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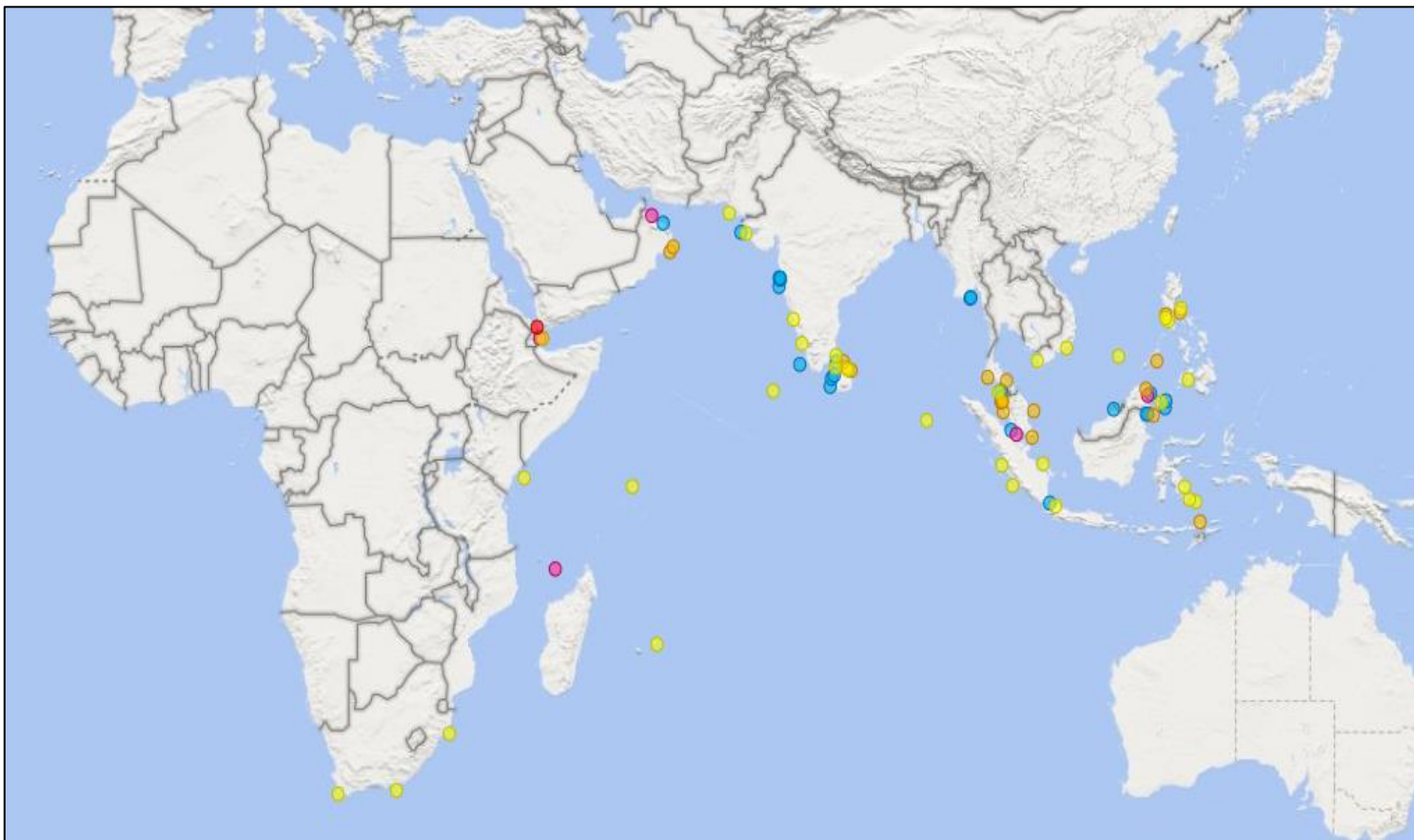


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OVERVIEW



Category	No
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Contraband Smuggling	24
IUU Fishing	19
Irregular Human Migration	06
Maritime Incidents	32
Maritime Security Threats (Hybrid)	Nil
Cyber Security Threats	Nil
Marine Environment Pollution	Nil
Climate Change & Security	Nil
Others	Nil
Total incidents	82
Cyclone(s)	Nil



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Sub-Category	No
● Attack	Nil
● Kidnap	Nil
● Hijack	Nil
● Hijack & Kidnap	Nil
● Sea Robbery	Nil
● Sea Theft	Nil
● Illegal Boarding	Nil
● Attempted Sea Robbery	Nil
● Attempted Sea Theft	Nil
● Attempted Boarding	Nil
● Suspicious Approach	01
Total incidents	01

