

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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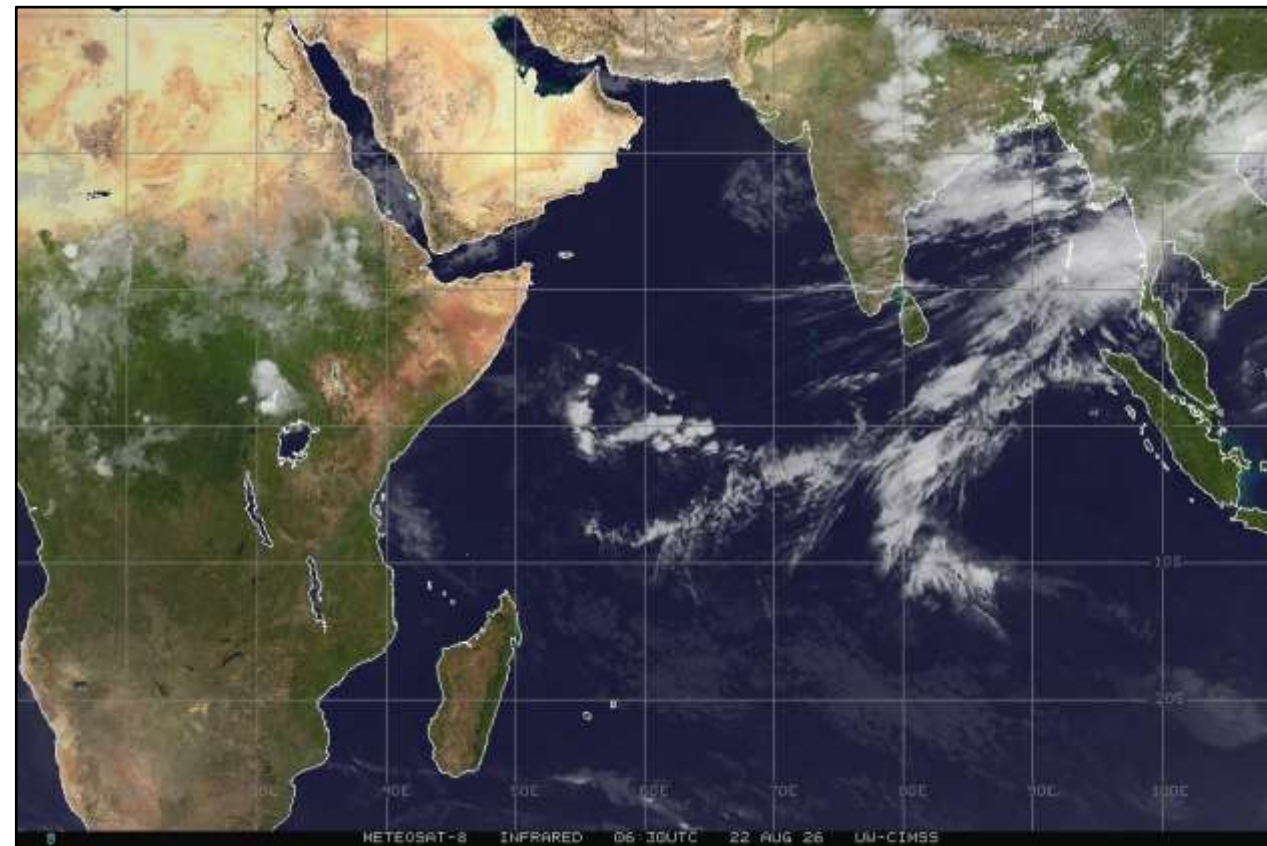
Date 2026.08.22

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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: 2026.08.22/0600UTC to 2026.08.22/1400UTC

Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.08.22

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

Shear line is approximately along: 03N 60E, 01N 70E, 02S 80E, 03N 90E, 05N 100E

Weather:

OCNL Showers / T'Showers in sections:15, 30, 40, 45, 50, 70.

SCT Showers / T'Showers in sections :10, 20, 25, 35, 55, 65, 85.

ISOL Showers / T'Showers elsewhere.

Winds:

North of Shear line:

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

In between 70E to 77E : W'ly to NW'ly / (10-15) kts.

