

GLOBAL MARITIME 182230 IST

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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 18 UTC OF 18TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026.

PART-I STORM WARNING: NIL.

PART-II SYNOPTIC WEATHER SYSTEM AT 1200 UTC:

THE LOW-PRESSURE AREA OVER EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN & ADJOINING SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL PERSISTED OVER THE SAME REGION AT 1200 UTC OF TODAY, THE 18TH FEBRUARY 2026. THE ASSOCIATED UPPER AIR CYCLONIC CIRCULATION EXTENDS UPTO 5.8 KM ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL.

IT IS LIKELY TO MOVE WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS TOWARDS SRI LANKA AND BECOME MORE MARKED OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL & ADJOINING EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN DURING NEXT 24 HOURS.

PART-III AREA FORECAST:

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

ARB A1-FORECAST VALID FROM 18 UTC OF 18TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 19TH 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 75 DEG E: SCATTERED RA/TS.

2) W OF 62 DEG E: ISOLATED RA/TS.

3) REST AREA: FAIR.

IV) VISIBILITY: 1) E OF 75 DEG E: MODERATE.

2) W OF 62 DEG E: GOOD.

3) REST AREA: GOOD.

ARB A1-FORECAST VALID FROM 12 UTC OF 19TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026.

I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: 1) E OF 70 DEG E: NE-LY 10/20 KTS

BEC CYCLONIC 10/15 KTS AT 80 DEG E AND 3 DEG N.

2) REST AREA: NE/N-LY 10/20 KTS.

II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.5-2.5 MTR.

III) WEATHER: 1) E OF 75 DEG E: ISOLATED RA/TS.

2) W OF 60 DEG E: SCATTERED RA/TS.

3) REST AREA: FAIR.

IV) VISIBILITY: 1) E OF 75 DEG E: GOOD.

2) W OF 60 DEG E: MODERATE.

3) REST AREA: GOOD.

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 18 UTC OF 18TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 19TH FEB 2026.

I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: NE/N-LY 05/15 KTS.

II) WAVE HEIGHT: 0.5-1.5 MTR.

III) WEATHER: FAIR.
IV) VISIBILITY: GOOD.

ARB A2-FORECAST VALID FROM 12 UTC OF 19TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026.

I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: N/NE-LY 10/15 KTS.
II) WAVE HEIGHT: 0.5-1.5 MTR.
III) WEATHER: FAIR.
IV) VISIBILITY: 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 18 UTC OF 18TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 19TH FEB 2026.

I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: E/NE-LY 10/25 KTS BEC CYCLONIC 10/20 KTS AT 82 DEG E AND 4 DEG N.
II) WAVE HEIGHT: 1.5-3.0 MTR.
III) WEATHER: FAIRLY WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
IV) VISIBILITY: POOR.

BOB A3-FORECAST VALID FROM 12 UTC OF 19TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026.

I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: E/NE-LY 10/20 KTS BEC CYCLONIC 10/15 KTS AT 80 DEG E AND 3 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 18 UTC OF 18TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 19TH FEB 2026.

I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: NE-LY 10/15 KTS.
II) WAVE HEIGHT: 0.5-2.0 MTR.
III) WEATHER: 1) S OF 14 DEG N: SCATTERED RA/TS.
2) REST AREA: FAIR.
IV) VISIBILITY: 1) S OF 14 DEG N: MODERATE.
2) REST AREA: GOOD.

BOB A4-FORECAST VALID FROM 12 UTC OF 19TH FEB 2026 TO 12 UTC OF 20TH FEB 2026.

I) WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED: N/NE-LY 10/15 KTS.
II) WAVE HEIGHT: 0.5-1.5 MTR.
III) WEATHER: 1) W OF 90 DEG E TO THE S OF 14 DEG N: WIDESPREAD RA/TS.
2) REST AREA: FAIR.
IV) VISIBILITY: 1) W OF 90 DEG E TO THE S OF 14 DEG N: 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 19/0800 UTC.

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