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Warning for Heavy rain, Strong winds and Rough seas

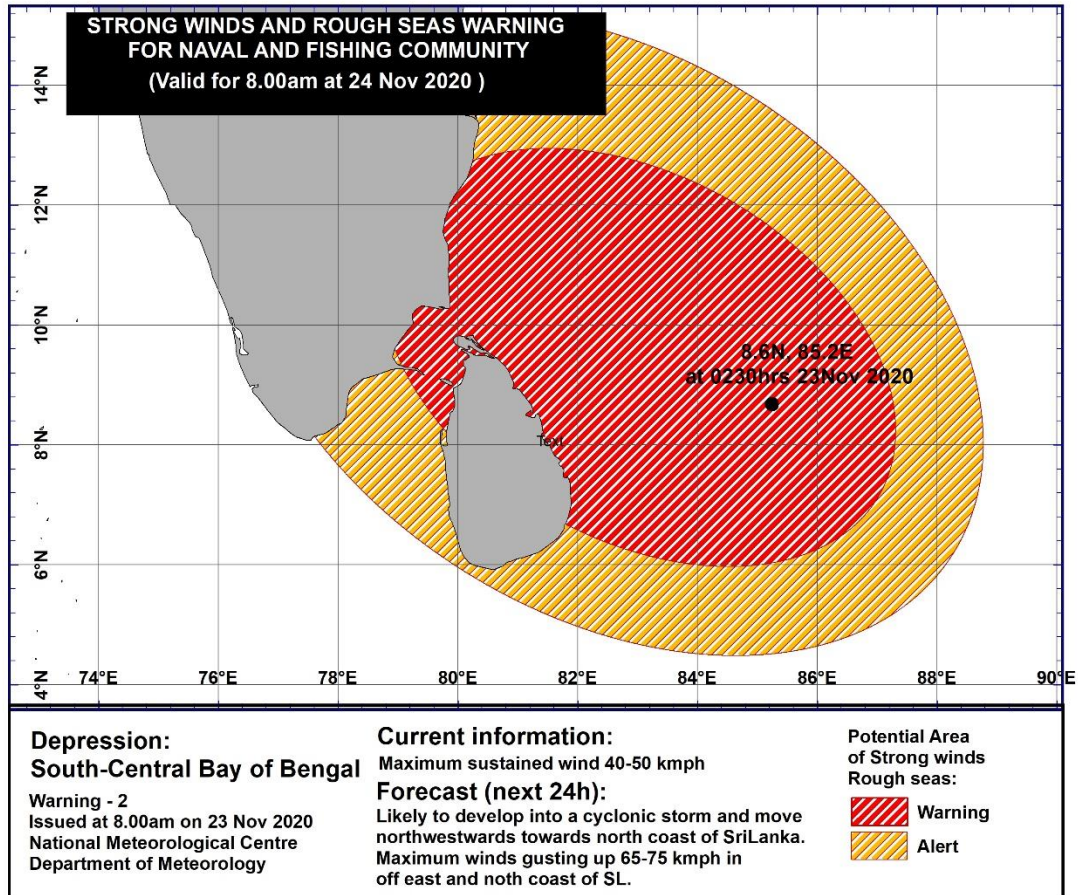
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For Eastern-Northern Land and Sea areas

PLEASE BE AWARE!

The low pressure area over Bay of Bengal has become a depression and lay centered at (8.6N,85.2E) to the east of Trincomalee coast about 425km. It is expected to intensify further into a cyclonic storm during next 24 hours and likely to move northwestwards over the aforementioned sea areas towards Northeast coast of Srilanka on 24th of November.