East of 77E : W'ly to SW'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in sections 05, 10 and gusting up to 25 kts in section 15.

South of Shear line:

SE'ly / (10-20) kts; gusting up to (25-30) kts in section 85 and gusting up to 25 kts in sections 65, 70 , 80.

Seas:

Fairly rough, rough at times in sections : 05, 10, 85.

Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 15, 65, 70, 80.

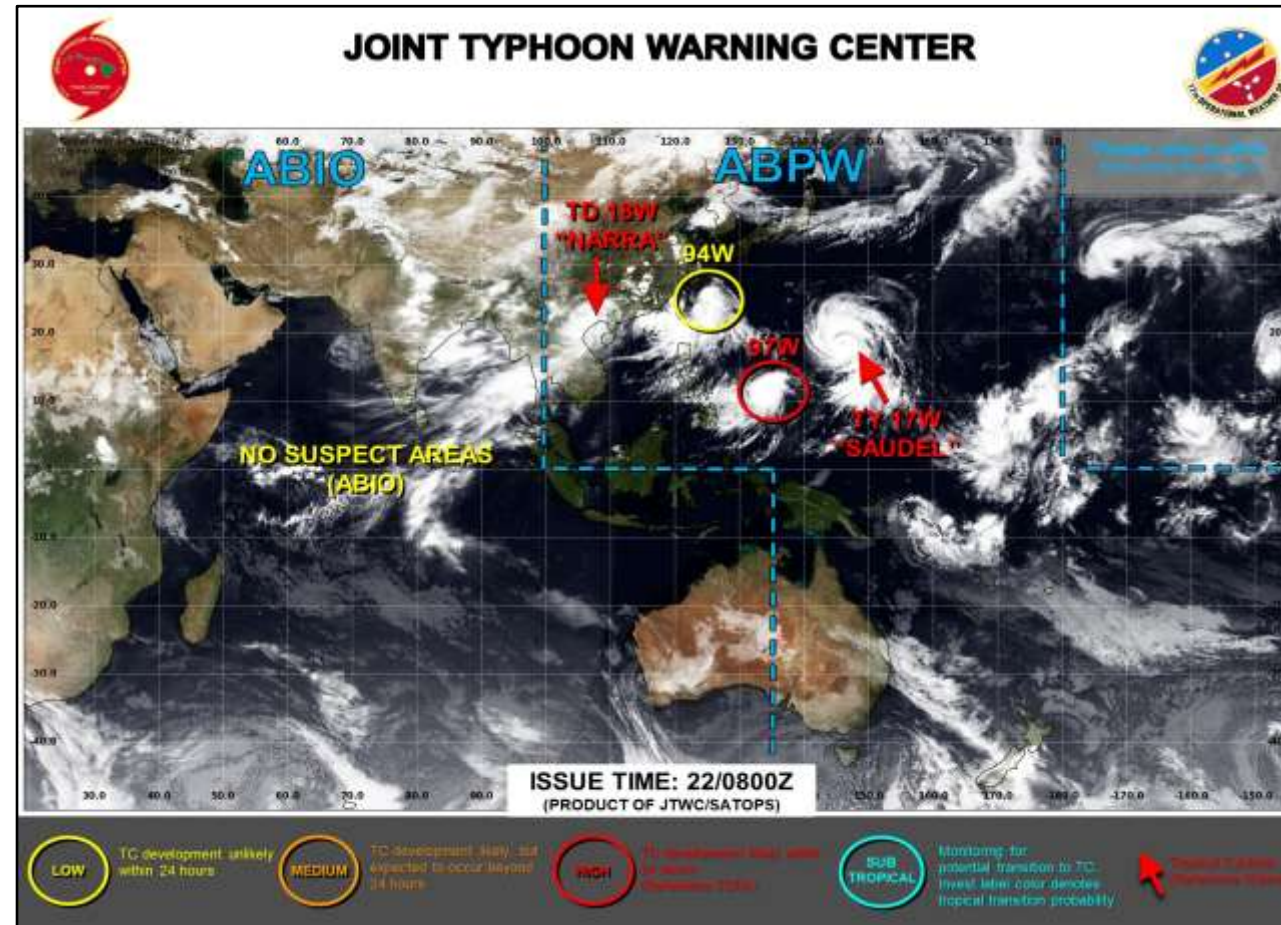
Moderate in sections : 40, 60, 75.

