

Figure 1: Position of WAN HAI 503 as on 25.06.2025 1800 hrs

The towage operation, being undertaken by Offshore Warrior, is directed towards the area off Vizhinjam, with an expected arrival by 27th June AM. Weather conditions in the area remain rough, with winds recorded at 22-24 knots from 250°, and prevailing sea states continue to challenge onboard activities. Smoke conditions persist, with dense black smoke observed between Bay 27 to Bay 37, and light grey smoke noted from Bay 37 to Bay 39. No active flames have been reported at present.

4. Additional Support

Onsite firefighting and boundary cooling operations are ongoing, with coordinated efforts by Boka Winger, Saksham, and Water Lily. These assets are engaged in continuous fire watch and cooling cycles to manage the thermal risk onboard. Offshore Warrior continues to maintain towage stability. Measures are also underway to replace the soft tow connections with permanent wire ropes, though progress has been hampered by prevailing weather conditions. Salvors have been instructed to prioritise the immediate connection of permanent tow lines at the earliest safe opportunity. Simultaneously, medical assistance has been arranged for the salvage crew of Saroja Blessing, who reported symptoms of illness upon returning to port.

5. Situation Assessment:

While the vessel remains structurally afloat, concerns persist regarding the residual fire hotspots in cargo holds and the emission of dense black smoke from midship sections, indicating ongoing smouldering. The vessel's drift trajectory has been stabilised, and the controlled towage away from the Indian coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is progressing as per instructions from the Directorate. Challenges in boarding operations due to adverse weather continue to delay critical tasks, including final towline reinforcements and equipment transfers. Efforts to secure permanent towing arrangements, transfer salvage teams, and assess onboard conditions are being closely coordinated. The Directorate has reiterated that towage away from the Indian EEZ is to continue without interruption, with priority being the safety of the crew, environmental protection, and stabilisation of the casualty. Compliance with these directives is being strictly monitored.

6. Navigational Hazards:

Refer to SITREP – 3, 2200 hrs on 10/06/2025

7. Coordination Measures:

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8. Cargo Assessment:

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