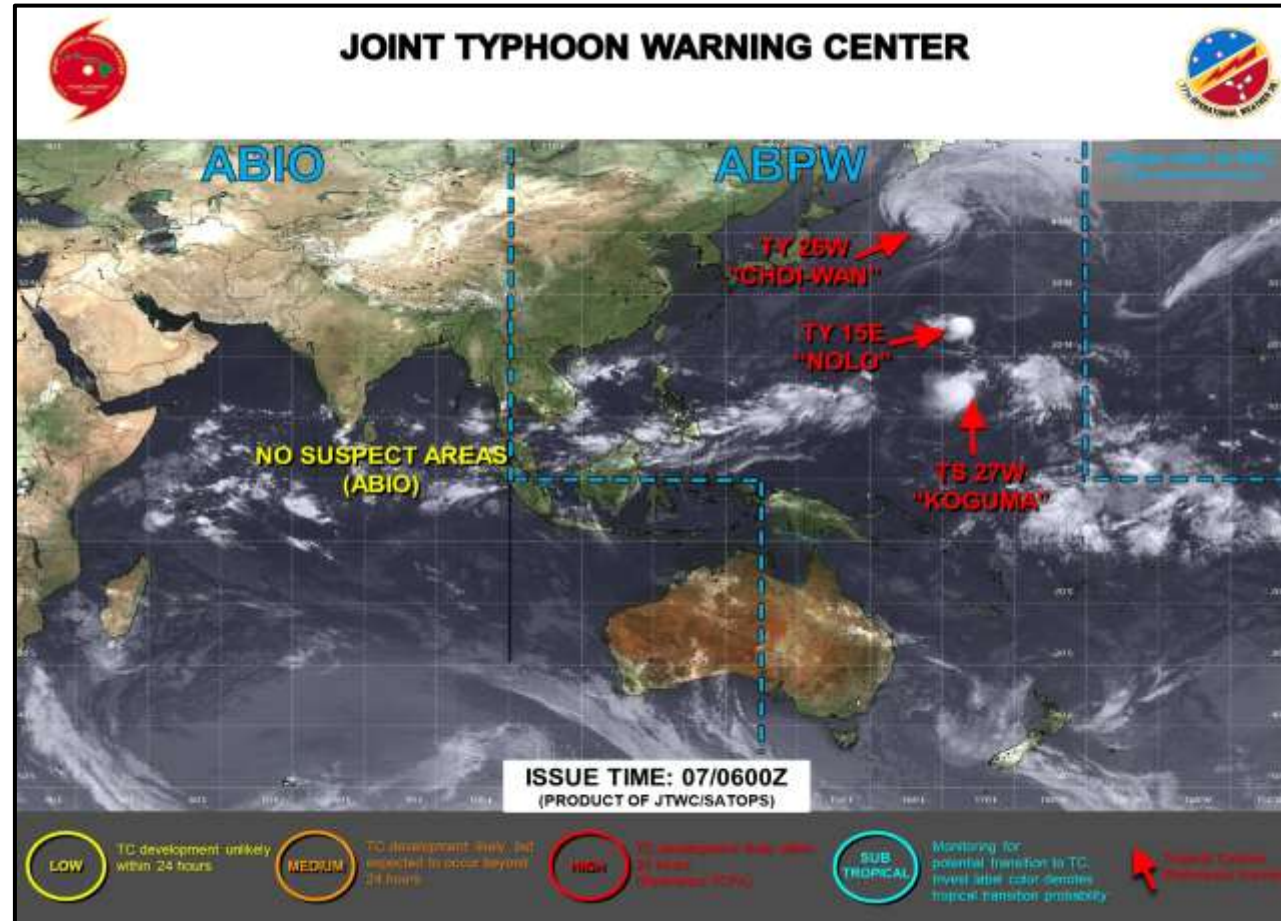
Moderate in sections : 35, 50, 55, 60, 70, 75, 80, 85.