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.dcn.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



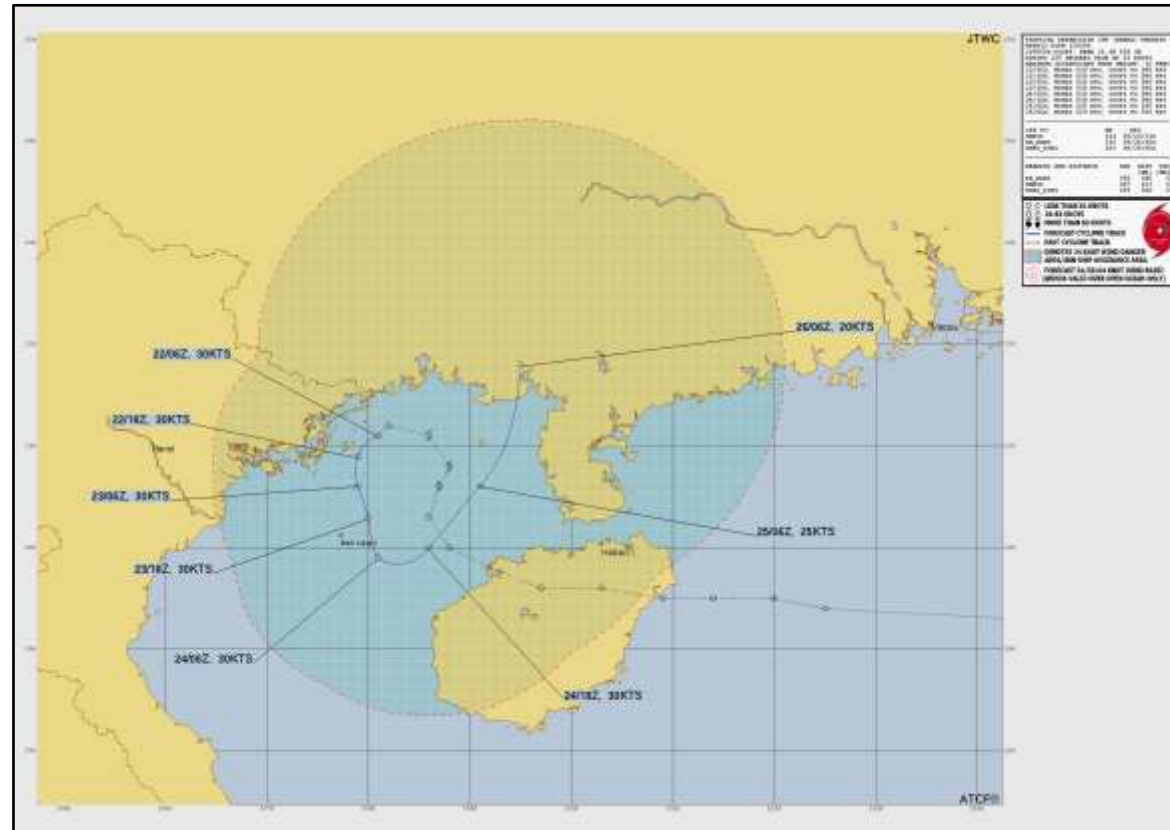
TROPICAL CYCLONE "SAUDEL"





CYCLONE

TROPICAL CYCLONE "NARRA"



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

SUMMARY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



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

MARITIME INCIDENTS



20 Aug/ Military Diver Dies While Trying to Recover Scuba Diving Victims in Underwater Cave/ Maldives

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/ REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.20	Maldives	Vaavu Atoll	Search and Rescue (SAR)	-	A Maldives military diver has died during recovery efforts for victims of a scuba diving incident in an underwater wave, as reported by the Maldives National Defense Force.

Five Italian nationals, including a mother and daughter, perished while scuba diving in a deep underwater cave in the Maldives. They went missing during an exploration in Vaavu Atoll. One body has been recovered from a depth of 200 feet, while the other four divers are believed to remain in the cave.