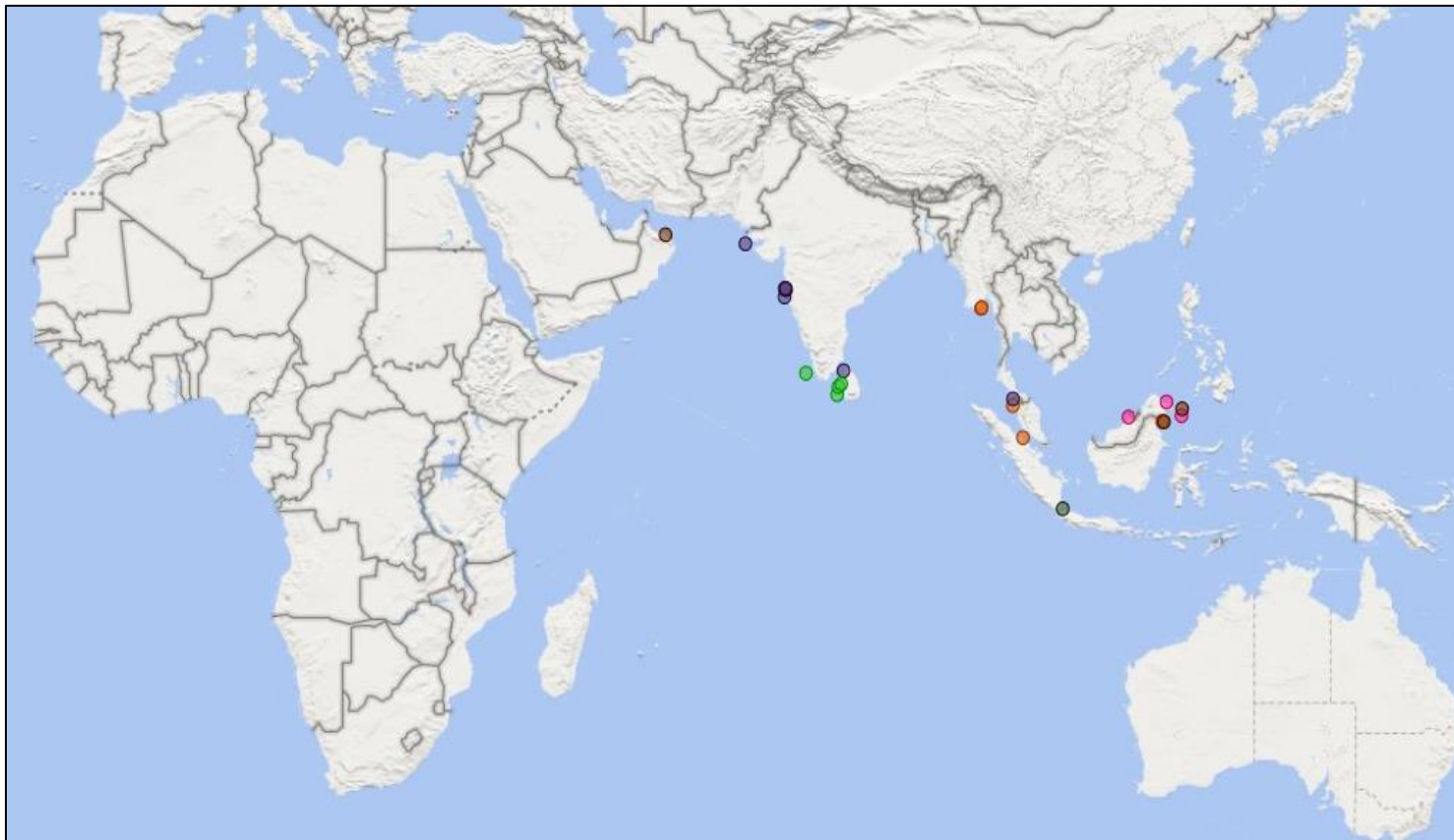
Sr	Date/ Time	Sub Category	Country/ Region	Location Lat/Long	Vessel Details	Incident Details	Crew Status	Vessel/ Post Incident Status	Responder(s)
1.	27 Aug 23 1530 UTC	Suspicious approach	Yemen/ Red Sea	13° 05' N 043° 05' E	01 cargo vessel	06 persons onboard a skiff approached the vessel at high speed (25 kn). The approach was however, aborted on seeing the Armed Security Team (AST) with weapons.	All crew members safe	Underway	UNK



