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HIGH SEA FORECAST FOR MET. AREA VIII (N)

AREA OF COVERAGE: AREA OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ENCLOSED BY LINES FROM THE INDO-PAKISTAN FRONTIER AT 23°45'N 68 DEG E TO 00 DEG N 6 DEG E, THENCE TO CAPE GARDAFUI; THE EAST AFRICAN COAST SOUTH TO THE EQUATOR, THENCE TO 95 DEG E, TO 6 DEG N, THENCE NORTH EASTWARDS TO MYANMAR/THAIL FRONTIER IN 10 DEG N 98 DEG 30'E NORTHWARDS COVERING ENTIRE BAY OF BENGAL.

VALID FROM 09 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 22ND FEB 2026.

PART-I STORM WARNING: NIL.

PART-II SYNOPTIC WEATHER SYSTEM AT 0300 UTC:

THE LOW PRESSURE AREA OVER THE EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN & ADJOINING SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BECAME LESS MARKED AT 0300 UTC OF TODAY, THE 20TH FEBRUARY, 2026. HOWEVER, THE ASSOCIATED UPPER AIR CYCLONIC CIRCULATION LAY OVER THE SAME REGION EXTENDING UPTO 3.1 KM ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL. IT IS LIKELY TO MOVE WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS TOWARDS SRI LANKA DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

THE UPPER AIR CYCLONIC CIRCULATION OVER THE EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN & ADJOINING SOUTHEAST BAY OF BENGAL EXTENDING UPTO 5.8 KM ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL PERSISTED OVER THE SAME REGION AT 0300 UTC OF TODAY, THE 20TH FEBRUARY, 2026. UNDER ITS INFLUENCE A LOW PRESSURE AREA IS LIKELY TO FORM OVER THE SAME REGION DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS. IT IS LIKELY TO MOVE WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS THEREAFTER.

PART-III AREA FORECAST:

AREA: ARB A1 (ARABIAN SEA)-EQUATOR TO 10 DEG N W OF 80 DEG E.

ARB A1-FORECAST VALID FROM 09 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: NE/N-LY 10/20 KTS
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.5-2.5 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: 1) E OF 70 DEG E: FAIRLY WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
2) REST AREA: SCATTERED RA/TS.
- IV) VISIBILITY: 1) E OF 70 DEG E: POOR.
2) REST AREA: MODERATE.

ARB A1-FORECAST VALID FROM 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 22ND FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: 1) E OF 68 DEG E: NW/N-LY 10/15 KTS.
2) REST AREA: NE/N-LY 10/20 KTS.
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.5-2.5 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: FAIRLY WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
- IV) VISIBILITY: POOR.

ARB A2-ARABIAN SEA: -23 DEG 45 MIN N 68 DEG E TO 00 DEG N 63 DEG E TO CAPE GARDAFUI TO N OF 10 DEG N. 55.

ARB A2-FORECAST VALID FROM 09 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: NE/N-LY 10/15 KTS.
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 0.5-1.5 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: FAIR.
- IV) VISIBILITY: GOOD.

ARB A2-FORECAST VALID FROM 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 22ND FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: 1) E OF 68 DEG E: NW/N-LY 10/15 KTS.
2) REST AREA: N/NE-LY 10/15 KTS.
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 0.5-1.5 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: 1) E OF 72 DEG E TO THE S OF 13 DEG N: SCATTERED RA/TS.
2) REST AREA: FAIR.
- IV) VISIBILITY: 1) E OF 72 DEG E TO THE S OF 13 DEG N: MODERATE.
2) REST AREA: GOOD.

BOB A3-BAY OF BENGAL: EQUATOR TO 10 DEG N BETWEEN E OF 80 DEG E WEST OF 10 DEG N/98 DEG 30 MIN E TO 6 DEG N/95 DEG E THENCE S-WARDS TO EQUATOR.

BOB A3-FORECAST VALID FROM 09 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: E/NE-LY 10/20 KTS BEC CYCLONIC 10/15 KTS AT 80 DEG E AND 2 DEG N.
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.5-3.0 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: 1) W OF 92 DEG E: WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
2) REST AREA: ISOLATED RA/TS.
- IV) VISIBILITY: 1) W OF 92 DEG E: VERY POOR.
2) REST AREA: GOOD.

BOB A3-FORECAST VALID FROM 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 22ND FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: E/NE-LY 10/15 KTS BEC CYCLONIC 10/15 KTS AT 82 DEG E AND 6 DEG N.
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.5-2.5 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: FAIRLY WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
- IV) VISIBILITY: POOR.

BOB: A4: BAY OF BENGAL N OF 10 DEG N E OF 80 DEG E.

BOB A4-FORECAST VALID FROM 09 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: N/NE-LY 10/20 KTS.
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.5-2.5 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: 1) S OF 14 DEG N: FAIRLY WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
2) REST AREA: FAIR.
- IV) VISIBILITY: 1) S OF 14 DEG N: POOR.
2) REST AREA: GOOD.

BOB A4-FORECAST VALID FROM 00 UTC OF 21ST FEB 2026 TO 00 UTC OF 22ND FEB 2026.

- I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: N/NE-LY 10/15 KTS.
- II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.0-2.0 MTR.
- III) WEATHER: 1) S OF 15 DEG N TO THE W OF 90 DEG E: WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
2) REST AREA: FAIR.
- IV) VISIBILITY: 1) S OF 15 DEG N TO THE W OF 90 DEG E: VERY POOR.
2) REST AREA: GOOD.

ADVISORY: PLEASE BE AWARE. WIND WAVE FORECASTS ARE AVERAGES. WIND GUSTS CAN BE 40 PER CENT STRONGER THAN THE FORECAST. MAXIMUM WAVE HEIGHT CAN BE TWICE THE FORECAST WAVE HEIGHT.

NEXT FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 20/1700 UTC.

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