Source -: <https://abcnews.com/International/5-dead-scuba-diving-accident-deep-underwater-cave/story?id=133010445>

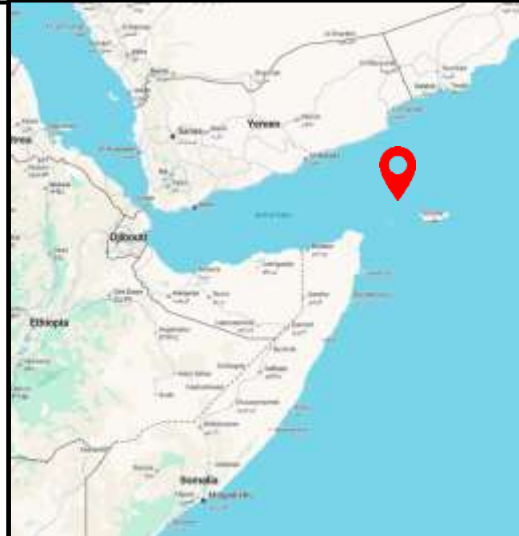


PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

22 Aug/ Pirates Hijack Two Ships With 22 Indian Crew Members Off Yemen & Somalia/ India

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/ REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.22	India	Off Yemen & Somalia	Piracy	Name-sibu 1 Flag -Eritrea Name-lutuf Flag -Cameroon	Two merchant vessels carrying 22 Indian crew members Pirates hijacked two merchant vessels carrying 22 Indian crew members by pirates off the coasts of Yemen and Somalia.

The MT Sibu 1, an oil-products tanker flying the Eritrean flag, with a crew of 20 (16 Indians), was attacked by pirates in the Gulf of Aden on 20 Aug 26. Similarly, a cargo ship from Cameroon, crewed by 10 (6 Indians), On 17 Aug 26, pirates hijacked a cargo ship from Cameroon, which had a crew of 10 (6 Indians), off Somalia's Puntland. off Somalia's Puntland on 17 Aug26. On the same day, the M/V Lutuf, carrying Turkish weapons, was seized by pirates 3 miles off Marraya in Puntland's Eyl district on the same day. by pirates 3 miles off Marraya in Puntland's Eyl district.



Source -: <https://www.marineinsight.com/pirates-hijack-two-ships-with-22-indian-crew-members-off-yemen-somalia/>

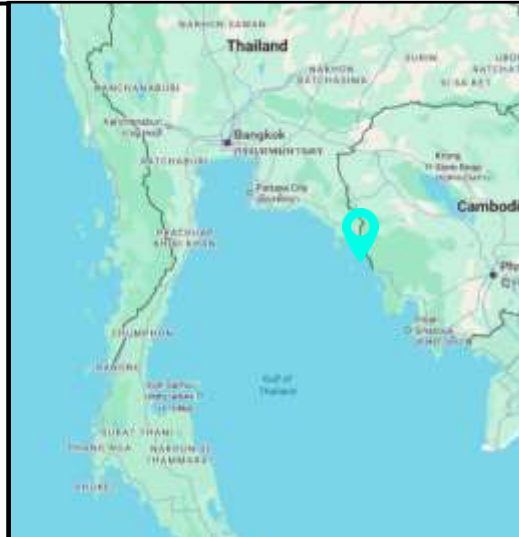
SMUGGLING



21 Aug/ War Weapons From Cambodia Seized in Trat/ Thailand

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.21	Thailand	tambon Khlong Yai	Arms Smuggling	-	A smuggling suspect was arrested in Trat province, where authorities seized two AK-47 rifles and over 24,000 rounds of ammunition, along with other contraband smuggled from Cambodia.

The Royal Thai Navy and Trat Marine Police conducted an operation to disrupt a maritime smuggling network, resulting in the seizure of war weapons, ammunition, and vehicles. A suspect was arrested at the Direk pier in Laem Ngop district, while others escaped, according to Navy spokesman Rear Adm. Parach Rattanachaiphan.



Source -: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/3306159/war-weapons-from-cambodia-seized-in-trat>

IUU FISHING



21 Aug/ Ca Mau Tightens Controls to Combat IUU Fishing/ Vietnam

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/ REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.21	Vietnam	Ca Mau	Fishing without license	-	Ca Mau has fully digitized fishing vessel management data and equipped all vessels over 15 meters with VMS, enabling 24/7 monitoring for boundary violations and signal loss. The region was a pioneer in implementing electronic catch documentation and electronic fishing logbooks.