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Sub-Category	No
Alcohol	Nil
Domestic Products	05
Drugs	08
Fuel	03
Natural Resources	04
Tobacco	03
Weapons	Nil
Wildlife	01
Others	Nil
Total incidents	24



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Sr	Date	Country/Region	Location	Vessel Details	Type	Product	Qty/Value	Additional Details	Responder(s)
1.	16 Aug 23	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Kampung Bahagia Fishing Jetty, Kuala Perlis	01 fibreglass boat	Drugs	Cannabis	150 kg/ USD 139,949	Found in 07 boxes. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
2.	18 Aug 23	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Panglima Sugala, Tawi-Tawi	<i>MB ANNABEL</i> Motor vessel	Fuel	Diesel	50,000 L/ USD 52,900	Without valid documents. 11 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Philippines authorities
3.	22 Aug 23	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	Off Sandakan	01 boat	Fuel	Petrol	375 L/ USD 3,439	No valid permit. Found in 15 barrels. Suspect escaped. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
4.	22 Aug 23	Malaysia/ Celebes Sea	At Cowie Bay	01 speedboat	Tobacco	Cigarettes	384,000 sticks/ USD 56,136	Suspected to be smuggled in from a foreign country. Boat escaped.	Malaysia authorities
5.	22 Aug 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Guhagar Borya Beach, Maharashtra	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	18.2 kg	Found in 02 packets.	India authorities
6.	22 Aug 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Maikkulam Beach, Chilaw	UNK	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	1,460 kg	Found in 46 packages. 01 suspect apprehended. 01 vehicle seized.	Sri Lanka authorities
7.	22 Aug 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Kammala beach, Negombo	UNK	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	650 kg	Contraband found on beach.	Sri Lanka authorities
8.	22 Aug 23	Sri Lanka/ Palk Bay	Off Delft, Jaffna	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	83.2 kg/ USD 82,749	Found adrift in 22 packages.	Sri Lanka authorities
9.	22 - 23 Aug 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	At Sinnapadu and Periyapadu Puttalam	UNK	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	337 kg	Contraband found on beaches.	Sri Lanka authorities
10.	23 Aug 23	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	At Deep Water Wharf, Butterworth	UNK	Domestic products	Animal feed	3,000 kg/ USD 9,889	Imported without valid permit.	Malaysia authorities
11.	23 Aug 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Jakhau, Gujarat	UNK	Drugs	Heroin	01 kg	Found washed ashore.	India authorities
12.	24 Aug 23	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Baturapac Island	<i>M/B INDAH NADZ</i> Motor vessel	Tobacco	Cigarettes	2,798 master cases/ USD 2,818,911	Suspected to have been smuggled in from a foreign country. Vessel seized.	Philippines authorities



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13.	24 Aug 23	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At Bambang, Sebatik, Nunukan, North Kalimantan	01 speedboat	Domestic products	Used clothes	375 kg	Suspected to have been smuggled in via sea route.	Indonesia authorities
14.	24 Aug 23	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off Dumai, Riau Island	<i>KLM RAJAWALI</i> <i>GT 125</i> Local cargo ship	Domestic products	Used clothes and perfumes	277 bags and 09 cartons	Suspected to have been smuggled from a foreign country. 07 suspects apprehended.	Indonesia authorities
15.	24 Aug 23	Myanmar/ Andaman sea	At Myanmar Industrial Port, Yangon	UNK	Domestic products	Polyester and drone	24,398.14 m and 01/ USD 97,651	Found in a container. Without valid documents.	Myanmar authorities
16.	24 Aug 23	Myanmar/ Andaman sea	Asia World Port Terminal, Yangon	UNK	Domestic products	Synthetic products	429 kg/ USD 3,605	Contraband concealed inside a container. Without valid documents.	Myanmar authorities
17.	25 Aug 23	Indonesia/ Java Sea	At Bakauheni Port	NA	Wildlife	Birds	3,895 birds	Found in 175 baskets. Without valid documents. Vehicle seized. Suspected to have been domestically smuggled by sea.	Indonesia authorities
18.	25 Aug 23	Oman/ Gulf of Oman	At Muscat Port	NA	Tobacco	Cigarettes	46,000 boxes	Suspected to have been smuggled in from a foreign country via sea route. 02 trucks seized.	Oman authorities
19.	26 Aug 23	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	In Thillayadi, Puttalam	NA	Natural resources	Kendu leaves	792 kg	Found in 23 packages.	Sri Lanka authorities
20.	27 Aug 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	17.5 nm W of Tanjung Lobang	01 foreign tanker	Fuel	Fuel	UNK	Master failed to produce valid documents. 05 suspects apprehended. Tanker seized.	Malaysia authorities
21.	27 Aug 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Shrivardhan Beach, Maharashtra	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	10.38 kg	Found washed ashore. Suspected to be dumped at sea by a foreign vessel.	India authorities



