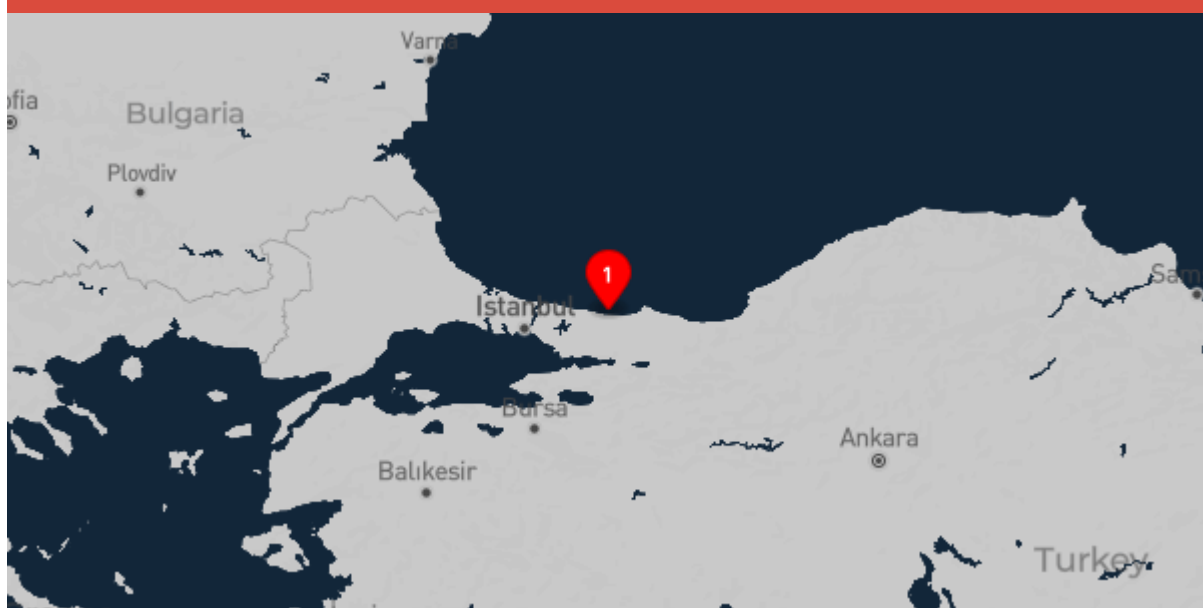


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Event Date: 2024-12-22T00:00

Alert Date: 23-Dec-2024 10:40

Area: Territorial waters

Region: Europe and the Mediterranean

Country: Turkey

Lat/Lon: 41.14099/29.873257

DMS: 41° 8' 28" N, 29° 52' 24" E

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