The southernmost province of Ca Mau is under pressure to implement the EC's recommendations on IUU fishing. Vice Chairman Le Van Su has called on local leaders to enhance accountability, emphasising a strict stance of "no formal reporting, no excuses, and no evasion of responsibility." The province is enhancing communication on anti-IUU fishing regulations, acknowledging good practices, and rigorously addressing serious violations.



Source -: <https://vietnam.vnnet.vn/english/tin-tuc/ca-mau-tightens-controls-to-combat-iuu-fishing-463224.html>

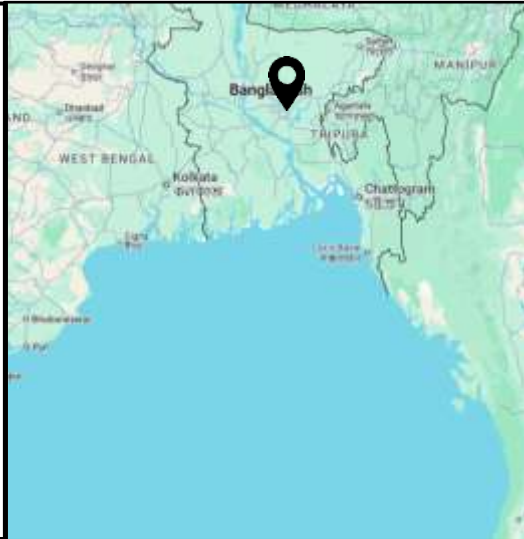
IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION



17 Aug/ 174 Bangladeshis Return Home From Libyan Detention Centre/ Bangladesh

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.17	Bangladesh	Dhaka	Illegal broader crossing	-	A total of 174 Bangladeshis returned home after being held in a Libyan detention centre following attempts to reach Europe through irregular routes.

On 17 Aug 26, a total of 174 people were repatriated to Dhaka from the Ganfuda Detention Centre in Benghazi, Libya, with the assistance of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). They had previously attempted to cross the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe for a better life but were either rescued or detained along the way. Officials reported that they endured inhumane conditions during their prolonged stay at the detention centre.



Source -: <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/work-and-migration/news/174-bangladeshis-return-home-libyan-detention-centre-4250876>

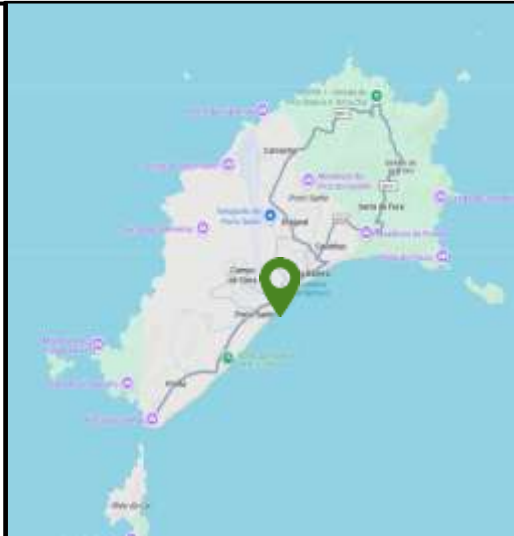
MARINE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION



21 Aug/ Beach Closed To Swimming After Water And Cement Were Dumped Into The Sea/ Portugal

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.08.21	Portugal	Porto Santo	Illegal sewage discharge	-	Several beaches in Porto Santo were closed to swimming on Friday due to a discharge of cement-mixed water from a construction project by Águas e Resíduos da Madeira (ARM).

The incident during the construction of a new water intake for the Porto Santo Desalination Plant caused murky water near the coast, prompting maritime authorities to raise the red flag in the affected areas. Captain Bruno Ferreira Teles confirmed that Fontinha beach and surrounding concessions now have a red flag warning.



Source -: <https://www.madeiraislandnews.com/2026/08/beach-closed-to-swimming-after-water-and-cement-were-dumped-into-the-sea.html>



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