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22.	28 Aug 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Dighi Sagari and Shrivardhan Maral beaches, Maharastra	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	62 kg (54 packets)	Found washed ashore. Suspected to be dumped by foreign vessels.	India authorities
23.	29 Aug 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Shrivardhan Kondivali, Maharastra	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	11 packets	Found washed ashore. Suspected to be dumped by foreign vessels.	India authorities
24.	29 Aug 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Diva Agar Beach, Maharastra	UNK	Drugs	Cannabis	33 packets	Found washed ashore. Suspected to be dumped by foreign vessels.	India authorities



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1.	18 Aug 23	Local	Malaysia/ Johor Strait	Off Port of Johor, Kuala Sungai Masai	04 fishing vessels	Fishing in prohibited area	Fishing vessels and fishing paraphernalia	18 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
2.	21 Aug 23	Local	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Alor	02 fishing vessels	Fishing in prohibited area	Fishing vessels	UNK	Indonesia authorities
3.	21 Aug 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	24.7 nm W of Pulau Kendi	01 fishing vessel	Illegal fishing	Fishing vessel and fishing paraphernalia	05 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
4.	22 Aug 23	Local	Malaysia/ South China Sea	Off Kuala Kemaman	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat	03 (01 local and 02 foreign) apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
5.	22 Aug 23	Local	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Palabatan, Palawan	UNK	Illegal fishing (compressor)	Fishing paraphernalia	04 apprehended	Philippines authorities
6.	23 Aug 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	8.2 nm NW of Pangkor Island, Perak	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat	06 fishermen (01 local and 05 foreign) apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
7.	23 Aug 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	41 nm off Kendi Island	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing	Fishing boat and 500 kg of fish	04 (01 local and 03 foreigners) apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
8.	23 Aug 23	Local	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Batu Maung	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boat and 02 tons of fish	16 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
9.	23 Aug 23	Local	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Limay, Bataan	UNK	Illegal fishing (using illegal fishing gear)	Fishing paraphernalia	07 apprehended.	Philippines authorities
10.	24 Aug 23	Local	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	Off Polillo	NA	Illegal fishing (explosive)	UNK	02 apprehended.	Philippines authorities
11.	24 Aug 23	Poaching	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	40 nm off Phuket	02 foreign fishing vessels	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing vessels	29 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Thailand authorities
12.	25 Aug 23	Poaching	Thailand/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Songkhala	01 foreign fishing boat	Illegal fishing in country's waters	Fishing boat	05 foreign fishermen apprehended.	Thailand authorities