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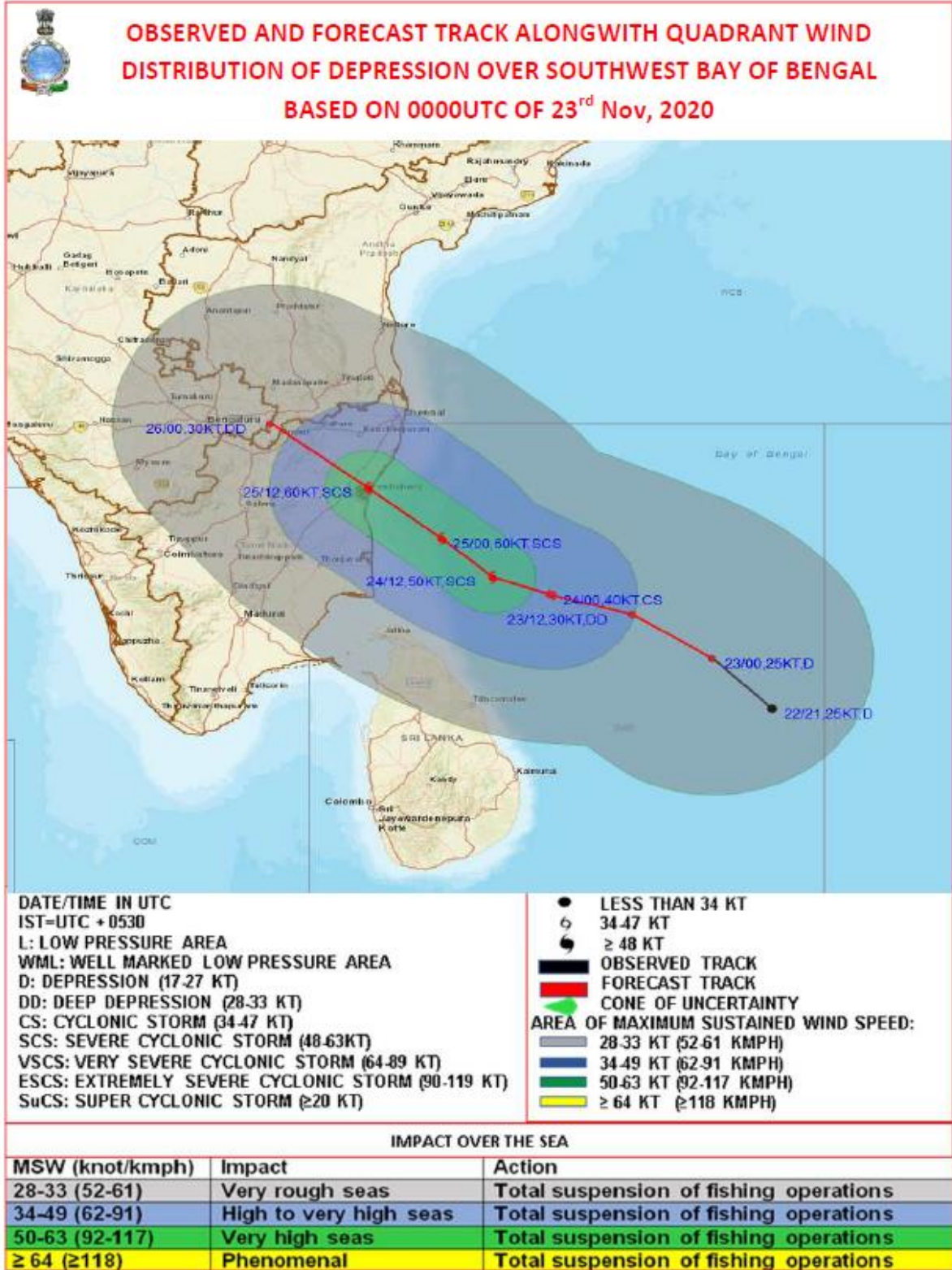
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WARNINGS:

For Sea Area

Under the influence of aforementioned system, possibility for intermittent showers or thundershowers and sudden roughness, associated with sudden increase of wind speed up to **(70-80)kmph** is high over Eastern and Northern, deep and shallow sea areas during next 24 hours.

Wind speed can increase up to **(50-60) kmph** at times over sea area extending from Puttalam to Matara via Colombo.

There is a possibility that near shore sea areas off the coast extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Kankesanthurai, Trincomalee and Batticaloa may experience surges due to the effect of swell waves, having (2.0-3.0) m height during next few days.

For Land Area

Very strong gusty winds (60-70)kmph can be expected in Eastern, Northern and North-central. Strong gusty winds (40-50)kmph elsewhere.

Rainfall forecast

Province	23 rd Nov.	24 th Nov.	25 th Nov.	26 th Nov.
Northern	Rainfalls at many places with (100-150)mm at several places. Above 150mm rainfalls at isolated places	Rainfalls at most of places with (100-150)mm at several places. Above 150mm rainfalls at isolated places	Rainfall at many places with (100-150)mm at some places. About 150mm rainfalls at isolated places	Several spells of showers
North-Central	Rainfall about (25-50)mm at several places. 100mm at isolated places	Rainfall about (12.5-25)mm at several places	Several spells of showers	Ligh showers
Eastern	Rainfalls at many places with (50-100)mm at several places. Above 100mm rainfalls at isolated places	Rainfall about (12.5-25)mm at several places	Several spells of showers	Afternoon thundershowers

No risk



Low risk



Moderate risk



High risk





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ACTION SUGGESTED:

For the Sea area:

- **Navel and fishing communities are warned not to venture to the sea areas extending from Puttalam to Pottuvill via Mannar, Kankasanthurai, Trincomalee and Batticaloa.**
- Those who are out at aforementioned sea regions are advised to return to coasts or moved safer areas immediately.
- Naval and fishing communities are request to be vigilant during the activities in the sea areas extending from Puttalam to Matara via Colombo and further requested to be attentive about future advisories issued by the Department of Meteorology in this regard.

For the Land area:

- People living in Eastern, Northern and North-Central provinces are requested to be vigilant.
- Be alert on the advisories issued by the Department of Meteorology.
- For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.

The next bulletin will be issued at 3.30 pm at 23rd November 2020.