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

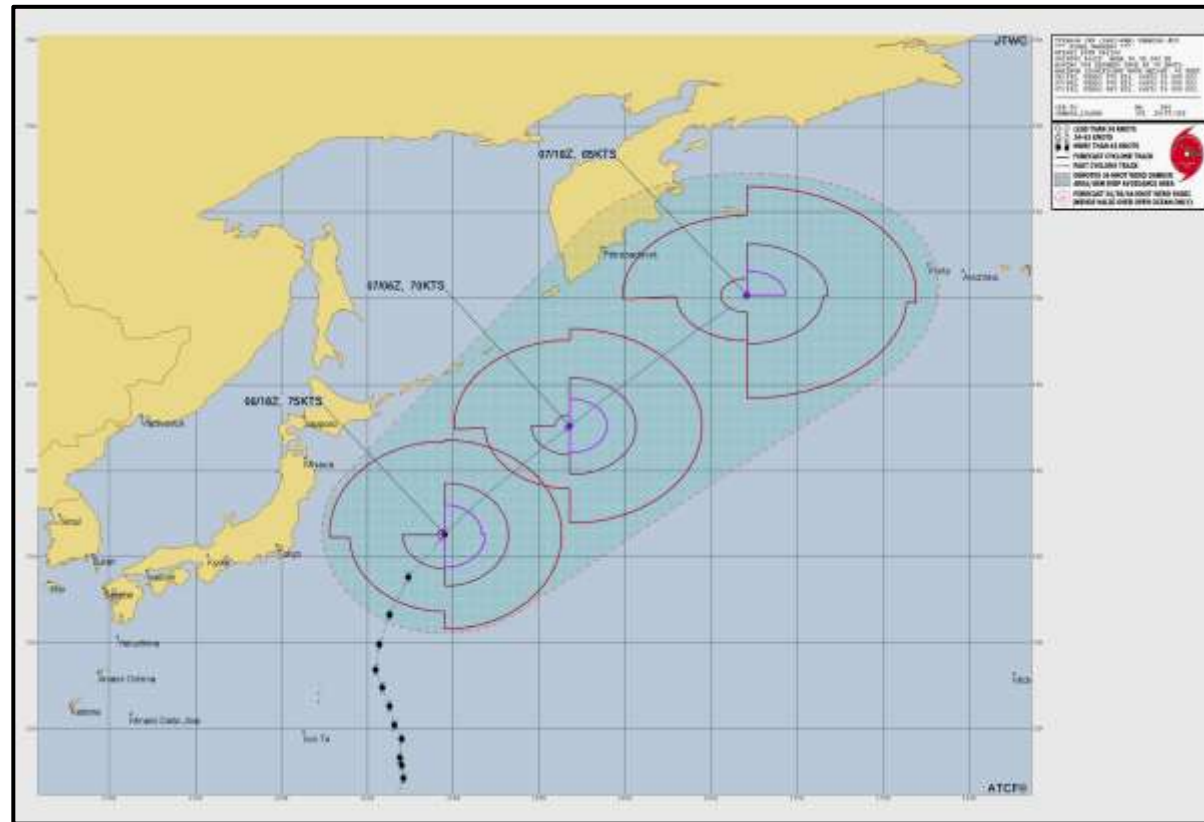


• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

CYCLONE



TROPICAL CYCLONE "CHOI-WAN "