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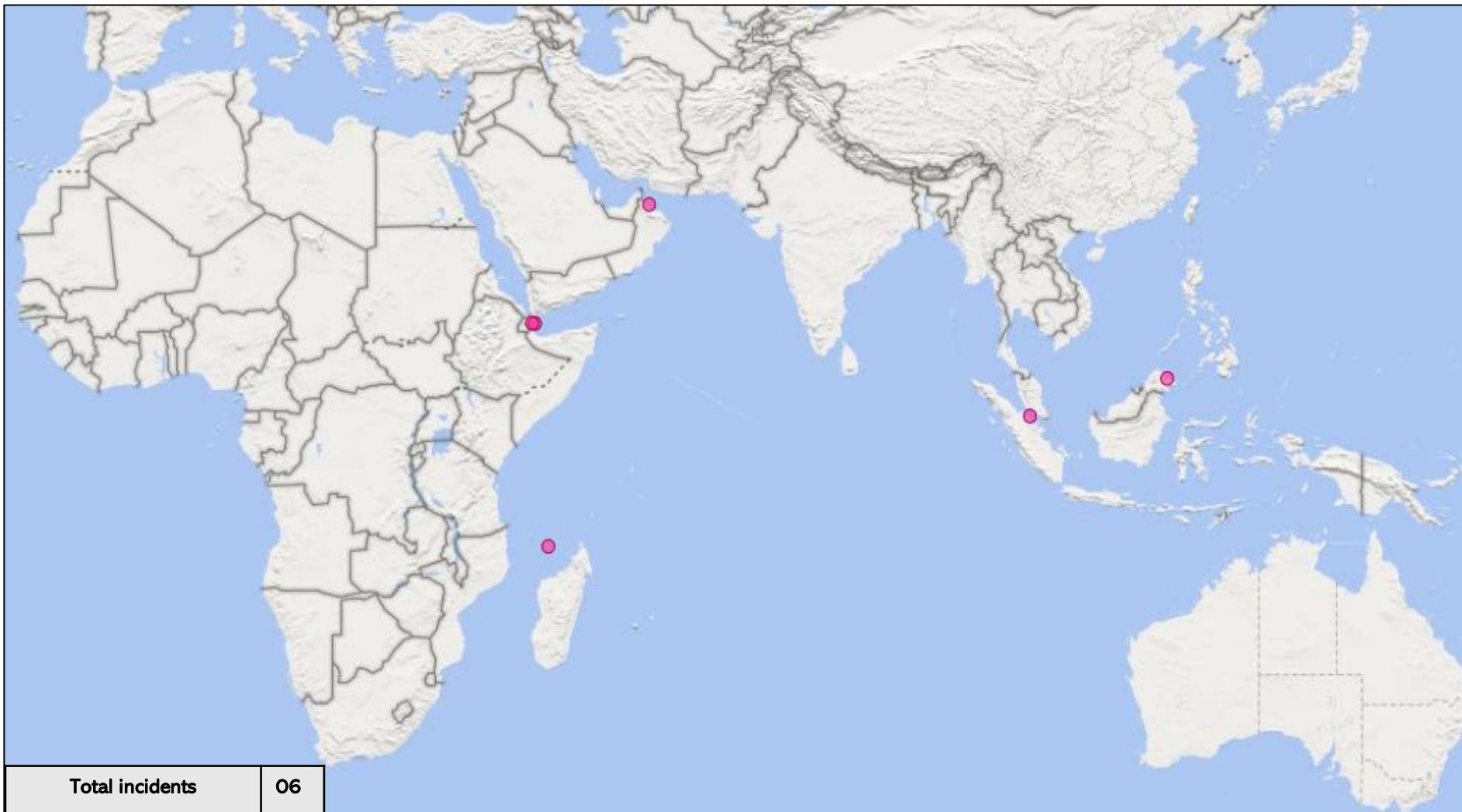
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13.	25 Aug 23	Poaching	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	3.4 nm from the Indonesia -Malaysia border	01 foreign fishing boat Reg. No. SA-9108	Illegal fishing in country's waters (using explosives)	Fishing boat and fishing paraphernalia	03 apprehended	Indonesia authorities
14.	25 Aug 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	About 01 nm off Trincomalee	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (using purse seine net)	Dinghy and 41 kg of fish	04 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
15.	26 Aug 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Kuchchaweli	02 dinghies	Illegal fishing (using purse seine net)	Both dinghies, fishing gear and 230 kg of fish	08 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
16.	26 Aug 23	Local	Sri Lanka/ Bay of Bengal	Off Chalai	01 dinghy	Illegal fishing (light coarse fishing)	Dinghy and fishing gear	01 apprehended	Sri Lanka authorities
17.	26 Aug 23	Local	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	Off Belleau Island, Beluran	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing (fishing in a restricted area)	Fishing boat and 320 kg of fish/ USD 45,704	06 apprehended	Malaysia authorities
18.	27 Aug 23	Local	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off South Al Sharqiyah Governorate	03 fishing boats	Illegal fishing (without valid documents)	Fishing boats	09 apprehended.	Oman authorities
19.	29 Aug 23	Local	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Wilayah of Mahout	03 fishing boats	Illegal fishing	Fishing boats	06 apprehended.	Oman authorities



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1.	17 Aug 23	Djibouti/ Arabian Sea	Ethiopia/ UNK	Off Obock	01 boat	26 rescued	Migrants were attempting to reach a foreign country. Boat sank. 24 migrants missing. 11 dead.	Djibouti authorities
2.	19 Aug 23	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Indonesia/ Malaysia	At Sepahat Beach, Bengkalis	01 speedboat	31 apprehended (15 males, 15 females and 01 child)	Migrants were attempting to reach a foreign country. Speedboat seized.	Indonesia authorities
3.	20 -26 Aug 23	Mayotte/ Indian Ocean	Comoros/ Mayotte	Off Mayotte	13 boats (kwassa-kwassa)	137 apprehended	11 suspected smugglers apprehended. 13 boats seized.	France authorities
4.	26 Aug 23	Malaysia/ Sulu Sea	Philippines/ Malaysia	At Kampung Bakau, Sandakan	UNK	07 apprehended (03 males and 04 females)	Suspected to have been smuggled via sea route.	Malaysia authorities
5.	26 Aug 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	UNK/ Oman	Off North Al Batinah Governorate	01 boat	08 apprehended	Migrants were attempting to enter the country illegally via sea route. Boat seized.	Oman authorities
6.	26 Aug 23	Djibouti/ Gulf of Aden	UNK	Off Ras-Bir	01 boat	118 migrants (87 males and 31 females)	03 suspected smugglers apprehended. Boat seized.	Djibouti authorities