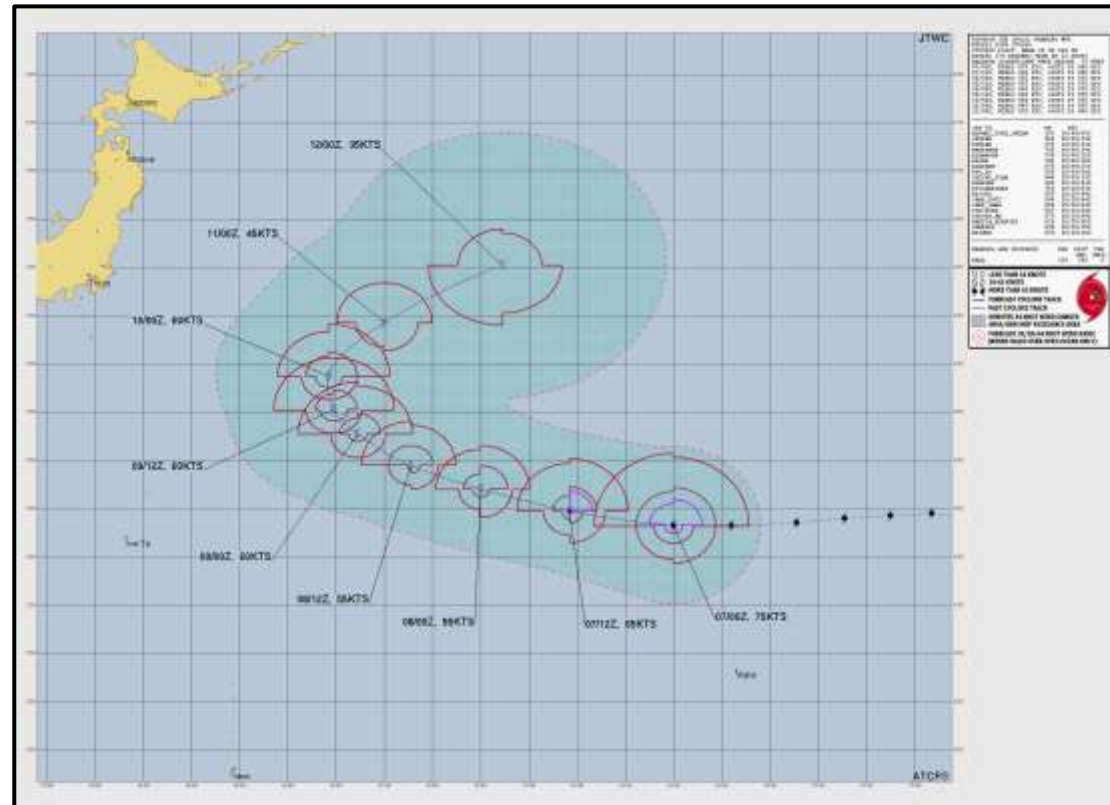


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TROPICAL CYCLONE "NOLO"