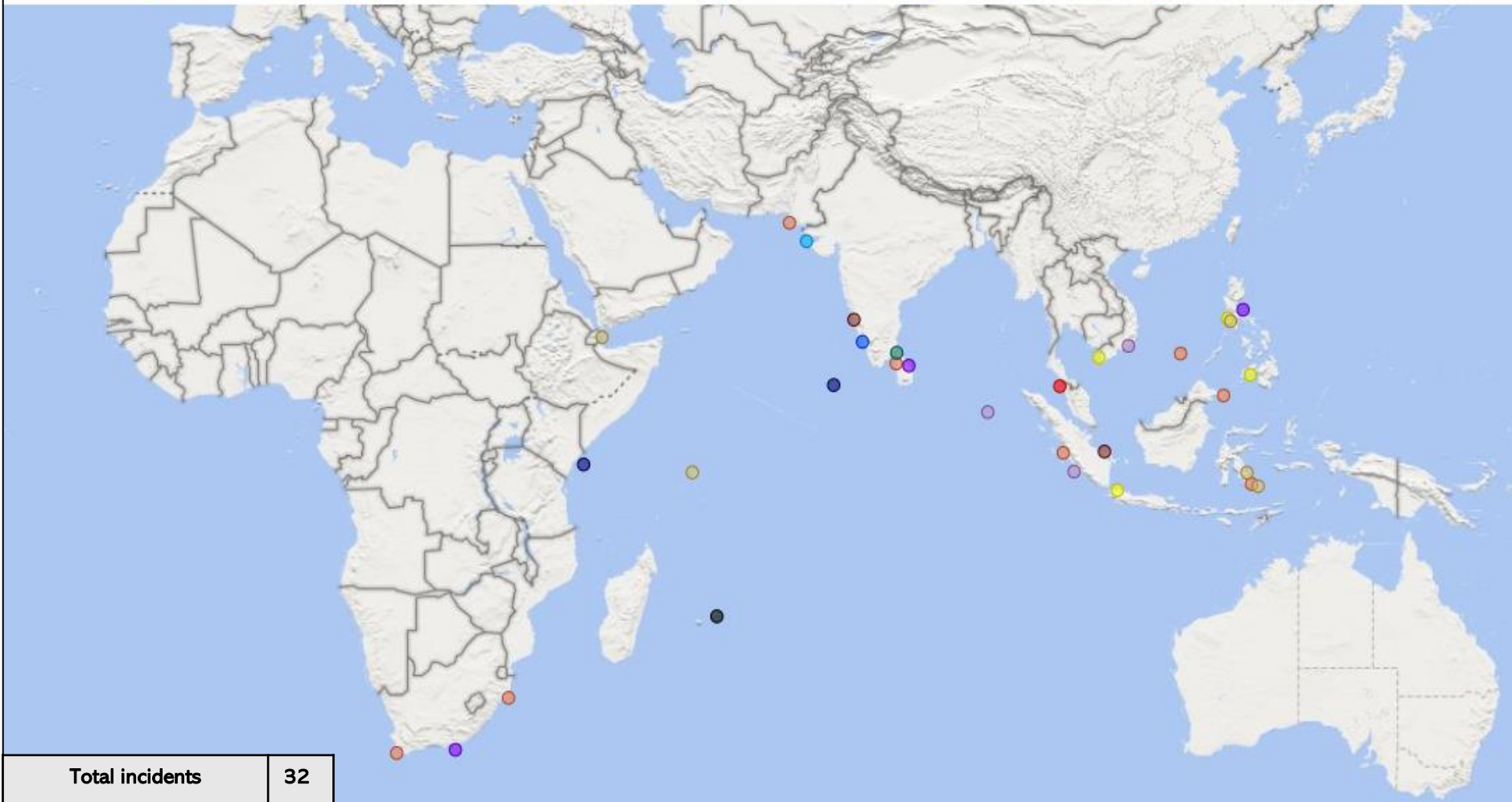


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Sub-Category ● Aground ● Capsize ● Collision ● Death ● Fire ● Man Overboard ● Mechanical Failure ● MEDEVAC ● SAR ● Sunk ● Vessel Detained ● Violent Confrontation





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1.	17 Aug 23	Sunk	Djibouti/ Gulf of Aden	Off Obock	01 boat	Sank	26 persons rescued. 24 missing. 11 dead.	Djibouti authorities
2.	21 Aug 23	Violent confrontation	India/ Palk Bay	Off Point Calimere	NA	NA	A group of foreign fishermen, armed with knives, rods, and sticks, reportedly attacked 28 local fishermen off Point Calimere, India. The foreign fishermen stole 800 kg of fishing net, navigation devices, cell phones and other items worth USD 6,024.	India authorities
3.	21 Aug 23	Sunk	Seychelles/ Indian Ocean	Off Bird Island	01 yacht	Sank	01 crew member rescued.	Local fishing vessel <i>PLAYA DE AZKORRKI</i> and Seychelles authorities
4.	22 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off Pasir Alai, West Sumatra	01 boat	Sank	Heavy weather. Encountered engine failure. All 10 persons rescued.	Indonesia authorities
5.	23 Aug 23	Fire	Vietnam/ Gulf of Thailand	Off Vam Ba Lich	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. KG 95735 TS	Damaged	1,000 L of fuel on board.	Vietnam authorities
					08 fishing vessels	Damaged	Fire extinguished.	
6.	23 Aug 23	Fire	Philippines/ Celebes Sea	Off Margosatubig	<i>MBCA MINYAHAD</i> Motorboat	UNK	Encountered engine failure. All 08 crew members rescued (01 injured).	Philippines authorities
7.	23 Aug 23	Capsize	Indonesia/ South China Sea	Off West Bangka Regency, Bangka Belitung Province	<i>KIP-11</i> Production suction ship	Capsized	Heavy weather. All 18 crew members rescued.	Indonesia authorities
8.	23 Aug 23	Aground	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off Hdh.Hirimaradhoo Island Entrance	<i>HORIZON 3</i> Local cargo vessel	Refloated and towed ashore	All 06 crew members rescued.	Maldives authorities



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9.	23 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Indian Ocean	03° 13' N 090° 57' E	<i>SEA QINGDAO</i> Cargo Ship Flag - Marshall Islands IMO: 9575450 MMSI: 538004553	Towed ashore	Encountered mechanical failure and went adrift.	Sri Lanka authorities, Singapore authorities and tug <i>PUSH HAWK</i>
10.	24 Aug 23	MEDEVAC	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	Off Polillo	NA	NA	02 injured fishermen evacuated. Injured whilst using explosive (dynamites).	Philippines authorities
11.	24 Aug 23	Collision	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Okha, Gujarat	01 ship	UNK	UNK	India authorities and fishing vessel <i>AL MADAD</i>
					01 fishing trawler	Damaged	07 fishermen rescued. 01 missing.	
12.	24 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	07 nm off Richard Bay	01 yacht	Towed ashore	Encountered steering Failure. All 04 crew members rescued.	South Africa authorities
13.	25 Aug 23	Fire	Philippines/ South China Sea	Off Balayan, Batangas	01 fishing boat	Sank	01 fisherman rescued.	Philippines authorities
14.	25 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	Off Lalaoge, South Lasalimu, Buton Regency	01 fishing boat	UNK	Heavy weather. Encountered engine failure. All 03 fishermen rescued.	Fishing boat in the vicinity
15.	26 Aug 23	Fire	Indonesia/ Java Sea	In Sunda Kelapa Harbour, Jakarta	<i>KOTA NABIRE</i> General cargo ship Flag - Indonesia IMO: 8032750 MMSI: 525023416	UNK	Fire extinguished on 27 Aug 23.	Indonesia authorities
16.	26 Aug 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Banda Sea	30 nm off Tanjung Toronipa	<i>KM SINAR CAHAYA</i> Ship	Sank	Heavy weather. 02 persons survived. 01 missing.	Indonesia authorities
17.	26 Aug 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Wakatobi	<i>GT 5</i> Fishing boat	Sank	Heavy weather. All 04 fishermen rescued.	Indonesia authorities
18.	26 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	Off False Bay	01 yacht	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure. All 02 crew members rescued.	South Africa authorities