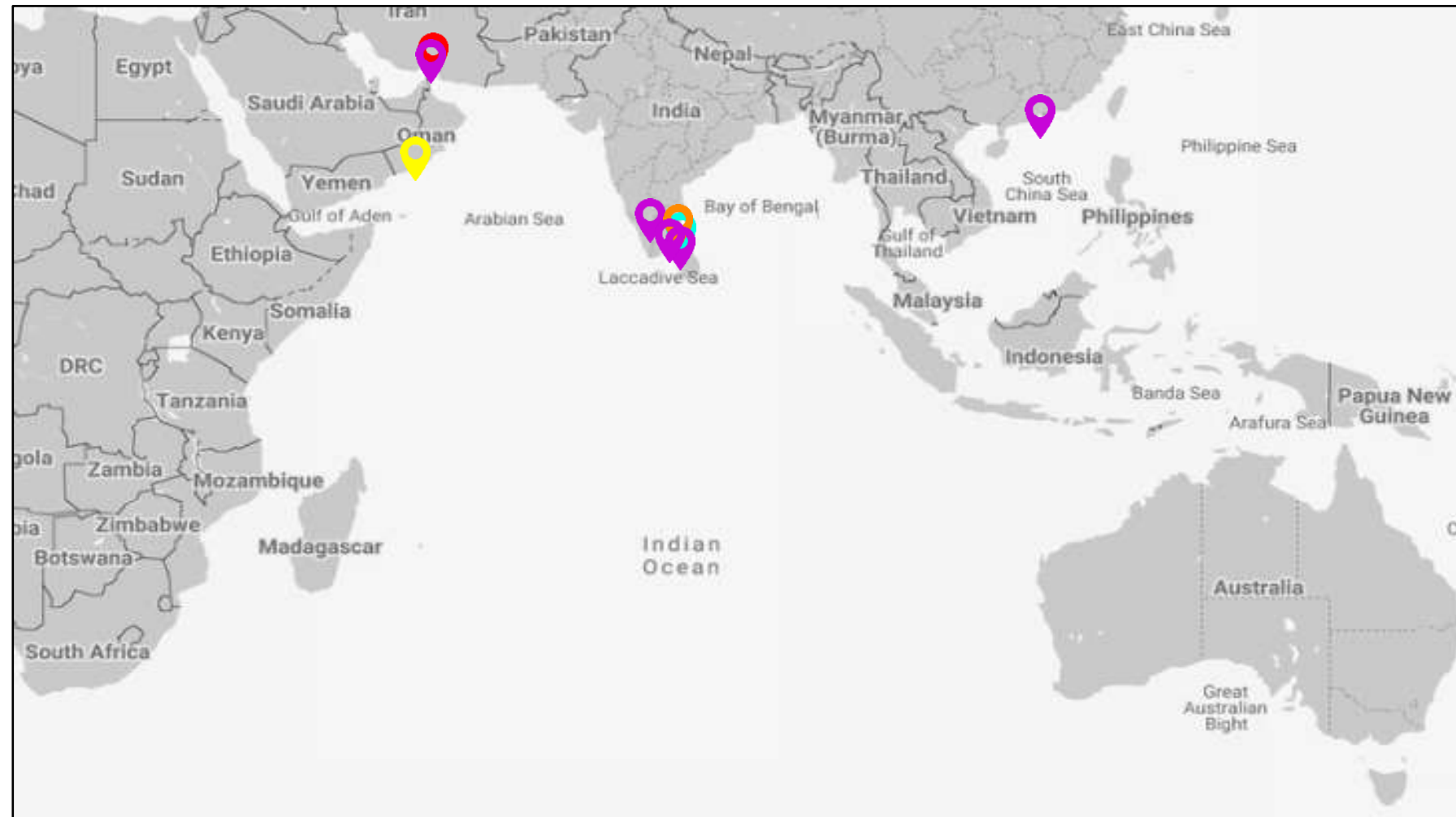
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TROPICAL CYCLONE "KOGUMA"



SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
 Maritime Incidents	01
 Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
 Smuggling	01
 IUU Fishing	01
 Narcotic	NIL
 Irregular Human Migration	NIL
 Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
 Other	05
Total Incidents	09

MARITIME INCIDENTS



04 Oct/Seafarer Missing From MSC Containership in Arabian Sea/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.04	Oman	approximately 500 NM east of Salalah	Man overboard (MOB)	Name-MV MSC SKY II Type-Container Ship	A seafarer fell overboard from MSC SKY II in the Arabian Sea, about 500 NM east of Salalah, Oman, leading to a maritime distress alert and a call for assistance from nearby vessels.

A seafarer was reported overboard from MV MSC SKY II in the Arabian Sea on 04 Oct 26. Pakistan's National Hydrographic Office issued NAVAREA IX 354/26 distress information, asking nearby vessels to keep a lookout and assist. At the latest update, no recovery had been reported for the missing seafarer.



Source -: <https://splash247.com/seafarer-missing-from-msc-containership-in-arabian-sea/?utm>



PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

06 Oct/Panama-Flagged Vessel Hit, Catches Fire/Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.06	Oman	9 nautical miles northeast of Limah	Attacked in High-risk areas	Name-ON PEACE Flag-Panama	The Royal Oman Air Force coordinated a medical evacuation of 10 crew members, transporting them by air to Khasab Hospital in Musandam for treatment.

A Panama-flagged commercial vessel, ON PEACE, was attacked 9 nautical miles northeast of Lima, Musandam, Oman, on 06 Oct 26, causing a fire onboard and the medical evacuation of 10 crew members to Khasab Hospital.



Source -: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/us-israel-iran-war/panamanian-flagged-vessel-hit-catches-fire-off-coast-of-oman/4080180?utm>

SMUGGLING



07 Oct/ More Than 570kg Of Smuggled Kendu Leaves Seized in Kalpitiya/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.07	Sri Lanka	Coastal Area of Kalpitiya	Contraband/Goods smuggling	-	The seized consignment will be handed over to the Kalpitiya Police for onward legal action

The Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard seized over 570 kg of smuggled Kendu leaves during a joint operation in Kalpitiya on 07 Oct 26. The operation, involving SLNS Vijaya and the Coast Guard, followed a search of 15 suspicious sacks, which were likely abandoned by smugglers due to increased naval surveillance.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/more-than-570kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-seized-in-kalpitiya.html>

IUU FISHING



07 Oct/ India's Supreme Court Directs Fishermen Not to Enter the Sea of Near Katchatheevu / Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.07	Sri Lanka	Katchatheevu Sea Area	Poaching /Maritime boundary violations	-	The government has issued a warning that Sri Lankan authorities may arrest Indian fishermen who enter their waters. The court has instructed the Union Government to implement measures to safeguard Indian fishermen's welfare while respecting maritime boundaries.

India's Supreme Court has instructed Indian fishermen to refrain from fishing in the Sea of Sri Lanka near Katchatheevu. This ruling came from Justices Sanjay Kumar and Sanjiv Sachdeva during a hearing on petitions by the AIADMK and DMK Fishermen's Wing, which are advocating for the return of Katchatheevu to India. The court emphasized the importance of raising awareness among Tamil Nadu fishermen regarding maritime boundaries.



Source -: <https://www.newsfirst.lk/2026/10/07/india%E2%80%99s-supreme-court-directs-fishermen-not-to-enter-the-sea-of-sri-lanka-near-katchatheevu>



07 Oct/U.S. Navy Deploys Xbox-Controlled Lasers to Counter Drones and Missiles in Strait of Hormuz

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.07	Strait of Hormuz	Strait of Hormuz	Naval Activities	-	The technology employs electrical energy to target aerial threats, including drones, instead of traditional ammunition.

U.S. Navy deploys high-energy laser systems aboard warships in the Strait of Hormuz to counter drones and other aerial threats.



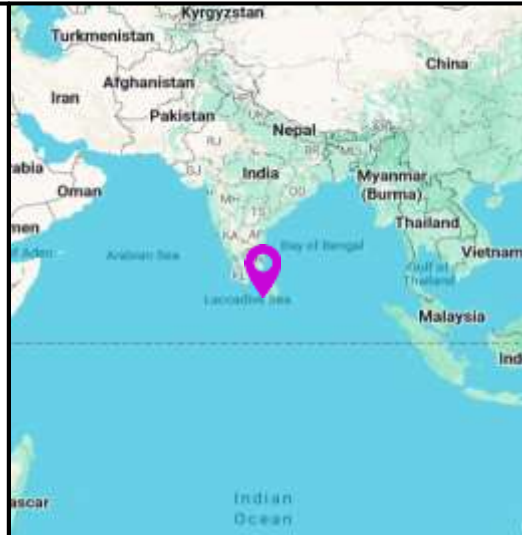
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/u-s-navy-deploys-xbox-controlled-laser-weapons-to-counter-drones-and-missiles-in-strait-of-hormuz/>



05 Oct/US Blockade Bottles Up Dozens of Iranian Tankers, Nonprofit Says/Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.05	Sri Lanka	Waters off Sri Lanka	Foreign affairs	20 Iran-flagged vessels	A US maritime blockade has stranded numerous Iranian tankers near Iran, and 20 Iran-flagged vessels are loitering off Sri Lanka instead of returning to their home ports.

According to a United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) shipping update from 05 Oct, over 50 laden tankers with Iranian crude and petroleum products are backed up near Iran. Additionally, 20 Iran-flagged vessels are near Sri Lanka and one off Oman, allegedly waiting due to the US blockade. In the Persian Gulf, 11 laden tankers are anchored east of Kharg Island, with five more further south. Notably, no crude oil was loaded at Kharg on that date.