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19.	26 Aug 23	MEDEVAC	South Africa/ Indian Ocean	Off Algoa Bay	01 motor vessel	Underway	01 Greek crew member evacuated.	South Africa authorities
20.	27 Aug 23	Vessel detained	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Pulau Dayang Bunting	01 cruising vessel	Detained	Operating without valid documents. 26 passengers onboard. 03 crew members apprehended.	Malaysia authorities
21.	27 Aug 23	SAR	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Phu Hai, Ky Phu Commune	01 fishing boat	Recovered	Mortal remains of fisherman recovered on 28 Aug 23.	Vietnam authorities
22.	27 Aug 23	Sunk	Philippines/ Philippines Sea	Off Cape Santiago, Barangay Bagong Silang	<i>ANITA DJ II</i> Fishing vessel	Sank	All 13 fishermen rescued.	Philippines authorities
23.	27 Aug 23	Capsize	India/ Arabian Sea	Off Alvegadde, Karnataka	01 fishing vessel	UNK	Heavy weather. 02 fishermen swam ashore. 02 dead.	Locals and India authorities
24.	27 Aug 23	Man overboard	India/ Arabian Sea	12 nm off Koyilandy Harbour, Kerala	<i>VANCHI</i> Fishing boat	UNK	01 fisherman fell overboard and went missing. Rescued after 06 hours.	India authorities
25.	27 Aug 23	Aground	Kenya/ Indian Ocean	Off Kiliana-ndia ya Ndovu, Lamu Port	<i>MV UVUVI</i> Passenger boat	Aground	All 40 persons rescued.	Kenya authorities
26.	27 Aug 23	Death	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Deux Freres, Mauritius.	01 catamaran Reg. No. PC 8039	Underway	Mortal remains of a person recovered.	Mauritius authorities
27.	28 Aug 23	SAR	Indonesia/ Indian Ocean	Off North Bengkulu Waters	01 traditional fishing boat	Recovered	Reported missing on 27 Aug 23. All 09 fishermen rescued.	Indonesia authorities
28.	28 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	16 nm off Sinh Ton Dong Island	01 fishing vessel Reg. No. BD 96950 TS	Towed ashore	Encountered engine failure and went adrift. All 13 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
29.	28 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Luuk Tulay, Bangao, Tawi-Tawi	<i>ML ASHLEA</i> Passenger boat	Towed ashore	Propeller damaged. All 24 persons rescued.	Philippines authorities
30.	28 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	Pakistan/ Arabian Sea	Off Karachi	<i>AL-BABA ABDULLAH SHAH GHAZI</i> Fishing boat Reg. No 13299-BFD	Towed ashore	Propeller shaft damaged. All 22 fishermen were rescued.	Pakistan authorities and a fishing vessel in the vicinity



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31.	28 Aug 23	Mechanical failure	India/ Arabian Sea	In Gulf of Mannar	<i>PADMAN</i> Fishing boat Reg. No. IND-TN-12-MO-0671	Towed ashore on 29 Aug 23	Heavy weather. Encountered engine failure. All 05 fishermen rescued.	India authorities
32.	29 Aug 23	MEDEVAC	Sri Lanka/ Indian Ocean	Off Trincomalee	<i>MV EMPRESS</i> Passenger ship Flag - Bahamas IMO: 8716899 MMSI: 311000515	Underway	01 Indian passenger evacuated.	Sri Lanka authorities



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Signing of SOP for exchange of White Shipping Information.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/navy-chief-admiral-hari-kumar-philippine-coast-guard-sign-standard-operating-procedure-to-enhance-maritime-security/articleshow/102990999.cms?from=mdr>

Syndicate of misappropriating diesel arrested in Malaysia.

https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2219113

Increased interest in narco-submarines by drug cartels.

<https://www.weeklyblitz.net/news/drug-cartels-show-increased-interest-in-narco-submarines/>

ISRO-developed device for fishers' safety successfully tested at Neendakara.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/isro-developed-device-for-fishers-safety-successfully-tested-at-neendakara/article67241902.ece>

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