Source -: <https://gcaptain.com/us-blockade-bottles-up-dozens-of-iranian-tankers-nonprofit-says/>

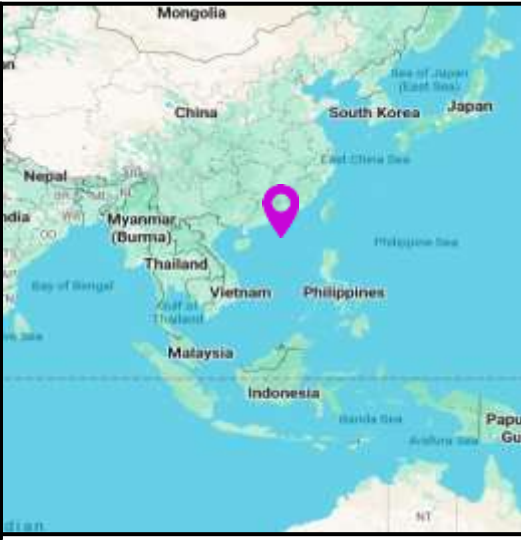
OTHER



05 Oct/China Launches 4,500-metre Deep-Sea Robot for South China Sea Exploration/China

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.05	China	South China Sea	Foreign affairs	-	Developed to address over 30 technical challenges, this system features a seven-axis hydraulic manipulator and is capable of high-pressure sealing, high-power propulsion, long-distance underwater communication, and autonomous navigation.

China deployed a domestically developed deep-sea robot capable of operating at 4,500 m for scientific exploration and seabed surveys in the South China Sea



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/china-launches-deep-sea-robot-that-can-operate-at-4500-m-depth-for-exploring-south-china-sea/>



03 Oct/Indian Navy Sailor Arrested Over Naval Data Leak to Pakistani Operative/Indian

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.03	Indian	INS Agrani, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Cyber Security	-	Investigators claim that he revealed sensitive details about naval assets, fleet movements, and the operational structure of the Visakhapatnam Naval Base to a woman suspected of having connections to Pakistani intelligence via a social-media "honey trap."

Indian Navy sailor arrested in Coimbatore for allegedly leaking sensitive information to a Pakistani intelligence operative via a social media honey trap.



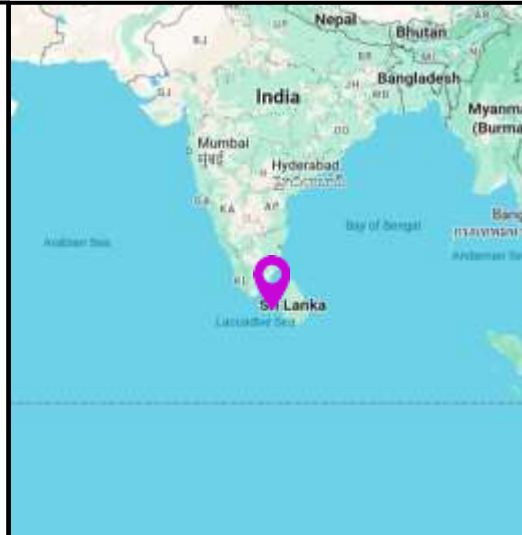
Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/indian-navy-sailor-arrested-over-alleged-leak-of-sensitive-naval-data-to-pakistani-operative/>



03 Oct/ U.S. Navy Ship USS Tulsa Arrives in Colombo For Replenishment Visit/ Sri Lanka

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.10.03	Sri lanka	Colombo Port	Naval Activities	Name- USS Tulsa Type - Military	USS Tulsa, commissioned on 16 Feb 19, has been in service with the US Navy and made a port call in Sri Lanka on 27 Aug 25.

The USS Tulsa (LCS 16) arrived at the Port of Colombo on 7 Oct 26 for replenishment, welcomed by the Sri Lanka Navy in accordance with naval traditions. The ship measures 127.7 meters and is commanded by Commander BM Wanier.



Source -: <https://news.navy.lk/event-news/2026/october/u.s.-navy-ship-uss-tulsa-arrives-in-colombo-for-replenishment-visit.html>



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